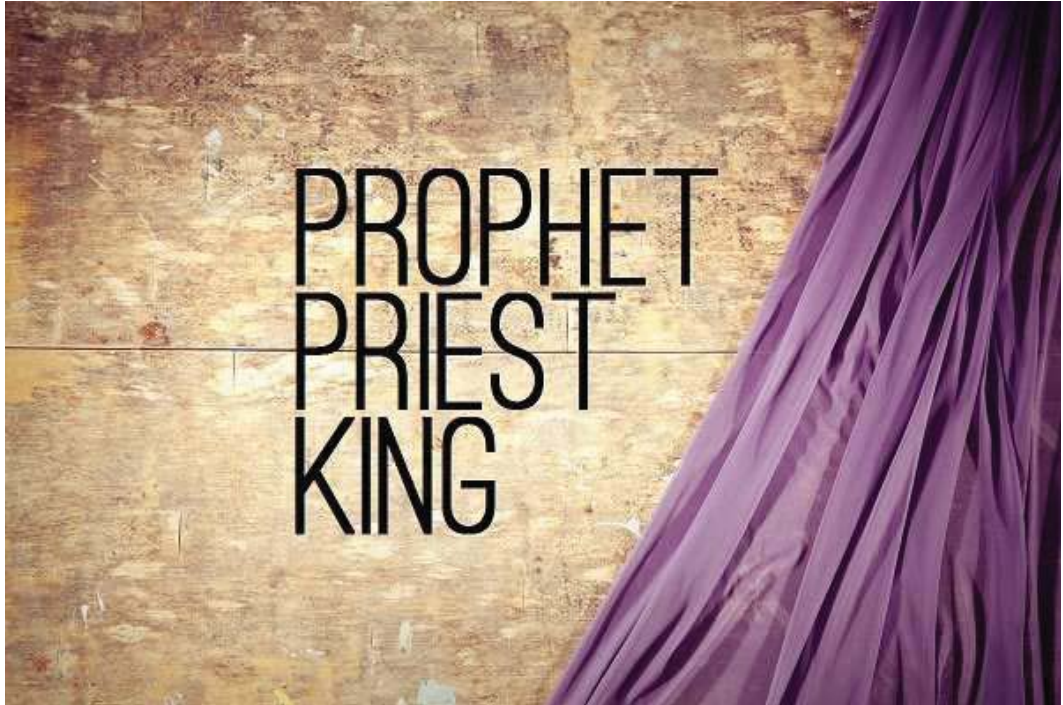


Zion Lutheran Church



1st Sunday After Easter
April 12th, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by The Vallelunga Family in Honor of Sara's 21st Birthday & The Klemash Family in Honor of Rachel's 21st Birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by The family of Ron Meier in Honor of Ron & Don Meier's birthdays.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES have arrived. Please pick your directory up in the narthex (1 per household).

"ALL IN." We leave this Friday for Camp Pioneer! If you've signed-up, you can expect an e-mail this week with details. If you haven't signed-up, do so today! We'll be joining men from four other congregations in our District to focus on our lives as Christian men, and what it means for us to go "all in" for Christ.

IT'S A WR@P. Mark your calendar today for our first **Women's Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1st- 3rd. Planning is underway for this event. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending! Any questions contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan or email secretary@zlc.org.

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: Zion is once again supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills through the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. You can help this pro-life ministry by taking a baby bottle from the table in the church narthex and filling it with your loose change or bills. Please return your filled bottle no later than **Sunday, April 19th**. For more information on the ministry of the PRC SH see the insert in your bulletin.

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@zlc.org to volunteer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is looking for four adults to teach who will not be attending the women's retreat in May. The unit is entitled "Paul". Please see the insert for more information or 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 website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlc.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Christ is risen!

What was true last Sunday is true today. And just as it was worth celebrating last Sunday, it is worth celebrating today. He is risen, indeed. But what is Jesus doing since he was raised?

This morning, we continue our Back to Basics theme as we begin looking at the WORK of Christ. Traditionally, the work of Christ has been divided into three categories: prophet, priest and king. The easiest way to think of all three is a down arrow (God to us → prophet), an up arrow (us to God → priest) and a circle (king → ruler of all).

This morning we take a look at what Christ has done, is doing and will do as our prophet. Coming from God to us, Jesus reveals the will of the Father for our lives, represents (and is) God on earth, and speaks the terms of the one who sent him. The good news for us is that Jesus reveals a God of love and grace, who wants all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth!

As always, if you have questions that arise from your time in worship, please fill out the appropriate insert and either place it in the offering plate, or hand it to me after the service. Your questions will be answered at the midweek service of Prayer and Preaching. (Which you can either attend in person (better!), or listen to online (still good).)

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: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* 475

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 as we come together, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation we have in him, let us humbly confess that we have not lived up to the standards God has for us as his holy and redeemed people.

People: **Father in heaven, we confess to you that we have sinned. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, we have done what is evil in your sight. We have hurt others, dishonored you, and not lived up to the holy standards you have for us. Forgive us. Lead us to greater faith and obedience by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast* 155

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 Isaac Hilderhoff (10:30 Service)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’—when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come

true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Children's Message (10:30)

Sermon Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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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

Amazing Grace	744
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	711
Take My Life and Let It Be	783

(Please stand)

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Jesus Savior, Pilot Me 715

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carole Schrag (8:00) Elsie DallaPiazza (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

Easter Worship Attendance (4/5) – 328

Wednesday Attendance (4/1) – 28

Maundy Thursday Attendance (4/2) – 78

Good Friday Attendance (4/3) – 164

Wednesday Offering (4/1) – \$290.00

Thursday Offering (4/2) - \$528.00

Friday Offering (4/3) - \$1899.00

Easter Sunday Offering (4/5) - \$10,586.70

Week of April 12th – April 19th

SUNDAY 4/12	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 Practice FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 4/13	
TUESDAY 4/14	6:30 PM – EGAF Meeting
WEDNESDAY 4/15	7:00 PM – Midweek Service 7:45PM – Stephen Ministry
THURSDAY 4/16	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM - Choir 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
FRIDAY 4/17	7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday All in: Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
SATURDAY 4/18	All in : Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
SUNDAY 4/19	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Brunch 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir All in: Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer