

Zion Lutheran Church



5th Sunday After Pentecost
June 28th, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by The Dill family in memory of loved ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Janet Oelschlager & Family in memory of parents and grandparents.

VOTERS MEETING is today between services. Please join us as we review and vote on the budget.

EVANGELII YOUTH CHOIR: Will be performing at Zion on July 7th @ 7:00 PM.

Come hear these children proclaim the joy of the Gospel through their music.

We are also looking for volunteers to help make them a warm meal! Please contact the church secretaries at secretary@zlcg.org if you are able to help!

ORANGE OUT is coming again, July 19th. If you didn't get to order your tee-shirts for the last Orange Out, there is a sign-up sheet for "Because of their faith" tee-shirts in the church entryway. We will be wearing orange once again to show our support and to raise awareness for the persecuted church.

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.

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. We hope to start offering a nursery as soon as next month!

THERE WILL BE NO Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching, Thursday Morning Bible Study, Free Coffee Friday or Saturday Men's Bible Study; Pastor is out of town. There will also be no Communion offered next Sunday, as we will have a guest preacher.

THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER of the South Hills will accept resumes through July 17th, 2015 for the full-time position of Development Director. This position would support the Executive Director with Donor Development. A detailed job description will be provided upon request. If you would like more information, contact Lori Szala, Executive Director, at 412-833-6048 or lszala@prcsh.org.

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 it going to be like when you die?

This morning we wrap up our Back to Basics study of the articles of the Apostles Creed, taking a look at what we mean when we profess we believe in the “Life Everlasting.” Now, as I’m writing this I haven’t put pen to paper or even opened a Bible to begin sermon preparation, but I can already tell it is going to be an interesting study, but one that I think will yield a rather short sermon.

Scripture does not have a whole lot to say about the “Life Everlasting.” Short of telling us to trust him and that everything will be better than it is, many of our questions about the afterlife are simply not answered in the pages of the Bible. This is one reason why second-rate paperbacks on the topic sell so well; we want answers and are willing to listen to almost anyone who claims to have them.

But that’s not to say the Bible does not give us enough to pacify our fears on what lies on the other side of the grave. Simply put, life when Christ comes back will be better than it is now. Scripture says in any number of places that one of the defining characteristics of the “Life Everlasting” is that God will dry our tears. There will be no more tragedy, loss, death, frustration, pain, sickness or persecution. In the words of Scripture, Christ will be “all in all.”

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-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: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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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: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own my most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

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)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my

chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

The New Testament Reading: Revelation 22:1-7

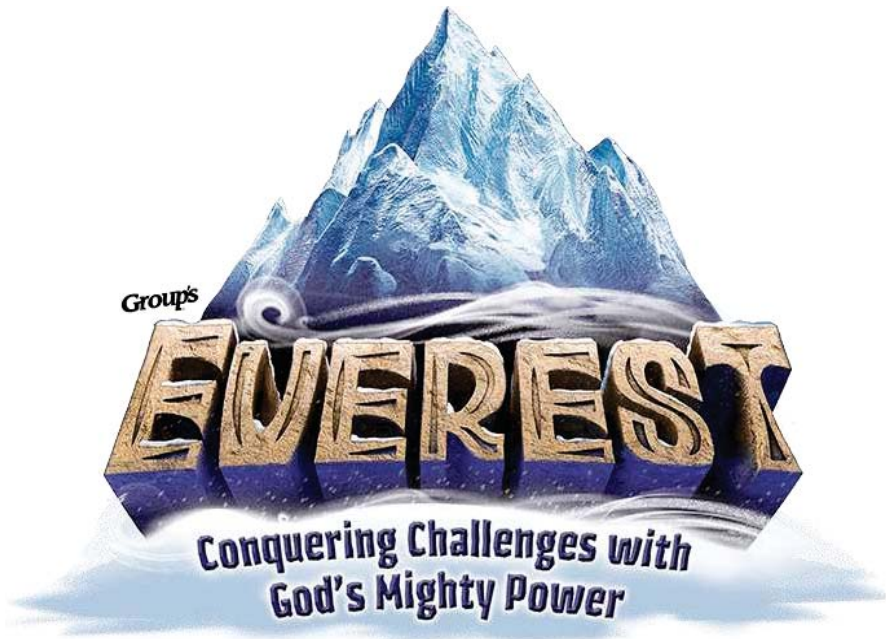
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS happen! We had our biggest group yet at 120 kids and 50 volunteers!

This week we all brought in our loose change so that we could purchase Bible for kids in Thailand through Operation Kid to Kid. Be sure to check out the July Newsletter to find out how much money was raised and how many Bible we were able to purchase!

Also, head over to our website (zlc.org) to find lots of fun pictures from this week! Click on the Photo Gallery Tab.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday,
July 7th at 7:00 pm for the

Evangelii Youth Choir

The youth choir of Trinity Lutheran Church is stopping here at Zion during their week long choir tour. Come out at show your support and enjoy the free show as they share the gospel with us!

We are also looking for some volunteers to help make a meal for the Evangelii choir that evening. If you are interested, please contact the church office at secretary @zlcb.org.





Join us for a Family Mission trip to Camp Pioneer. We will be going to Camp Pioneer for our Annual Mission trip on August 2nd - 8th. If you have never gone you are missing out on the fun!

If you are interested or have any questions contact Andrea Vogel at andrea@hiredemand.com or 412-496-8766 .



When Love Is Found

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1 When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
 2 When love has flow'ed in trust and care, build both each
 3 When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to
 4 When love is torn and trust be - trayed, pray strength to
 5 Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or

glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
 day that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
 hope though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and love grows
 love till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
 youth, in hus - band, wife. Lift up your hearts. Let love be

sky, praise God and share our mak - er's joy.
 light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
 wise through list - 'ning ears and o - pened eyes.
 wrong but hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
 fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

VBS Children Sing (10:30)

All children who were part of our VBS program are invited to the front to sing.

Children's Church (10:30)

(Children ages Preschool - 6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children's Church)

Sermon Hymn: Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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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)

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

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

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When Love is Found

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The Lamb

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(Please stand)

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Peter Fisher & Rob Oelschlager
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Clara Hayes (8:00) Rose Steranko (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak(8:00) Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland, Lois Sauro & Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe & Mary Hutula


Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (6/21) – 177

Wednesday Attendance (6/24) – 16

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of June 28th – July 5th

<p>SUNDAY 6/28</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 10:45 AM – Children’s Church</p>
<p>MONDAY 6/29</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 6/30</p>	<p>8:30 PM – Zion Lions take on Crafton Heights at McLaughlin Run Park.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 7/1</p>	<p>10:00 PM – Zion Lions take on Westminster at McLaughlin Run Park for a make-up game.</p>
<p>THURSDAY 7/2</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elder’s Meeting</p>
<p>FRIDAY 7/3</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 7/4</p>	
<p>SUNDAY 7/5</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Worship</p>