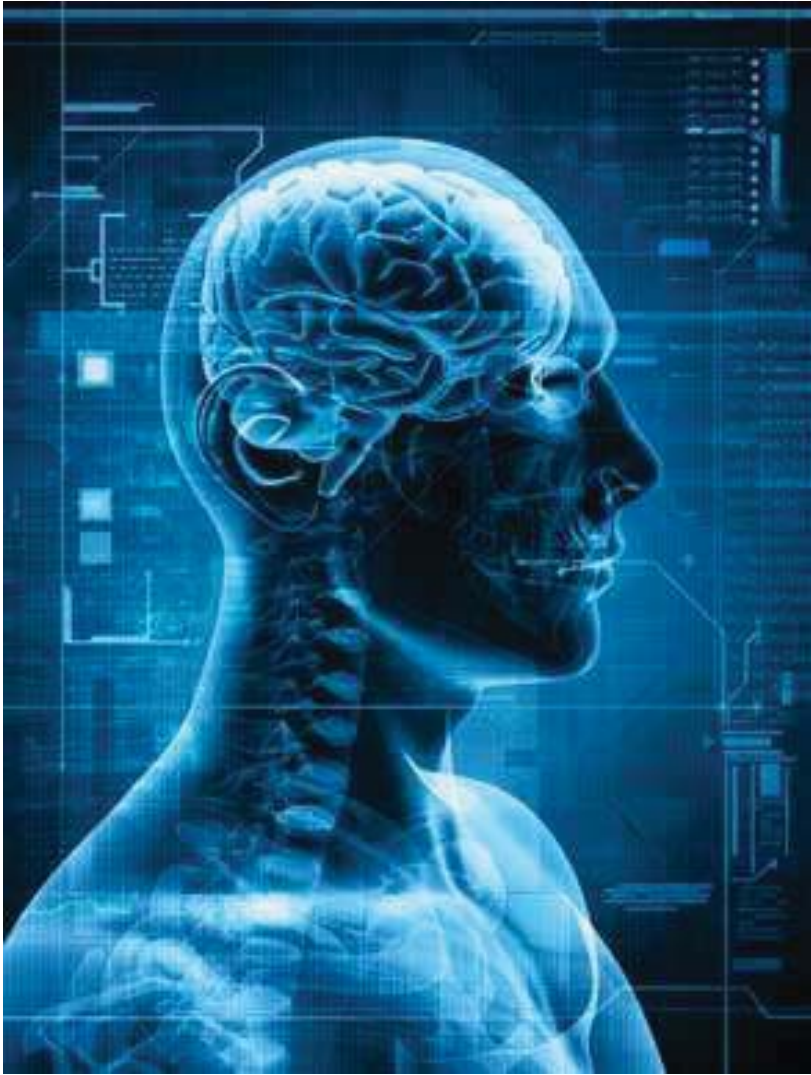


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Service of Prayer and Preaching
"The Nature of Man"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES! Our midweek series continues! The topics for the five week series are:

1. The Nature of God.
2. The Nature of Man.
3. The Problem.
4. What God Did.
5. Your New Life in Christ.

If you missed last week's message on the Nature of God, you can listen to it online @ zlcb.org.

J@CK! July at Camp for the Kingdom is the name of our Mission Trip for this summer. Mark your calendars for July 27 – August 3rd. We will be going to Camp Pioneer for a week of work, spiritual growth and fellowship. All are welcome and invited to come on this trip! We will have details (including pricing information) in the April Newsletter and in these announcements.

GOT SHOWERS? Kingdom's Kind, a youth choir from Lincoln, Nebraska, will be coming to Zion to sing for us the weekend of June 14-15. They will also be staying at the church until Thursday of the following week as they do a number of service projects in our community. The thing is, they will need places to shower at the end (or start) of the day. This is where you come in! We need people from Zion to donate their bathrooms. Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office if you "got showers."

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Mondays @ 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the book **IDOL LIES**. It's not too late to start coming; if you are interested in attending, please contact Alissa McLellan or the Church Office.

ZION IS HOSTING a creation seminar the weekend of June 13-15th. We will listen to experts explain the science behind the Creation and explain why contemporary theories about the origins of life are flawed. Invite your friends!

AIR CONDITIONING! Last week, a family that wishes to remain anonymous came forward to offer up to \$20,000 in matching funds toward the purchase of air conditioning for the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider supporting this project. We would like to have the air conditioning installed before the heat of the summer gets here. (We are, roughly, \$6,000 away from reaching our goal of \$45,000 for the project.)

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Vicar: This evening, we will focus on the nature of man. Originally created in the image of God, we have chosen to sin and have become trapped in its vicious hold. Therefore, let us flee for refuge to the foot of the cross, asking our Lord Jesus to grant us forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, you are righteous and demand that I be holy. I am not. I am a sinner. I am a sinner in need of a Savior. Forgive my sins, empower me to live a righteous life pleasing in your sight, and strengthen my faith in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Vicar

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Romans 12

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have

many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.

The Prayers

Vicar: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor under adverse conditions,
that their faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel would bear the fruit of
repentance and faith in the lives of their family, friends and those who
persecute them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For our Synodical President, Matthew, and District Presidet, Chris, that they
would represent our faith well, live lives worthy of the calling they have
received, and be blessed to see God at work in and through them to change
and save lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring justice, peace, health, and protection in this
and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations,
especially in places where the Gospel is forbidden, that they would be
blessed to see Christ at work through them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For patience in affliction, wisdom in difficult situations, faithfulness in
moments of despair, and steadfastness amidst trials and temptations, let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give
thanks to the Lord:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Pastor:

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

People:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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