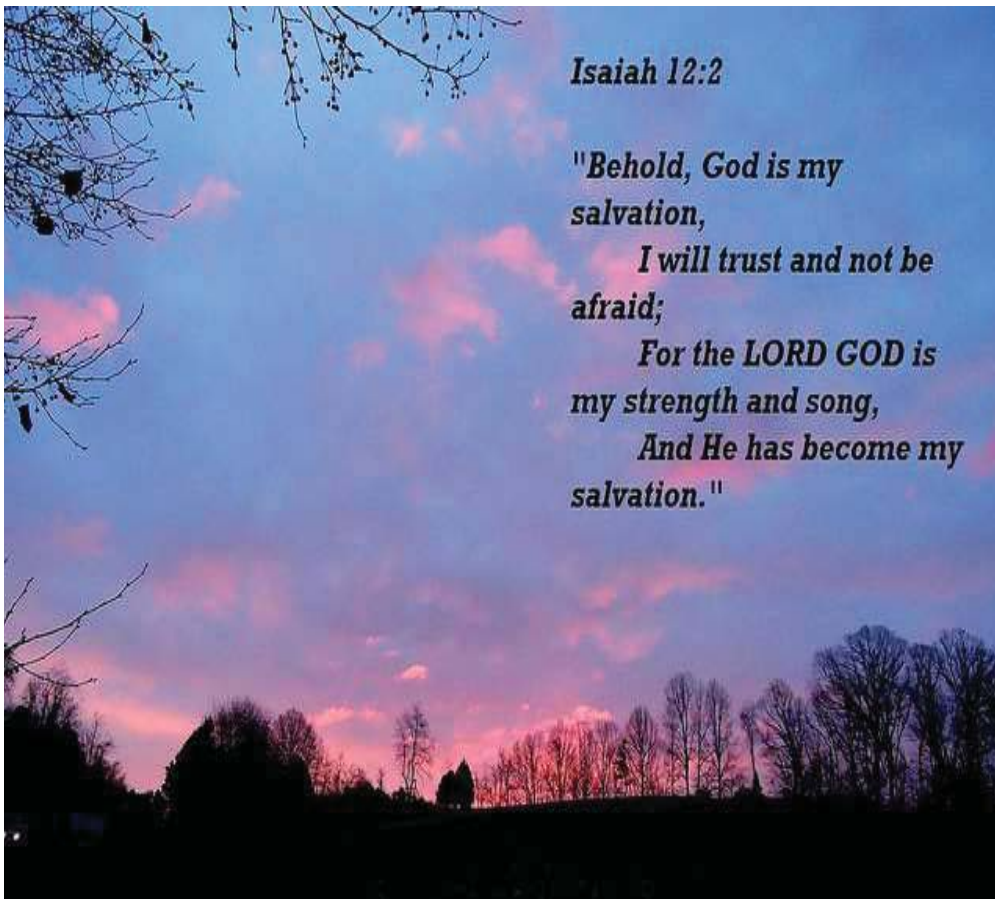


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Isaiah 12:2

*"Behold, God is my
salvation,*

*I will trust and not be
afraid;*

*For the LORD GOD is
my strength and song,*

*And He has become my
salvation."*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 2014*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rita and Tim Sheldon in honor of their grandchildren and their great grandson's 1st birthday and by Jack and Nadene Hartman in honor of Mason's 1st birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Jessica and Brad Boyle in memory of Brad's father, Jerome Boyle.

BIBLE CLASS resumes this morning in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of the book of Genesis. All are welcome! Things get started at 9:30am on Sunday.

WEIRD ANIMALS VBS IS COMING TO ZION Volunteers are needed for the following areas: Crew Leaders; Crew Helpers, Snack Station and Nursery. There are two ways to volunteer: 1. Fill out the form in the bulletin and place in the VBS jug located in the Narthex or, 2. Fill out the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. VBS Volunteers Meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. Contact Katie Gielarowski with questions at (724) 713-6523 or winechick123@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Concordia South Hills. Residents of Personal Care and the Medical Center would love a visit from you. Volunteers are needed to usher residents to activities and encourage them. Simple activities include art, music and cooking, led by a professional. Assistance with the once-a-month birthday party is also needed. Or you can just visit, listen and pray with them. If you could give of your time occasionally, it could be once a month, once a week or every other month. You can choose to be a blessing to these lovely residents looking for a sympathetic ear or pat on the back. Contact Barbara Fisher at 412-881-8446 or Kelly Epperson, Activities Director, at 412-294-1357. **ZION LIONS SOFTBALL** is scheduled for Tuesday @ 8:15 and Thursday @ 9:30. Come on over to McLaughlin Run Park and cheer on the Lions!

J@CK. That's the name of our Summer Mission Trip: **July at Camp for the Kingdom**. We'll be going to Camp Pioneer from the 27th of July to the 3rd of August to serve. Details to come, mark your calendars now; all are welcome!

CREATION SEMINAR. Zion will be hosting a Creation Seminar the weekend of June 13-15th. Mark your calendars and prepare to come and listen to experts in different scientific fields defend the Biblical account of creation.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

“Everyone would be better off if I wasn’t around.”

“How can you say such a thing? We all love you. You mean so much to us. I couldn’t imagine my life without you in it.”

“No. You would be better off if I was gone.”

Can you imagine having that conversation with someone you love? Maybe you already have. If so, you know how hard it is to both hear someone say that they would rather depart while also contemplating what your life would be like without them. Serious and hard to fathom, sadly these conversations take place all too often.

In our Gospel Lesson this morning, Jesus says pretty much the same thing to his disciples on the night on which he was betrayed. He says to them, “it is to your advantage that I go away.” Hard words to hear from anyone, what are they doing coming out of the mouth of our Savior?

This morning, we are going to take a look at a portion of what Jesus tells his disciples on the night before his crucifixion as recorded in the Gospel of John. We will hear him say some pretty challenging things, things that do not sound like the Jesus we are familiar with, things that will challenge our assumptions about the inner-workings of the Trinity and maybe even salvation.

How could things be better without Jesus around? Does this mean that we have an advantage over the disciples? Could it mean that there is another One who can do for us something that Jesus cannot?

God bless your time in worship this morning, as we listen to some challenging and (as I hope you will learn to read them) encouraging words from our Savior.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 655

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Vicar: This morning, we will listen to a text where Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. He will lead us to faith in Christ. He will indwell us. He will sanctify our lives. And while we see these promises of Jesus fulfilled in our lives, we must confess that we are not too good and giving our lives over to the controlling influence of the Spirit. Therefore, let us confess our sins, and pray that the Holy Spirit would have his way in our lives.

People: **Father in heaven, you have sent the Holy Spirit into my life. Yet I am still doing what I should not do, thinking what I should not think, and saying what I should not say. I have no excuse. You have been patient and merciful to me. But I have taken your patience and mercy as license to sin. Please forgive me. Take not the Holy Spirit from me, but allow me to hand over control of my life to His influence, that I might please you in what I say, think, and do. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Vicar

People: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[REFRAIN]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

[REFRAIN]

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

[REFRAIN]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[REFRAIN]

The Prayer of the Church

Vicar: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord,
 call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
 let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

The New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

(Please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Reading: John 16:5-15

“But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because

I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

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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 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.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith, and to proclaim his death until he comes in the fellowship of this altar, the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

What Is This Bread	629
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread	625
Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast	577

(Please stand)

Benediction

People: **Amen**

<i>The Recessional:</i> In Thee Is Gladness	818
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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Steve Gauger
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele and Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman(8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Frank and Sandy Hervert (8:00) Rob Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Shane Bryant and Barb and Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Steve Gauger, Josh Gielarowski, Dan Harris and Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini and Diana Schmidt

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/11) - 290

Midweek Attendance (5/14) - 15

Offerings (5/11) - \$5620

Air Conditioning (5/11) - \$2006

Week of May 18 - 25

SUNDAY 5/18	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 12:00PM – Confirmation Returns 3:00PM – Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed. (Conf. Room)
MONDAY 5/19	7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY 5/20	7:30PM – Budget Meeting (Conference Room)
WEDNESDAY 5/21	6:45PM – Zion Lions Softball (McLaughlin Run Park) 7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching 7:45PM - Long-term planning meeting
THURSDAY 5/11	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room)
FRIDAY 5/23	
SATURDAY 5/24	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY 5/25	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion