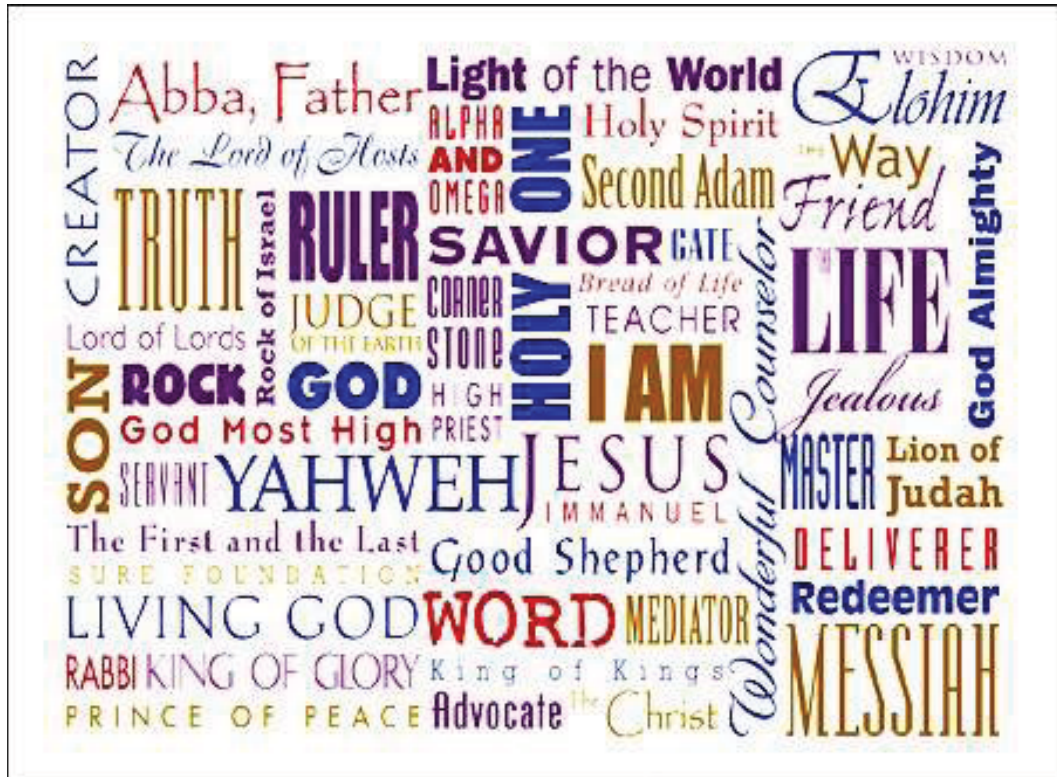


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Service of Prayer and Preaching
January 21, 2015*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO BASICS. We are going Back to Basics here at Zion for 2015. On both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services, the focus will be on the core beliefs of our Christian faith. If you miss a Sunday (or Wednesday) service, the messages are available on our website.

ALL IN! The men of the church are going back to Camp Pioneer this April, 16-19th. Along with men from three other congregations in our District, we are going to spend time in fellowship and prayer learning what it means to go “all in” as a Christian man. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area in the coming months, along with more information about the retreat.

JOINING ZION? While not necessary for salvation, visible membership in a congregation is, theologically speaking, a good idea. We’d love to have you (and your family) become part of our fellowship! Talk with Pastor Duncan or contact the church office if you are interested in learning more about church membership.

WOMEN’S AND MEN’S BIBLE STUDIES continue this Saturday. 8am for the guys and Tuesday (7:30pm) for the women. If you haven’t signed-up for the study yet, don’t worry! We ordered extra books and would love to have you join us! It’s not too late to come. Please join us.

VOTERS’ MEETING is this Sunday in between the services in the Fellowship Hall. Come and listen to how things are going at church and vote on what’s next.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH. We had a blast on December 28th... so much so that we’re doing it again this month. We’ll be giving our 2-6 year olds a place to go all their own (with singing and crafts) during the Sermon and Offering during the Late Service this Sunday, January 25th.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY. Are you interested in being part of our new community outreach? Can you give 2 hours of your time once every month? If so, then please prayerfully consider signing up to help out with Free Coffee Friday! Look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to our Midweek Service! This evening we are going to take a closer look at the Second Commandment and what it means to use the name of God properly. We'll be spending time in the books of Genesis, Exodus and Acts in particular as we look at the giving of God's name and what can happen when it is misused.

Have you ever stopped to think about the power the name of God has? Oh, I'm not talking about some majestic incantation spoken on mountain peaks in lands you have never seen; I'm talking about what happens when you say "Jesus" in a public place, or around people who you don't share church membership with.

As it was in years gone by, so it is today: the name of Jesus has power. It never goes unnoticed when spoken. The name Jesus reveals the heart of God to a fallen, sinful world. "The Lord Saves" is what the name Jesus means, and is how God chose to name his son who would die on the cross to save the world.

God bless your time in worship this evening, as we together speak the name we have been given to speak: Jesus!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books)

The Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, before we listen to God's Word and contemplate its meaning for us this evening, let us unburden our consciences and set our minds at rest by confessing our sins to our heavenly Father.

People: **Father in heaven, before I listen to your Word and come before you with the prayers of my heart, I need to confess to you that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. I have not done what you have told me to do, and I have also done what is evil in your sight. On account of Christ Jesus my Lord, have mercy on me and forgive me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Reading: Acts 19:11-20

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by

the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

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 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 Prayers

For the prayers this evening, you are invited to come to the Communion Rail and kneel.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Pastor: For our congregation: that the Lord would continue to guide and direct all that we do in his name, sanctify and bless the work we do in His name, and lead us to a greater understanding of the mystery of our union with him. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our families: that the Lord would bless them in every way, that their faith in Christ would grow daily, and that they would make time in God's word a priority in their daily lives. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our friends and acquaintances: that our witness to them in word and deed would be used by the Holy Spirit for the glory of God. Let us pray.

Pastor: For people we know who are ill.... Let us pray.

Pastor: For those who govern, that they would be filled with wisdom and integrity, humility and an understanding of true justice. Let us pray.

Pastor: For those who grieve: that the Lord would strengthen their faith in him, the forgiveness of sins and resurrection unto eternal life, and that he would turn their mourning to joy in his time. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully witness to the resurrection and the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us pray.

Pastor: For the concerns we have in our hearts. Let us pray.

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold to 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 Benediction