

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Jim & Mary Lou Neill in Honor of their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary & Walter & Yvonne McLellan in Honor of Thomas' 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her husband, Harry Richards.

**"ALL IN."** That's the theme for the upcoming men's retreat at Camp Pioneer. Mark your calendars for April 16-19<sup>th</sup>; details will be available in February's newsletter.

**IT'S A WR@P.** Look for details in February's Newsletter, but mark your calendar today for our first **Women's Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VOTERS' MEETING** today at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we discuss how to best expand our ministry, proclaiming the good news of Jesus!

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** We're looking for volunteers for Free Coffee Friday and we can use your help. Our goal is to remind people of the love of God for them in Jesus as they drive to work. (And, hopefully, throughout the day.) Our first Free Coffee Friday will be February 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8am. Sign-up on the sheet in the back of the narthex area if you are interested in helping out with Free Coffee Friday!

**OPERATION STARS AND STRIPES:** We are almost at our goal of collecting at least 250 of item! To reach our goal, we need **49** Ramen noodles, **82** drink mix singles and **0** gallon-sized Ziplok bags! Also consider helping with shipping costs (\$300 cost last year). Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and label "OSS Shipping".

**BACK TO THE BASICS** is our theme for 2015. This morning, we continue our unit on the 10 Commandments. If you missed a week of going Back to Basics, you can listen to past sermons on our website: [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org)

**???????** If you have questions about what you heard in this morning's sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday's service and posted online.

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues this week. We're studying the book of Galatians and it's not too late to join in the fun. The men meet on Saturday, 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall; the women on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the same place. Join us! All are welcome...

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the [ZLCB.org](http://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, going Back to Basics takes us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment, “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.” This is one of the most difficult Commands, I think, to understand. It starts with clear words saying we are to remember the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week—the day on which God rested after creating everything on the earth. But the meaning for us is to “not despise preaching and [God’s] word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” How do we get from having a day of rest each week to being told to go to church?

I’ll try to explain how the death and resurrection of Christ moves us from the Sabbath practices of the Israelites and Jews to that of the early church in this morning’s message. What I want to do here is shamelessly promote the personal study of God’s Word, the Bible.

The Bible may be a tough book to read and understand the first time you dust it off and open it up. But you didn’t learn to walk without taking a few tumbles; you didn’t pick up a basketball and start draining 3’s; and you didn’t graduate from high school or college without hitting the books and suffering the red ink of teachers and professors. Worthwhile things are hard things. Read your Bible. Read it with an open mind and with the (correct) assumption that its authors knew what they were talking about. Commit to reading it and it will change your life. Maybe not magically all at once, but slowly, over time, its wisdom and truth will make inroads and transform the way you see the world, yourself and God.

Read your Bible. At the center of the “Good Book” is not a list of things to do to make you a better person in the eyes of others and before God. At the center of the Bible is Jesus, the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep; Jesus, Lamb of God for sinners wounded; Jesus, the Word made flesh who made his dwelling among us; Jesus, the name above all names; Jesus, the savior of all.

God bless your time in worship this morning!  
-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:** As With Gladness Men of Old

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### *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

### *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** This morning, our focus is on the Third Commandment to “remember the Sabbath Day.” This command calls us to not only have a day of rest, but to make worship of the one true God a priority in our lives. But all too often we have chosen to worship the things of creation instead of the creator. For this and the other sins we have committed, let us make our confession.

**People:** **Father in heaven, you have commanded us to make worship and a day of rest a priority in our lives. Yet we have chosen to call time of personal indulgence “rest” and have allowed other events and things to take us away from worshipping you. We ask that you would have mercy on us. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake. Lead us to walk in your ways all the days of our life. Amen.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

### *The Hymn of Praise*

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*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior has shown me 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***

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

## **Installation of Officers**

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:26- 2:3**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for

food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

## **The New Testament Reading: Colossians 2:8-19**

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 12: 1-8**

At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

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

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

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Church (10:30)***

(Children ages 2-6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children's Church)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Our Father, by Whose Name

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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***

(The Children will return from Children's Church during 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:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took  
bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it  
to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is  
given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same  
way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given  
thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this  
cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for  
the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of Me."

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim  
the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your  
body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember  
and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death,



Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

**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***

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	641
Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord	771
I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus	729

(Please stand)

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your hold temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. (Psalm 138)

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

***The Recessional:* Abide, O Dearest Jesus** 919

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernie & Jean Blanco (8:00) Peter & Barbara Fisher (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Steve Gauer, Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza & Mary Hutula

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/18) - 221

Midweek Attendance (1/21) - 18

Offering (1/11) - \$4,809.11

Offering (1/18) - \$3,852.00

# Week of Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/25</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion & Installation of Officers 9:15 AM – Voters Meeting 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church & Installation of Officers 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/26</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/27</b>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/28</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/29</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/30</b>	6:30 PM – Bowling League @ AMF Mt. Lebanon
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/31</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>2/1</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice