

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014*

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dorothea Heslop in honor of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the parents of Bart Fleischmann, in memory of their son.

**PLEASE SIGN UP** to sponsor Altar Flowers and/or Eternal Light. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the fellowship hall, there are many available days!

**DEAR MEMBERS OF ZION**, with contributions made to date, **we are \$1,700 away from our fundraising target for phase 1 of the sanctuary upgrade project.** Please consider donating to this project so that we can achieve full funding.

**CHURCH CHOIR** meets after the midweek service on Wednesday.

**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! **OPERATION: BAGS OF LOVE** was a huge success! Thanks to the donations received by Zion members and Preschool families, the Sunday school children were able to assemble 267 bags! Thank you to all who participated in the program.

**MIDWEEK SERVICES** are being held in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and worship with us as we offer our prayers to God and wrap up our study of the Book of Jude.

**MEN'S RETREAT** is scheduled 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 and handouts on the table where you got this bulletin that can tell you more. The cost is \$50 per night; \$120 for all three nights.

**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.

**GENESIS BIBLE STUDY** begins TODAY at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall (aka: the Old Sanctuary). Come and study God's Word with your friends from Zion!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is back! Join us this Tuesday from 7:30-8:45pm as we continue a six week study about Jesus Feeding the five thousand. We invite you to join us as we dig deep into Scripture to see a compelling picture of our compassionate Savior. To reserve your workbook, please sign the sheet located at the back of the fellowship hall. ALL women are encouraged to attend, feel free to bring a friend! Please consider making this study part of your week. You won't regret it! Contact Alissa McLellan at 412-295-5452 or by email at [alissamclellan@yahoo.com](mailto:alissamclellan@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

**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!

Finally! At long last, we are able to worship in our renovated sanctuary! The prayers and generosity of God's people have been answered by divine grace. We continue to pray that God would use the "holy house" to make himself known as a God of grace and love, holiness and righteousness. We continue to pray that the good news of Jesus Christ would be proclaimed (and believed) in this place.

This morning, it is appropriate that the Gospel Lesson for our consideration has Jesus predicting his death (once again). It is appropriate (and maybe to a degree ironic) that the harrowing prediction of his ignominious death will be proclaimed in a newly fashioned and richly adorned sanctuary. The death of Christ in poverty and weakness has made us all rich; the curse of dying on a tree brings blessing to all who believe.

And so it is appropriate that there is a degree of incongruity to our worship this morning. The shameful death of Christ on a cross is celebrated by beautifully-dressed people in a handsome sanctuary. Should this be so? Yes. And it should make us uncomfortable. No. Scratch that. It should make us uncomplacent. While it is dangerous to underplay our call to "pick up your cross and follow me," it is also true that Christ went to the cross so that you will not have to; he suffered the righteous judgment of a holy God in your place. The Son of God suffered in your place and bore the cross for you so that you can sit here in comfort and peace, not having to fear the wrath of God. Christ's death makes our worship this morning possible and appropriate.

God bless your time in worship this morning.

-Pastor Duncan

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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*** (including Lori Szala; Pregnancy Resource Center)

***Processional Hymn:*** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 657

## ***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: This Is the Feast***

Vicar: *This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia.*

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

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

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

***The Prayer of the Church***

Vicar: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

**Welcoming of New Members (Joe and Katie Bartels- 10:30)****The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.

And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

## **The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I

spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:31-43**

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

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

(Please be seated)

***The Children's Message*** (10:30)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Glory Be to Jesus

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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, as we enjoy the blessing of a renovated sanctuary, we remember the Word made flesh who “tabernacled” among us as Jesus. And while we are blessed to be surrounded with many fine things, our Lord had no beauty or majesty that we should desire him. And so it is fitting that he comes to us again today in simple bread and wine, promising to us the benefits of his obedient life, sacrificial and all-conquering resurrection. As we come to his table, we are bold 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.**

### ***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***

When Peace, Like a River	763
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	621
I Lay My Sins on Jesus	606

### ***The Benediction***

***Closing Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign*** 832

#### **† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
Trumpet:	Mark Killinger
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Paul Klemash
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	TBD (8:00) TBD (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Shane Bryant and Barb and Wayne Oechslein (8:00) John Buerkle, Vince Kimberland, Loren Luedeman and Jim Oelschlager (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Sarah Ali

## Last Week in Worship

Sunday Attendance (2/16) – 183

Midweek Attendance (2/19) - 15

Offerings (2/16) - \$4723

Sanctuary Improvement (2/16) –\$2611.85

## Week of Feb 23 – Mar 2

<b>SUNDAY</b> 2/23	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 2:00PM – Confirmation Instruction (Conference Room)
<b>MONDAY</b> 2/24	7:00PM – Confirmation Instruction (Conference Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 2/25	6:30PM – Sunday School Meeting (Preschool Lobby) 7:00PM – Confirmation Instruction (Conference Room) 7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2/26	7:00PM – Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2/27	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 2/28	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 3/1	8:00AM - Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM – E3 Conference Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3/2	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion