

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



“And have mercy on those who doubt.” ~*Jude 22*

*Midweek Service of  
Prayer and Preaching*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS** are DONE. Well, for now, anyway. We'll be back in the sanctuary for worship this Sunday! (And now our attention turns to raising money for the air conditioning!)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**M.R.A.P.** Or, the Men's Retreat @ Pioneer is scheduled for April 10-13. We'll spend a long weekend at Camp Pioneer in prayer, God's Word and fellowship. The Bible studies will be a 5-part series that will take you through the basics of the Gospel. If you can't make it Thursday (6pm) – Sunday (2pm), but can only make it for a part of the weekend, that's OK, too. There's a sign-up sheet for the retreat upstairs, but you can e-mail or call Pastor Duncan or the church office if you'd like to go.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Zion has a Long Term Planning Committee? We do. And it is getting back together to pray about and attempt to discern what God's long-term plans for our congregation are and how to accomplish them. Please keep the Long Term Planning Committee in your prayers!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues this Tuesday @ 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact Alissa McLellan or the Church Office.

**ZION IS HOSTING** a creation seminar the weekend of June 13-15<sup>th</sup>. We will listen to experts explain the science behind the Creation and explain why contemporary theories about the origins of life are flawed. Invite your friends!

**WHO DO YOU KNOW** that needs an invitation to church? We all know people who have either fallen away from Christ, are struggling with their faith, or who have never heard the good news of the gospel. We are going to have a "Friendship Sunday" on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The music will be all familiar hymns, the liturgy will be very easy to follow, and the sermon will be the simple message of the gospel. We will have a time of fellowship in between the services as well. Please consider praying for God to lead you to invite someone (or someones) to our Friendship Sunday here at Zion.

# Welcome to Prayer and Preaching

As we are gathered into the sanctuary this coming Sunday we will encounter many changes. The old carpet has come up and new carpet has been laid down. In addition to the new carpet you will notice that there has been tile laid under your pews. In addition to carpet and tile, we also have new pew cushions (softer I hope!). God be praised for making our church look so beautiful. You may have noticed that the one thing that has not changed is God's Word. We rejoice that as we worship this evening we continue to be focused on God's Word and His promises for our lives.

This evening we hear God's Word from the book of Jude. After several weeks in a row of hearing about evil men in the church, tonight we hear how to handle such wicked men. Jude encourages the Church as God's beloved to seek comfort and shelter in our God and also to help protect our neighbor from false teachings.

We recognize that even now we are confronted in our church with ungodly men who seek to pervert the Gospel. When wicked men try to convince us of teachings outside of Jesus Christ Jude encourages us to contend for the faith. Therefore, we read our Bibles every day! We are constantly in God's Word as our place of comfort and shelter. When others are tempted by these wicked men we share with them Jesus and pray they continue in their faith in Him.

- Vicar David

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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.**

### *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: This evening, we continue our look at the book of Jude. Having been taught last week that there will be evil ones in church, we now come to realize that we are woefully inadequate to the task of overcoming evil on our own. Not only so, but we also confess that we have been doers of the very evil we despise. Therefore, let us ask our Lord for strength and forgiveness as we prepare to listen to God's Holy Word.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, more than anyone, you know that this world is full of evil. Protect and defend me against all harm and danger. Be my strength in doing good. Because you have all authority in heaven and on earth, forgive me for the evils I have done that have hurt others and disgraced your name. Amen.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

### *The Reading: Jude 20-23*

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

## *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*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: For those who work to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, that they would be blessed to see Christ at work through them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.**

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

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:** **Alleluia! Amen.**

Pastor: 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***