

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Mance family in honor of Alyssa's graduation from Pitt.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Sauro in memory of her father.

**BIBLE CLASS.** We're back at it! Studying the book of Genesis this morning in between the services, we'll see you in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your Bible...

**WEIRD ANIMALS VBS IS COMING TO ZION...**and our theme is about how *extraordinary* the love of Jesus is for everyone! Registration is now open for children who have completed at least one year of preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Those who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher can volunteer. Check out our website for more information: [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs).

**ZION YOUTH** are going to the Pirates game Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex or e-mail [vicar@zlcb.org](mailto:vicar@zlcb.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Concordia South Hills. Residents of Personal Care and the Medical Center would love a visit from you. Volunteers are needed to usher residents to activities and encourage them. Simple activities include art, music and cooking, led by a professional. Assistance with the once-a-month birthday party is also needed. Or you can just visit, listen and pray with them.

If you could give of your time occasionally, it could be once a month, once a week or every other month. You can choose to be a blessing to these lovely residents looking for a sympathetic ear or pat on the back. Contact Barbara Fisher at 412-881-8446 or Kelly Epperson, Activities Director, at 412-294-1357.

**ZION LIONS SOFTBALL** is scheduled for Wednesday, 6:45PM. Come out and support YOUR Zion Lions!

**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** is rapidly approaching. If you are thinking about inviting someone to come with you on May 11<sup>th</sup>, please allow us to partner with you in prayer by completing the Friendship Sunday insert-card and placing it in the offering plate.

**J@CK.** That's the name of our Summer Mission Trip: **July at Camp for the Kingdom.** We'll be going to Camp Pioneer from the 27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August to serve. Details to come, mark your calendars now; all are welcome!

**CREATION SEMINAR.** Zion will be hosting a Creation Seminar the weekend of June 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and prepare to come and listen to experts in different scientific fields defend the Biblical account of creation.

**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!

Have you ever had a bad boss? I mean a really bad boss. A boss so bad that it made every day feel like Monday. Worse than the boss in “Office Space”. Even worse than the bosses in “Horrible Bosses”. (If you haven’t, I’m told Vicar and Julie can fill you in on what you’ve missed.)

There are plenty of characteristics that make bosses bad. From not respecting your personal life or your time, to having unrealistic demands, to not listening to what you have to say, to not knowing how to use the human and material resources at their disposal to get the job done, there are a number of ways a boss can move from the necessary-evil category to the terrible-boss category. Getting along with the boss at work goes a long way to making a job bearable, even enjoyable.

So what does this have to do with our text from John 10? This text, the well-known (I hope) “Good Shepherd” discourse, paints a powerful picture of Jesus, as one who not only cares for those who are his, but has the power to fend off those who would do harm to the ones under his care. It’s hard for us to think in terms of shepherd and sheep. We can imagine what it must be like to be a shepherd or a sheep, but the analogy has a hard time connecting with people who have cell phones and SUV’s, grocery stores and cable TV. Perhaps it would be helpful to see certain elements of the analogy of sheep and shepherd along the lines of boss and employee.

Have you ever had a good boss?

May I suggest that you do. In Christ, you have a boss who cares for his employees (sending you home early, while he works overtime), knows how to use the resources at his disposal to get the job done (the Body of Christ fulfilling the Great Commission), and listens to what his employees have to say (in prayer). His demands are simple: come to me, and I will give you rest. He is the Good Shepherd, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture! Alleluia!

-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*

**Processional Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** I said, I will I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Pastor:** O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**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: Ezekiel 34:11-16**

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**The New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:21-25**

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin

and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-16**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn:*** The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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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 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***

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith, and to proclaim his death until he comes in the fellowship of this altar, 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***

Jesus Loves Me

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

People: Amen

***The Recessional:*** O Sing to the Lord

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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Rob Oelschlager and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Carley Rockovich (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane and Sandy Bryant (8:00) Vince and Ginny Kimberland (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Shane Bryant and Barb and Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Steve Gauger, Josh Gielarowski, Dan Harris and Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini and Diana Schmidt

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/27) - 198

Midweek Attendance (4/23) - 12

Offerings (4/27) - \$3,745

Air Conditioning (4/27) - \$100

## Week of May 4 - 11

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>5/4</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>5/5</b>	6:00PM – EGAF Meeting (Conference Room) 7:00PM – Trustees Meeting (Conference Room) 7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>5/6</b>	7:15PM – Board of Education (Conference Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>5/7</b>	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching 7:45PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft)
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>5/8</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:30PM – Church Council (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>5/9</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>5/10</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Undercroft) 9:00AM – Mother’s Day Schnitzel Sale (Broniak’s)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>5/11</b> <b>MOTHER’S DAY</b> <b>FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Friendship Sunday Fellowship 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion