

# Zion Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Andrew & Rochelle Thompson in Honor of both of their children, Caitlyn & Mason and The Mance Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of Richard O'Donnell.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> between services. We will be discussing Youth Ministry.

**"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>; registration forms and a sign-up sheet are in the Narthex area.

**IT'S A WR@P.** Mark your calendar today for our first **Women's Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Planning is underway for this event. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending! Any questions contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan or email [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org).

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Volunteer spots are going fast! Stations available are Games and Opening/Closing skits. Crew leader/helper positions are also available. Contact Katie Gielarowski or email [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org)

**GOT CARE?** Life is full of unexpected events that catch us off guard, make us grieve, shake our understanding of how the world works, leave us feeling lonely, or take us to any number of places we simply don't want to go. If you need the hand of a brother or sister in Christ to help you get through the difficult seasons of life, we can help! Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill to see if Stephen Ministry is right for you!

**???????** 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 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 - Join us! All are welcome; breakfast is on us.

**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 our Back to Basics theme moves on from the 10 Commandments to the Apostles' Creed. Today, we begin a series that will take us through the existence of God, creation, the Trinity, salvation, the person of Christ, eternal life, the work of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sins, resurrection and the holy Christian Church. Just to name a few. There's more. But we'll just leave it at that. For now.

Today, however, we are going to focus on God. I know, I know. This is ground-breaking stuff for a church to focus on. God. What else would we talk about in church, right? We're going to take a look at a couple of proofs that have been given for the existence of God, ways we can learn about God, the attributes (or characteristics) of God, and the general and specific way God wants to be known as Father. Next week, we'll take a look at God as Creator, the main theories as to how the world and everything in it came into being, and what the Bible says about creation.

This is my favorite unit in the whole Back to Basics series. We're unlocking the mysteries of the Christian faith, talking about things that matter—eternal, significant, real things. As always, if you have any questions about what we discuss, please fill in the insert for questions and place it in the offering plate or hand it to me after the service. Your question(s) will be answered at our midweek service and posted on-line at [zlc.org](http://zlc.org) under "sermons."

Also, take advantage of the Sermon Notes in your worship packet. It will help you follow along in the sermon and make this morning's message a bit more interactive. I hope you'll find it helpful.

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, 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:** O Christ, You Walked the Road

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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:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

*Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins!  
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!  
Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment did the  
world redeem!*

*Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon  
cries.*

*Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel hosts rejoicing make their glad  
reply.*

*Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the  
precious blood!*

## ***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: Genesis 2:4-9**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

## **The New Testament Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29**

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **The Gospel Reading: John 20:11-17**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

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

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

(Please be seated)

## ***Children's Message (10:30 Service)***

***Sermon Hymn:*** Glory Be to God the Father

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### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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: 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.**

**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.





## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Rob Oelschlager & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet (8:00) TBD (10:30)
The Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/8) – 176

Wednesday Attendance (3/11) – 49

Offering (3/8) – \$5,470.50

Wednesday Offering (3/4) - \$ 620

# Week of March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/15</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class / Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Youth Ministry Informational Meeting 12:30 PM – Stephen Ministry
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>3/16</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>3/17</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>3/18</b>	7:00 PM – Lenten Service 7:45 PM – Post Service Fellowship
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>3/19</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>3/20</b>	7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>3/21</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/22</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School 9:30 AM – Voters Meeting 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice