

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

*Second Sunday after Christmas*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Lois and Henry Dittmer in memory of loved ones and by the Klemash family in memory of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Lemonovich family in honor of Luke's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**MIDWEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING** begins this Wednesday at 7pm. Come for a time of talking to and hearing from God in His Word. Invite your friends; the atmosphere will be casual.

**A NEW WORK STATION** for Office Administrator Julie Huse will be constructed this month. Julie's new home will be in the lobby of the school, Vicar will be moving into Julie's old office and Pastor will move into Vicar's office. It is our prayer that this game of Musical Offices will lead to greater productivity, increased interaction with the preschool families, and more opportunities for staff interaction and cooperation.

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** starts at 8:00am on Saturday. Come early if you'd like to help cook! We're enjoying discussions on the upcoming sermon text as well as fellowship and prayer.

**CHURCH CHOIR** meets on Thursday at 7pm in the Choir Loft. We're looking for a variety of musical talent, so come and check out this important ministry!

**MEN'S RETREAT.** Looking ahead to 2014, we are planning a men's retreat for the week/weekend of April 10-13 at Camp Pioneer. If you are interested in going, or would like to know more, there's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, we will focus on Jesus' flight to Egypt. Shortly after his birth, Jesus was forced to flee from Bethlehem for his life. Joseph took his family to Egypt, where they remained until the king of the vicinity of Bethlehem, Herod had died. Herod had commanded all male children under the age of two in the vicinity of Bethlehem to be killed, because he had learned from foreign magi that a king had been born there.

In the story of the trip of Jesus to Egypt and the appropriately named "Murder of the Innocents," we see two kings with two very different methods of ruling. On the one hand, King Herod rules with power. His goal, more than anything else, is to remain king; even if it means killing his innocent subjects. On the other hand, King Jesus rules in weakness. His goal, more than anything else, is to be the savior of the world, even if it means his innocent death. The questions for us this morning are: who has the right to be king, and which type of king do you want to have?

The ruling style of Christ is unique in all of human history. Sure, people have tried to emulate Christ in humility, meekness and poverty, but even then, their efforts cannot compare because they did not have the power to bend reality to their will. Most rulers, however, conduct themselves in ways very different from our Lord Jesus Christ, choosing self-aggrandizement over service, power over weakness, and control over freedom.

This morning Christ will once again assert the claim that he is our King for all eternity. And we, as his people, will once again be challenged to bring his rule of forgiveness, love and peace to a world ruled by modern-day Herods.

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# The Divine Service

Welcome to Zion! Please take a minute to sign the attendance book (at the end of the pew) and let us know you are here. If you are visiting with us, please take a minute to review the communion policy (in this bulletin) and let us know if you would like someone from the church to contact you. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

## *Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure 533

## *The Invocation and Prayer for Worship*

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

**People: Amen.**

Vicar: O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our heart to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for the sake of His name.

**People: Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

Vicar: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Vicar*

**People: Amen.**

## ***The Hymn of Praise: My Soul Rejoices***

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*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior has shown by favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing, join in confessing God who is solely mighty and holy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His mercy surely shall rest securely on all who fear Him, love and revere Him—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

*His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters, their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
Oppression halted; the meek exalted. Full are the hungry; empty the wealthy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token all that was spoken to Abraham's offspring God is fulfilling—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord.*

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

**Vicar:** Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

## **The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 46:1-7**

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

## **The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.**

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice

was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn:*** How Firm a Foundation

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***Prayer for Blessing on the Word***

**Pastor:** Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

***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.

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering and Choir Offertory***

(Please Stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: This morning, we come to a feast fit for a king, instituted by a king,  
and made of a king. The table is prepared. The Lord awaits.

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 Music***

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	621
Lamb of God	550
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	618

### ***The Benediction***

***Closing Hymn:*** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

#### **† Service Participants †**

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Joan Kovach (8:00) Chuck and Debra LaJeunesse (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00) Steve Gauger, Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse and Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza and Mary Hutula

## Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (12/29) – 140

Christmas Eve Attendance (12/24) – 272

Christmas Day Attendance (12/25) – 58

Offerings (12/29) - \$4190

Sanctuary Improvement (12/29) - \$1163

## Week of Jan 5 - 12

<b>SUNDAY</b> 1/5	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> 1/6	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 1/7	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 1/8	7:00PM – Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> 1/9	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1/10	6:30PM – Bowling (AMF Mt. Lebanon)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1/11	8:00AM - Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 1/12	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 12:00PM – Confirmation: Church History