

Zion Lutheran Church



7th Sunday After Easter
May 17th 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jack & Nadene Hartman in Honor of Mason's 2nd birthday & Rita & Tim Sheldon in Honor of their great-grandson Mason's 2nd birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Irene Bourg in Memory of Loved Ones.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? We are having a New Member Instruction Weekend (we'll think of a more catchy name for it, we promise) June 12th and 13th. If you are interested in joining Zion or want to know more about what we believe, mark your calendars and look for more information in this space, the church's website and the May Newsletter!

MISSION TRIP: Mark your calendar for this Summer's mission trip. August 2nd-August 7th @ Camp Pioneer. This trip is open to all age groups. Look for more information coming soon! See Andrea Vogel with any questions.

SERVICE EVENT: We will be doing a service project to Jubilee Soup Kitchen on June 6th & June 20th from 9:00am – 1:00pm. We need 8-10 volunteers per session to serve food to the homeless & Speak the name of Jesus to those we serve. Please sign up in the narthex. Any questions can be directed to Alissa McLellan.

CHURCH NURSERY: With all of our new little members we are starting a nursery during church! We are looking for volunteers for this ministry. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in helping.

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!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: June is the last month of Sunday school rotation until the fall. June's unit is "Three Women of Faith". Please see the insert to volunteer.

VBS: Consider volunteering to be a crew leader, help in the nursery or kitchen, or help in a station (Storytelling, Games, Imagination Station). Volunteer forms are in the narthex. Visit Zion's website for VBS details and forms! www.zlcb.org/vbs

CAR WASH! Mark your calendars for May 30th, as we will be having our 8th "Car Wash, Detail, Wax and Food" right here at Zion from 10-2. Come early and help us set up as we serve the community by providing a free car wash (and interior detailing) with food while our guests wait for the work to be done. It's fun for the family and a great way to serve others in the name of Jesus!

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

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!

What is the Church? More than a building filled with people on Sunday morning, the Church can be one of two things (depending on what you're talking about). On the one hand the Church is where God's means of grace are used; that is, where the Word of God is preached and taught in its truth and purity and the sacraments (that is, Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are practiced according to the command of Christ. It is where God breaks into creation to tell us that we are loved by him, redeemed and forgiven by him, and that he has promised us eternal life with him. On the other hand, the Church is all people who trust Jesus to be their savior. These include Christians who have passed away (the Church Triumphant) as well as Christians who are living (the Church Militant).

This morning, our focus is on the Church. We'll spend some time wrestling with which groups claiming to be a "church" are actually the Church as we understand it. But we will spend more of our time focusing on the unity of the body of Christ, as we lend our support to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. The systematic persecution of Christians continues, even though so many in the media have moved on to cover other stories. Wearing orange this morning in church, it is our goal to continue to raise awareness of the plight of so many Christians who have lost jobs, fled homes, and lost loved ones because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your support in wearing orange today. Over 130 orders were placed for tee-shirts, including people from a handful of other congregations. It's a step in the right direction. I was asked by a reporter from the Post Gazette what I expected this "Orange Out" to accomplish. A good and fair question. But one who's answer is simple: we will pray. We will pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith, asking for them to remain faithful in the face of danger and that the Lord would deliver them from every evil. And we will pray for the same kind of faith that prevented countless thousands from renouncing their faith in Christ, regardless of the consequences. And we will pray a prayer that Christians from the beginning have prayed in good times and in bad: even so, come, Lord Jesus! God bless your time in worship.

-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!)

Preludes:

Morning Song

Crown Him with many Crowns

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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

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: This morning, our focus is on the One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. We have been called to fellowship with one another through our union with Christ by our baptism. But we have tried to destroy this union with our gossip, lethargy and failure to pray for each other without ceasing. We have spoken poorly about the Church, what Scripture calls the Bride of Christ. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, you have made me a member of your body, the Church. You have called me into fellowship with all who are in Christ, living and dead. And yet I have spoken poorly about your Church, failed to pray for members of your Church and have tried to destroy the unity we have with each other with our words and deeds. Forgive me for this and all my sins. Restore me to a right relationship with you and with my brothers and

sisters in Christ, that I might serve you with a good conscience.
Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[REFRAIN]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

[REFRAIN]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[REFRAIN]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[REFRAIN]

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: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strong hold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evil doers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the

beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1^{7th} chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 17: 20-26

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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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 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.

(Please be seated)

Offertory – Mediation on “How Great Thou Art”

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.

Distribution Hymns

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Organ Only)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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(Please stand)

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: How Great Thou Art

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Mrs. Diana R. Schott
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	George, Jane & Michael Kozak (8:00) Lee & Megan Glasser (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag Janet & Larry Zreliak(8:00) Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Barbara Oechslein, Diana Schmidt & Megan Pasquini



Attention Parents with Small Children:

Sunday Worship is a time when we can gather together in fellowship to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful freedom we have. For all to hear the word, we have a nursery located downstairs for children who become inattentive during the service, where the sermon can be heard. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding the nursery!

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/10) – 197

Wednesday Attendance (5/13) – 19

Sunday Offering (5/10) – \$5,294.19

Week of May 17th – May 24th

<p>SUNDAY 5/17</p>	<p><u>ORANGE- OUT SUNDAY</u> 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</p>
<p>MONDAY 5/18</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 5/19</p>	<p>7:00 PM – EGAF Meeting 7:00PM – Zion Lions @ McLaughlin Run Park 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 5/20</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 5/21</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Council Meeting</p>
<p>FRIDAY 5/22</p>	<p>7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt. Lebanon</p>
<p>SATURDAY 5/23</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 5/24</p>	<p>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 12:30PM – Stephen Ministry (Conference Room)</p>