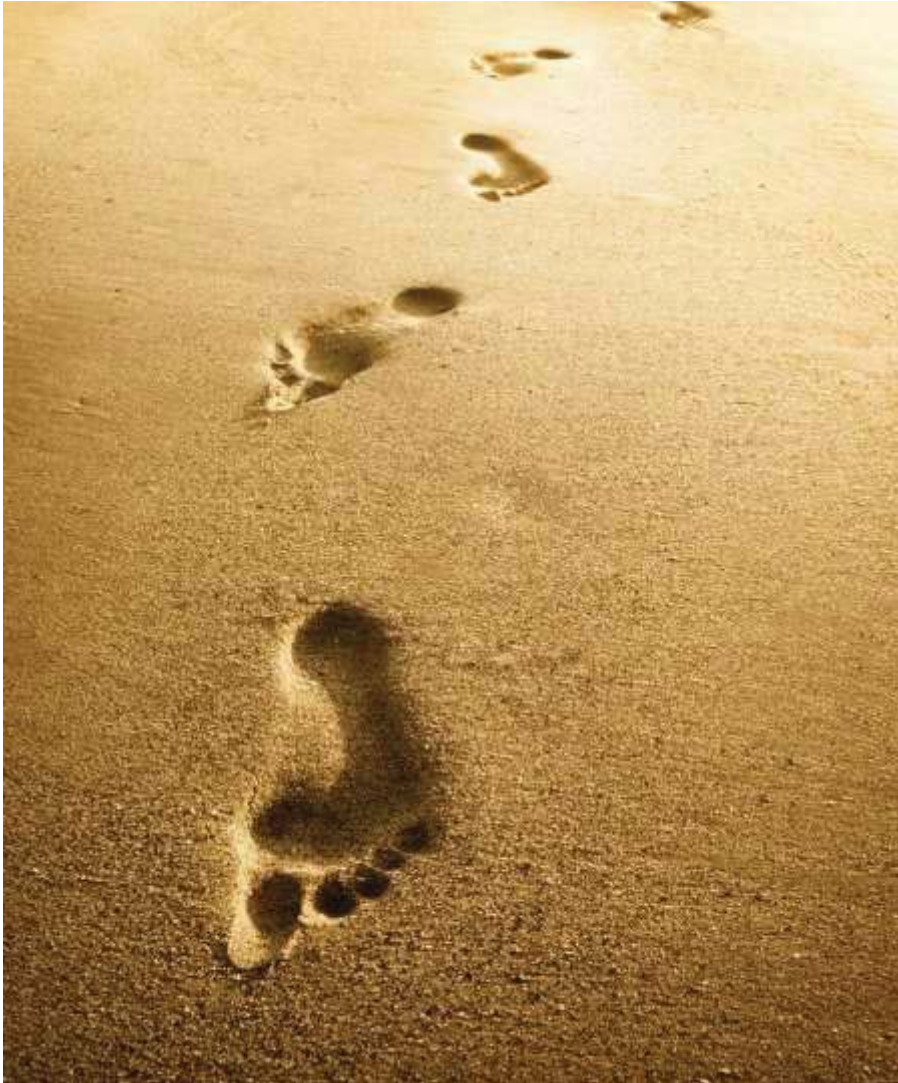


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Midweek Service of
Prayer and Preaching*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS continue. Thus we are meeting here in the Fellowship Hall. Construction should last for two more weeks. During this time, we will have three worship services on Sunday (8:00, 9:15 and 10:30) right here in the Fellowship Hall.

J@CK! July at Camp for the **Kingdom** is the name of our Mission Trip for this summer. Mark your calendars for July 27 – August 3rd. We will be going to Camp Pioneer for a week of work, spiritual growth and fellowship. All are welcome and invited to come on this trip! We will have details (including pricing information) in the February Newsletter and in these announcements.

M.R.A.P. Or, the Men's Retreat @ Pioneer is scheduled for April 10-13. We'll spend a long weekend at Camp Pioneer in prayer, God's Word and fellowship. The Bible studies will be a 5-part series that will take you through the basics of the Gospel. If you can't make it Thursday (6pm) – Sunday (2pm), but can only make it for a part of the weekend, that's OK, too. There's a sign-up sheet for the retreat upstairs, but you can e-mail or call Pastor Duncan or the church office if you'd like to go.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that Julie Huse, our Office Administrator, has increased her hours per week from 16 to 30. This will enable her to be here for both morning and afternoon sessions for the preschool, begin working with the Interaction (EGAF) Committee to increase the number of social/fellowship events the church has, and keep up with the increasing work load of a growing church and school! We are blessed to have Julie on staff and look forward to increased involvement with the ministry at Zion!

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS IN DETAIL. Two weeks ago we watched as the pews were refinished and the random wood in the sanctuary stained. Last week, the pews covers are being replaced by thicker and more cushy (by half an inch) pads and covers. This week the fun really begins as the carpet will be ripped up and replaced by new carpet and tile. We are close to fully funding this renovation. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support for this project!

Welcome to Prayer and Preaching

As we continue our study of the book of Jude, we come across a difficult passage. Jude teaches us that the ungodly will be judged severely. This should not frighten us, after all, it's not too easy to see plenty of ungodly people and ungodliness going on in the world around us. From the safe environs of this holy house, it is all too easy to wish judgment on those who openly promote all kinds of ungodliness and vice.

But Jude does more than announce a judgment on people out there; he makes the shocking claim that ungodly people have found their way into the church and are polluting the church with their false teachings. In doing this, Jude also teaches us what to look for when it comes to identifying ungodliness in the world and in Christ's church.

And this begs the question: does ungodliness bother you? Sure, it's easy to express righteous indignation at the culture and world around us that has little room for Christ and his word. It's easy to criticize people who visibly suffer the consequences of poor decisions and lack of obedience to Christ: the drug user who can't handle a job and paying the bills; the prostitute who cannot free herself from the cycle of abuse, dependency and fear; the corrupt politician, discharging his sacred responsibilities to the highest bidder. What's not so easy is to realize that the same seed of ungodliness that clearly manifests itself in the lives of others lives within each of us. There is no evil we are not capable of doing, in church or out of church.

Thanks be to God, who sent us the Holy Spirit to guide and govern our lives to make them more like that of Jesus, who allows us to say "yes" to God and "no" to sin, who gives us the privilege of participating in God's work here on earth as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

-Pastor Duncan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Confession of Sins

Pastor: This evening we will look at a passage from the book of Jude that speaks of the judgment of the ungodly. As people who have been called “saints” on account of the death and resurrection of Christ, but who daily sin much, let us come to our Savior and ask for his forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you will come with glory to judge both the living and the dead. I confess to you that I have sinned in thought, word and deed. I do not deserve anything good from you or your Father in heaven. And yet, I also believe that you are a loving and gracious Savior, who desires not the death of the sinner. Therefore, I ask that you would forgive me, please do not count my sins against me.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering and Announcements

(Please stand)

The Reading: Jude 14-16

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners

have spoken against him.” These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Vicar: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor under adverse conditions, that their faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel would bear the fruit of repentance and faith in the lives of their family, friends and those who persecute them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the government officials at the local, state and federal level, that they would diligently discharge their duties with humility and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who work to bring justice, peace, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who work to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, that they would be blessed to see Christ at work through them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who are working on improving our sanctuary, that they may believe in Jesus Christ, see how they are being used to further God's kingdom and rejoice in the work they have been given to do.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For patience in affliction, wisdom in difficult situations, faithfulness in moments of despair, and steadfastness amidst trials and temptations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Vicar: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction