

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Sixth Sunday After Trinity*  
*July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the LaJeunesse family, in honor of Kirsten's birthday and by Nancy and Paul Klemash, in honor of their anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards, in memory of her father, Frank Rilius.

**CHRIS MCCARTHY** will preach his first sermon here at Zion next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to hearing Vicar Chris bring us God's Word and lead us in worship!

**MATT LOBE** will be playing the organ for us this morning. Matt will be a graduate student at Duquesne University in the fall and comes to us via Seattle. Welcome, Matt!

**ZION'S GOT TALENT!** Musical talent, that is. There are sign-up sheets for our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir (3-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Instrumental Music in the narthex area. Practices for all of our music groups will begin in the fall. We hope you'll become a part of our music ministry here at Zion!

**AIR CONDITIONING** is installed! All of it. Start bringing your jackets to worship... just in case ☺

**ZION LIONS SOFTBALL** is scheduled for Tuesday at 8:15. Come on out and support the team. We are (still) due!

**J@CK.** We will be leaving from Zion @ 2pm for Camp Pioneer. We will return on Friday evening (time: TBD). If you haven't signed-up, but would like to come, let Pastor Duncan know RIGHT NOW. THIS MINUTE.

**NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP!** Pastor and Chris will be at Camp Pioneer this week. We will resume our Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching on 8/6.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Help children gain a sense of awe and wonder over all that God has made by leading or helping with our September unit - Creation. To volunteer, fill out the enclosed form and drop in Sunday school box located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The Sunday school meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**THANK YOU,** members and friends of Zion, for your prayers and support as Alissa and I contemplated the call to Bethlehem in Ridgewood. We are pleased the Lord would have us remain at Zion and look forward to seeing the work he will do in and through us to grow his kingdom.

**EASTERN DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT** Sept. 19-21, 2014. See Barb Fisher for more info.

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, as we worship with the people we usually worship with, as well as those who worship at the “other” service throughout the year, we focus on a foundational text to our life together as the body of Christ. Our focus will be on Jesus’ words from the Sermon on the Mount, which teach the disciples of Jesus that their conduct in the world will stand out. And while the Gospel Lesson this morning picks up in the middle of the sermon, I want to use this space to call to mind the words Jesus speaks to begin the sermon. The opening words to the Sermon on the Mount are known as the “Beatitudes” and are the door through which the disciple of Jesus approaches the rest of the sermon (which we will look at this morning).

The “Beatitudes” begin with these words: “blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” These words define who the disciple of Jesus is: one who is poor in spirit; who recognizes his or her complete inability to stand in the presence of a holy God, keep the Law of God (summarized in the Old Testament Lesson), and bring honor and glory to God. With this in mind, the rest of the sermon makes sense. The commands Christ gives are not ways to earn salvation; rather, they are prescriptions for people who fully and freely admit they cannot earn salvation—they are poor in spirit.

God’s blessings to you this morning as you worship the Lord, receive his gifts, and learn from his teaching!

-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 and would like to be contacted by the church, 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:** God Himself Is Present

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## *The Invocation*

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

People: **Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

Vicar: Beloved in the Lord, this morning our focus will be on the words of Jesus from the "Sermon on the Mount." Our Lord teaches us that the poor in spirit are blessed. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we have been anything but "poor in spirit." We have conducted ourselves with pride that can only be described as unmerited. Therefore, let us confess this and all our sins to our Father in heaven.

People: **Almighty Father, we confess that we are not poor in spirit. We have excelled in selfish pride and come up short in humble obedience to you and your Word. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith. Teach us to walk in your ways all the days of our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Vicar*

People: **Amen.**

## *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: Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands<sup>(b)</sup> of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>1</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

## **The New Testament Reading: Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-26**

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments

and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Where Charity and Love Prevail

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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:** This morning, we come to the table of our Lord as people who are poor in spirit, needing what only Jesus can give. And so he comes to you with his body and blood, sacrificed and shed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, that you might have eternal life. And so, as you receive his gifts, may the Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**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.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

**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 Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	622
I Bind unto Myself Today	604
O Lord, We Praise Thee	617

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

<b><i>The Recessional: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i></b>	<b>821</b>
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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Chris McCarthy
The Organist:	Matt Lobe
The Elders:	Paul Klemash and Ken Wuerthele
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman
The Greeters:	Brian and Megan Pasquini, Ava and Decklan
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Larry and Janet Zreliak, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris, and Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Clara Hayes, Penny Miller and Mary Hutula

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/20) – 190

Midweek Attendance (7/23) – 7

Offerings (7/20) – \$4916

# Week of July 27 – Aug. 3

<b>SUNDAY</b> 7/27	9:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 10:15AM – Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) 2:00PM – J@CK Leaves from Zion
<b>MONDAY</b> 7/28	J@CK 6:30PM – Sunday School Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7/29	J@CK 8:15PM – Zion Lions Softball (McLaughlin Run Park)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7/30	J@CK
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7/31	J@CK
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8/1	J@CK Returns to Zion
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8/2	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8/3	9:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 10:15AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)