

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Kathleen Conn, in honor of the birthdays of Norma Lynch and Mary Hutula, and by Harry and Paula Jones, in honor of their 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Kathleen and Wayne Conn, in honor of the birthdays of Norma Lynch and Mary Hutula.

**BIBLE CLASS** this morning will continue our study of the Book of Genesis. Come to the fellowship hall at 9:30 to learn more about this foundational book of the Bible!

**ZION IS HIRING** an organist/pianist. If you, or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this position, please contact Pastor Duncan, Mark Killinger, or the Church Office.

**AIR CONDITIONING** will soon be a reality here at Zion! We are less than \$10,000 away from fully funding the Air Conditioning project for the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider supporting this project... as the temperatures continue to rise ☺

**FREE CAR WASH!** Zion will be having a free car wash and detail, with refreshments available while you have your car worked on. If you can help out, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office! We hope to see you this SATURDAY, starting at 9:00 (for the set-up) and 10:00 for the car wash!

**Women's Bible Study** will not meet tomorrow, Memorial Day. We will be back at our regular time on Monday, June 2 and we will be discussing lesson 5.

**Weird Animals Vacation Bible School** tells about how *extraordinary* the love of Jesus is for everyone! Registration is open for children who have completed at least one year of preschool - 6th grade. Those who have completed 7th grade or higher can volunteer. Please consider volunteering your time and talents - help is needed with Crews and in the Kitchen. Check out our website: [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs) or contact Katie Gielarowski: (724) 713-6523 / [winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com)

**Sunday school** is looking for volunteers to teach the June Unit, entitled "Jesus and the Children". Stations to choose from include Storytelling, Art/Games, Science and Cookery. All adult members of Zion are welcome to volunteer! Contact Katie Gielarowski at [winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com). Last day of Sunday school classes is Sunday, June 29.

**KINGDOM'S KIND** from Lincoln, Nebraska will be coming to Zion the weekend of June 13-15 as part of their Choir Tour. Details about their musical performances will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks, the church newsletter and website. But for now, since the choir will be staying at the church, we need people to volunteer their... showers. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to help the choir out during their time here.

**ZION LIONS SOFTBALL** is scheduled for Thursday at 6:45 and 8:15. Come out and support the team in their first Double-Header!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and prepare to come and listen to experts in different scientific fields defend the Biblical account of creation.

**MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES!** We have a midweek sermon series underway. In it, we are covering the basics of the Gospel: the nature of God, the nature of man, the problem we have, what God did about it, and our new life in Christ. Come out to Zion on Wednesday @ 7pm for a time of learning, worship and prayer!

**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!

We greet you in God's name as you join with one another to worship and praise our crucified yet living Savior, Jesus Christ. To each of our guests and visitors we extend a hearty welcome to Zion in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our Old Testament lesson we hear God's Word from the book of Numbers. You might ask yourself, "What is in the book of Numbers." Here in the book of Numbers we see the Gospel afresh! The people of Israel murmur and complain against God's deliverance and sustainment. In response, the Lord sends snakes to bite the people; but when the people cry to the Lord for forgiveness Moses builds a bronze snake and everyone who looks to it in faith is healed.

It can be so easy to murmur and complain about God's sustainment today. Although snakes don't come and bite us the venom of sin runs through our veins. We become bitter, pessimistic, unthankful, discontent, and we lack patience. We acknowledge that we hate to be around people like this and so we wonder why our God would want to be around us! Yet, even better than a bronze snake God puts Jesus on a cross and when we look to him our sins are forgiven.

In the sixth Sunday of Easter we continue to sing Alleluia's! Although the Easter egg hunt and the ham dinner might seem like a distant memory the church continues to rejoice that Christ is still risen from the dead. This means everything to us as He gives His gifts of forgiveness and life to sinners such as you and me.

May God richly bless your worship!  
-Vicar David

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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:** Awake My Heart With Gladness 467

## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, you and I have received a high and holy calling. St. Paul calls us Christ's ambassadors, the Word of God calls us saints, and Christ himself calls us his brothers and sisters. And yet we continue to sin and fall short of the sacred lives we have been created, called and redeemed to live. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in his unconditional grace and pardon.

**People:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have given me everything I need to support this body and life. But more than that, you have given me your own body and blood as a substitute and sacrifice for me and my sins. I have taken these gifts lightly and irreverently. Sanctify be by your Spirit, and forgive me of all of my sins. Intercede on my behalf to our Father in heaven, and teach me to walk in your ways.  
Amen.

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

**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**

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

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

**The Service of the Word**

**The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who

is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **The New Testament Reading: James 1:22-27**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: John 16:23-30**

“In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

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

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

(Please be seated)

**Sermon Hymn:** We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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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***

Thine the Amen Thine the Praise	680
He's Risen, He's Risen	480
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	655

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

***The Recessional:* This Joyful Eastertide 482**

### **† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele and Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Carley Rockovich(8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Clara Hayes (8:00) John and Kari Gresh, Max and Anna (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 (5/18) – 201

Midweek Attendance (5/14) – 15

Offerings (5/18) – \$4647.03

Air Conditioning (5/18) - \$5505

## Week of May 25 – June 1

<b>SUNDAY</b> 5/25	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> 5/26	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5/27	6:30PM – Sunday School Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5/28	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> 5/29 <b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 6:45PM – Zion Lions Softball (McLaughlin Run)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5/30	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5/31	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00AM – Car Wash Set-up 10:00AM – FREE Car Wash
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6/1	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion