

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Midweek Service of
Prayer and Preaching*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS have begun. Thus we are meeting here in the Fellowship Hall. Construction should last for four weeks. During this time, we will have three worship services on Sunday (8:00, 9:15 and 10:30) right here in the Fellowship Hall.

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 3rd. 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! We will have details (including pricing information) in the February Newsletter and in these announcements.

MUSICAL OFFICES. The new work station has been installed! Julie is enjoying her new location down by the preschool, Vicar David is enjoying his new office (Julie's old office) and Pastor is going to enjoy his new office (Vicar's old office). Come by and pay your staff a visit!

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that Julie Huse, our Office Administrator, has increased her hours per week from 16 to 30. This will enable her to be here for both morning and afternoon sessions for the preschool, begin working with the Interaction (EGAF) Committee to increase the number of social/fellowship events the church has, and keep up with the increasing work load of a growing church and school! We are blessed to have Julie on staff and look forward to increased involvement with the ministry at Zion!

LAST SUNDAY AT THE VOTERS' MEETING we approved funding for the Vicarage Program for the '14 - '15 season. We are thankful for the gift God gave us in our current Vicar David and pray that he would do the same for us next year.

Welcome to Prayer and Preaching

Good evening! And welcome to Prayer and Preaching!

Our study of the Book of Jude continues this week as we look at three challenging verses. It will be hard to address everything these verses address, as they contain such wonderful themes as:

- the preexistence of Christ
- sexual ethics
- judgment and salvation
- judgment of angels
- the story (and lesson) of Sodom and Gomorrah

Needless to say, we won't be able to talk about all of these things (unless you want to stay well past 8:00... which, if you do, let me know before the sermon begins and I'll be happy to oblige). But, as I write this on Monday morning, I hope we will talk through the aspects of this text which intersect most directly with your lives. Jude is a lively book. And, as you have seen over the last couple of weeks, moves so quickly that it is all we can do to process 2-3 verses each week. The lesson from this is that, while it is fine to read through the Bible in one year, plowing through 3-5 chapters each day, it is also good to slow down and carefully digest a verse or two or three at a time.

Thank you for being here this evening to pray, learn, worship and receive gifts from our heavenly Father.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Confession of Sins

Pastor: As we look forward to offering God our prayers of praise and thanksgiving, supplication and adoration, let us first offer him our prayer of confession. God demands and deserves holiness. We have produced sin. Trusting in his mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, thank you for calling me to your house this evening for worship. You have called me by the gospel and enlightened me with your gifts, yet I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. I deserve nothing but punishment from your righteous judgment. And so I ask, in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, that you would forgive me. Let His death be my death and His resurrection my hope for everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering and Announcements

(Please stand)

The Reading: Jude 5-7

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not stay within their own position of

authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

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.

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 this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, 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 the government officials at the local, state and federal level, that they would diligently discharge their duties with humility and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who work to bring justice, peace, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, 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.

(Please stand)

The Benediction