

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Midweek Service of
Prayer and Preaching*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES! Now that we're back to meeting regularly for our Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching, it's time to start our next Sermon Series! Starting next Wednesday, 5/21, we are going to have a 5-part series that mirrors what the men studied on their retreat earlier this month.

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

We hope you will be able to join us as we begin this series later in May!

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.

DID YOU KNOW that Zion has a Long Term Planning Committee? We do. And it is getting back together to pray about and attempt to discern what God's long-term plans for our congregation are and how to accomplish them. Please keep the Long Term Planning Committee in your prayers!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Monday @ 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, \$17,000 away from reaching our goal of \$45,000 for the project.)

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Today, we will listen to the Vicar preach from a text in Isaiah that speaks about the New Heavens and the New Earth. Sin will not be there. The problem is, you and I sin. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in Christ for his complete and unconditional forgiveness.

People: **Lord of heaven and earth, I come before you this evening and confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. I have no other place to turn than your mercy and grace. Forgive me of my sins and lead me to a closer walk with you. I ask this in Jesus name.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

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

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: For the government officials, especially for Barak and Tom, that they would diligently discharge their duties with humility and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

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, 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