

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
Micah 7:18-20



ANNOUNCEMENTS

J@CK! July at Camp for the Kingdom is the name of our Mission Trip for this summer. Mark your calendars for July 27 – August 1st. We will be going to Camp Pioneer for a week of work, spiritual growth and fellowship. All are welcome and invited to come on this trip! The cost is \$250 per person; aid is available for families who are going. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area, as well as informational brochures. We hope you (and your family) will be able to make it!

AIR CONDITIONING! Sometime this week, we anticipate the air conditioning system will be installed in our sanctuary. Lord willing, we will be worshiping for the first time in a climate controlled environment this Sunday. Once again, THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting this project!

GOT MUSIC? Starting July 1, Zion has entered a new era with its music ministry. High School Band Teacher, Marching Band Director and Zion member and softball player Mark Killinger came on staff as Zion's new Music Director. This part-time position will allow Mark to use his gifts and open doors for the members of Zion to use their gifts to build up and edify the body of Christ through music. We are excited for what Mark brings to the table personally and professionally. We wish him God's blessings as he begins this new ministry here at Zion!

THIS IS THE LAST Midweek Service for Vicar David and his family. We wish them well and pray for the Lord's blessing in their lives as they return to St. Louis for a year of teaching and learning before being sent to the church of our Lord's choosing.

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Vicar: This evening, the Old Testament Prophet, Micah speaks of the Lord's forgiveness and covenant faithfulness. With the promise of salvation and God's everlasting favor, let us confess our sins without fear; humbly recognizing our inability to keep our responsibility to the covenant of grace.

People: **God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, you have promised me the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the blood of Jesus. I have joyfully received these gifts, but have failed to live up to my end of the covenant: I have not lived a life of faithful obedience to your Word. I ask that you would look with kindness upon me, not counting my sins against me. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Vicar

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot

and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
You will be faithful to Jacob,
and show love to Abraham,
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors
in days long ago.

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 was 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.

The Prayers

Vicar: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For our congregation, that we would be diligent students of Scripture,
faithful in practicing our faith, quick to show mercy and slow to anger, let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor under adverse conditions,
that their faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel would bear the fruit of
repentance and faith in the lives of their family, friends and those who
persecute them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who travel during this holiday season, that the Lord would provide safe and efficient passage to pleasant destinations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For farmers and those who depend on favorable weather in their vocations, that the Lord would provide rain and sun in perfect measure, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who work to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, especially in places where the Gospel is forbidden, that they would be blessed to see Christ at work through them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For patience in affliction, wisdom in difficult situations, faithfulness in moments of despair, and steadfastness amidst trials and temptations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Vicar: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Benediction