

# Zion Lutheran Church



3rd Sunday After Easter  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and Brian & Megan Pasquini in Honor of Ava's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Meier Family in Honor of Mother's & Grandmother's.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING?** We are having a New Member Instruction Weekend (we'll think of a more catchy name for it, we promise) June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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>. If you are attending please fill out the form located in the narthex (forms are located in the folder hanging on the door) and return with your payment to Megan Pasquini. Email [secretary@zxcb.org](mailto:secretary@zxcb.org) with any questions.

**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!!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Baby Bottles are due!! Please return your filled bottle no later than **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. This **Baby Bottle Campaign** supports the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. Thank you for your contributions & support.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Crew leader and helper positions are still available. We are also looking for help in the nursery. Contact Katie Gielarowski or email [secretary@zxcb.org](mailto:secretary@zxcb.org) to volunteer.

**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!

**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](http://ZLCB.org) website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zxcb.org/sermons](http://www.zxcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning our mini-unit on the Three-Fold Office of Christ (or “What Jesus Does”) continues. Last week we took a look at what it means that Jesus is our Prophet; this morning we are looking at what it means that Jesus is our Priest. Next week we will wrap things up by taking a look at what it means that Jesus is our King.

As our Prophet, we learned that Jesus goes from God to us. As our Priest, Jesus goes from us to God. He does this when he prays for us and advocates for us in the presence of his Father and the heavenly host. He did his work as Priest when he prayed while on earth. And his work as Priest reached its climax when he offered himself as the amends-making sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross.

We’ll take a look this morning at what Jesus did for us as our Priest and why it is important that we have him as our Priest today.

And, for the first time, I want to answer a question that was asked for Wednesday’s service because it was so spot-on that I think it is worthy of our consideration this morning and it also neatly ties in with our theme of Jesus being our Priest.

We’ve got a lot going on this morning at Zion!

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!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* 531

### ***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 we are taking a look at what it means that Jesus is our priest. Going from us to God, Jesus offers up prayers and intercession on our behalf, makes atonement for us with the sacrifice he made of himself on Good Friday, and constantly advocates on our behalf in the presence of his Father. Therefore, let us with boldness and confidence confess our sins to God, trusting in our Great High Priest, Jesus, to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**People:** **Father in heaven, we confess to you that we have sinned against you. We have no excuse that can abate your divine justice. We ask that you would consider the sacrifice of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and forgive our sins. Let his death be our death, and make his life ours. Sanctify us, set us apart for your purposes and lead us to walk in your ways all the days of our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

**People:** Amen.

**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)

**Baptism of Grayson Neil Severns (10:30 Service)**

**The Service of the Word**

**The Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 18:14-40**

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said

to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, “Israel shall be your name,” and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water. And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you

are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God.” And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

### **The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18**

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that

time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus*** 529

### ***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.

(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.

***Distribution Hymns***

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	722
All Depends on Our Possessing	732
For Me to Live Is Jesus	742

(Please stand)

***Benediction***

People: Amen

<b><i>The Recessional: Fight the Good Fight</i></b>	664
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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Frank & Sandy Hervert (8:00) Norm & Brittany Dill & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop & Jack Oelschlager (8:00) Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland, Jim Oelschlager & Ted Siek (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible



### **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 (4/12) - 207

Wednesday Attendance (4/15) - 13

Sunday Offering (4/12) - \$4,984.76

## Week of April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/19</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 All in: Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>4/20</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>4/21</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>4/22</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>4/23</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>4/24</b>	7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 6:30 PM - Bowling @ AMF Mt.Lebanon
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>4/25</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 12:00PM – 5:00 PM - Confirmation
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/26</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Confirmation