

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Trinity Sunday

June 15th, 2014



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul and Theresa Hayes, in memory of Paul D Hayes and Robert L Johnson.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given in memory of Bart Fleischmann by his parents.

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 for our Preschool! If you are interested, please contact either Tracey Harris (412-638-8735) or the church office.

AIR CONDITIONING will soon be a reality here at Zion! We are less than \$2,000 away from fully funding the Air Conditioning project for the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider supporting this project... as the temperatures continue to rise ☺

Women's Bible Study will be discussing lesson 7 from the book "Idol Lies." If you haven't come, it's not too late to start. Talk to Alissa or call the church office if you have any questions. The Women's Bible study meets on Monday at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 or contact Katie Gielarowski: (724) 713-6523 / winechick123@gmail.com

VBS needs to borrow the following items: (1) lightweight bowling ball and (1) rubber chicken. Items will be returned! If anyone has one of these items to lend, please contact Katie Gielarowski.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Last day of Sunday school classes is Sunday, June 29.

KINGDOM'S KIND from Lincoln, Nebraska is here! They will be singing at both services as well as at the conclusion of the Genesis Seminar this afternoon. We are thankful for their gifts and their service among us this morning. They will be staying at the church through Thursday as they serve our community in the name of Jesus. Thank you, Kingdom's Kind!!

ZION LIONS SOFTBALL is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:45 at McLaughlin Run Field. Come out and support the team in the quest for slow-pitch dominance.

J@CK. That's the name of our Summer Mission Trip: **July at Camp** for the **Kingdom**. An informational meeting will be held on June 22nd following the 10:30 service. All are welcome to attend!

A SPECIAL WELCOME to those who are visiting Zion this morning and attending the Genesis Conference. We are blessed by your presence; it is our prayer that your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord would be strengthened through Word and Sacrament. If you have any questions or comments about what you experience this morning, please speak with Pastor or Vicar after the service.

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!

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE Elders and Stephen Ministers will be up front for those who wish to pray or to be prayed for.

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!

Today is Trinity Sunday. We will spend time during the message this morning contemplating the Triune nature of our God, explain why we describe God with the word “Trinity,” and then unpack a very well-known passage that proclaims the Trinity, John 3:1-15.

We will also be speaking the words of the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius was a leader in the church in the Fourth Century. He defended the doctrine of the Trinity against the teaching of a group known as the Arians (who followed the teaching of Arius that the Son was not divine). The Creed was written after Athanasius died, but it reflects his teaching and has been used in the church for around fifteen hundred years. As we speak the words of the Creed, contemplate the meaning behind them and the importance of the revelation of the Trinity.

We also have the privilege of listening to Kingdom’s Kind, a youth choir from my former church in Lincoln, Nebraska. They will be singing for us before the service as well as at the conclusion of the Genesis Seminar this afternoon. They will be with us for the better part of the week, spending their days serving our community in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lastly, a very special welcome to those who are visiting with us who are a part of the Genesis Seminar (either as presenters or participants). We are honored by your presence among us this morning and pray that your time in worship would strengthen your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

-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

Kingdom's Kind Youth Choir

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Vicar: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come together to celebrate the revealed mystery of the Trinity, we do so with humility and thankfulness. But before we listen to God's Word and receive the body and blood of Christ, let us come before our God with contrite hearts, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, confess our sins.

People: **Father, Son and Spirit, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have made a mess of our lives and stand in need of your forgiveness and grace. By the blood of Jesus, forgive us. Allow the Spirit to control our lives that we might bring glory to your name. Hear us, Father, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Vicar

People: **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church

Vicar: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Gospel Reading: John 3:1-15

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Athanasian Creed

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled; without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of

the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father unlimited; the Son unlimited; and the Holy Ghost unlimited. The Father eternal; the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated; nor three infinites, but one uncreated; and one infinite. So likewise the Father is Almighty; the Son Almighty; and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not three Almighties; but one Almighty. So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods; but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord; the Son Lord; and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords; but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity; to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the catholic religion; to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, let him thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation; that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess; that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the Essence of the Father; begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Essence of his Mother, born in the world. Perfect God; and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father as touching his Manhood. Who although he is God and Man; yet he is not two, but one Christ. One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh; but by assumption of the Manhood by God. One altogether; not by confusion of Essence; but by unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man; so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty, from whence he will come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies; And shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe truly and firmly, he cannot be saved.

(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: This morning, our Lord Jesus comes to us with his body and blood to forgive our sins and to strengthen our faith. He gives us what he did for us. All, therefore, who believe his word, repent of their sins, and recognize his presence here are welcome to receive what he offers to their benefit. And so, as you approach his table, may 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.

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Holy, Holy, Holy

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† *Service Participants* †

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| Pastor: | The Rev. Duncan McLellan |
| Vicar: | David Schultz |
| The Organist: | Sandra Quinlan |
| The Elders: | Peter Fisher and Rob Oelschlager |
| The Acolyte: | Nathan Morgan (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30) |
| The Greeters: | Bernie and Jean Blanco(8:00) Lois Sauro (10:30) |
| The Ushers: | Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier and Jack Oelschalger (8:00) Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott, and Kari and John Gresh (10:30) |
| Altar Guild: | Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe and Mary Hutula |

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (6/8) – 203

Midweek Attendance (6/11) – 21

Sunday School and Bible Class Attendance (6/8)—75

Offerings (6/8) – \$5063.50

Air Conditioning (6/8) - \$790

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| SUNDAY 6/15 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 2:00PM – Genesis Seminar (Sanctuary/ Fellowship) 4:30PM – Kingdom’s Kind Choir (Sanctuary) |
| MONDAY 6/16 | 7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| TUESDAY 6/17 | 6:30PM – VBS Meeting (Conference Room) 6:45PM – Zion Lions Softball (McLaughlin Run Park) |
| WEDNESDAY 6/18 | 7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching 7:45PM – Stephen Ministry Continuing Education |
| THURSDAY 6/19 | 10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) |
| FRIDAY 6/20 | |
| SATURDAY 6/21 | 8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM – E3 Conference Planning (Conference Room) |
| SUNDAY 6/22 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion |