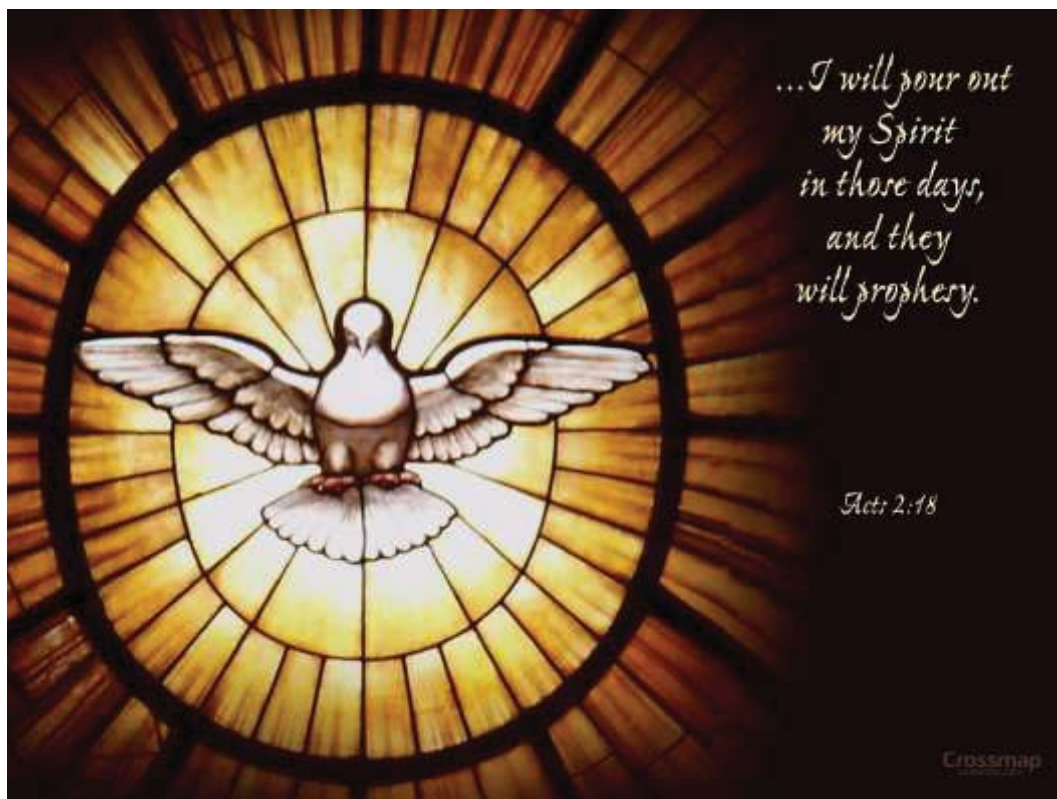


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** is this Sunday at the 10:30 service! Please be praying for our to-be Confirmands as they prepare to publically profess their faith in Christ and steadfastness to the Christian faith!

**ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS**—following this evening’s Service of Prayer and Preaching, we will be meeting to rehearse for Confirmation Sunday. It won’t take more than 15-20 minutes, but it is very important that you stick around.

**2.10.66.** For those who are interested in joining, as well as for those who want to take a crash-course in the basic teachings of the books of the Bible, we’ll be having a weekend full of fellowship and learning. Mark your calendars for June 12 (7-9pm) and June 13 (10-6) and let Pastor (or the church office) know you are interested in coming. Hope to see you there!

**JUBILEE SOUP KITCHEN** is where we’ll be serving, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. We’ll be serving food to those less fortunate. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area, if you are interested in serving.

**CAR WASH.** Come on out this Saturday 5/30 to Zion’s Annual End of Spring Car Wash! We’ll be washing and detailing cars for free from 10-2 in the church parking lot. We can use your help washing, vacuuming, drying, spritzing and spraying, grilling and serving. Oh, did I forget to mention that in addition to getting a free car wash and detail, you’ll also get something to eat while you wait? Absolutely! Mark your calendars and come out to Zion on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>!

**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](mailto:secretary@zlc.org) to volunteer.

# Welcome to worship!

Last Sunday, our focus was on the Communion of Saints; the connection we in the Church Militant (the church on earth) have with the Church Triumphant (the church in heaven). But last Sunday was also Pentecost Sunday, that Sunday in the church year when we remember and celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church and the first public proclamation of the Gospel. This evening, our focus is on that event.

I'm guessing we all know the basics of Pentecost: the Spirit descends like tongues of fire and all the people who were in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost heard the Apostles declaring the mighty deeds of God in their native language. But then Peter stands up and explains what is going on and, as you have probably been taught, proclaims the Gospel.

This evening, we're going to take a look at what Peter says. I think you'll be surprised at how he proclaims the Gospel. What he says is not what you'd think he would say in sharing the best news people could ever hear. But it works. Oh, does it work. And so it is my contention that we have a lot to learn from Peter in how we speak the good news of Jesus! God bless your time in worship this evening.

-Pastor Duncan

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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, Scripture is clear that even those who are living under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit mess up and, all too often, sin. These sins, left unchecked, would erode our most precious faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy for the sake of his Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, we confess that we have all sinned against you, against each other, and against our neighbors. Not only have we hurt ourselves and others, but we have dishonored you. Therefore, we ask that you would forgive us. Set us on the right path and teach us to live our days in faith and obedience. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: **Amen.**

## **The Reading: Acts 2:14-36**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall

dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit

at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

## **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 Spirit of God would protect our doctrine and life together, that both may agree with the Word of God, so that we might walk in true faith and obedience. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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 and prayer a priority in their lives. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our friends and acquaintances: that they would come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and that God would make us bold to speak the name of Jesus to those walking in darkness. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our enemies: that we would be reconciled to each other by the peace of God that passes all understanding so that our witness to them in word and deed would bear the fruit of repentance and faith. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For people we know who are ill: that the Lord would demonstrate his authority over sickness through restoring them to health. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who govern, that they would faithfully discharge the duties of their office with wisdom and integrity. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our time at the Jubilee Soup Kitchen, that as we share the love of God in Jesus, faith would be created and strengthened in the hearts and minds of those we serve. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our Car Wash, that through it the name of Jesus would be spoken and the people of the community served by Christ's church. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our Sunday School and VBS, that our young people would learn the truth of the Gospel and God's Word, grow in their faith in Christ and be firmly committed to their Lord. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our ministry to the youth, teenagers and young adults, that God would lead the right person to us to lead this ministry, so that not only the young people in our congregation would grow in faith and obedience, but that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would have an impact on all of the young people in our community. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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*