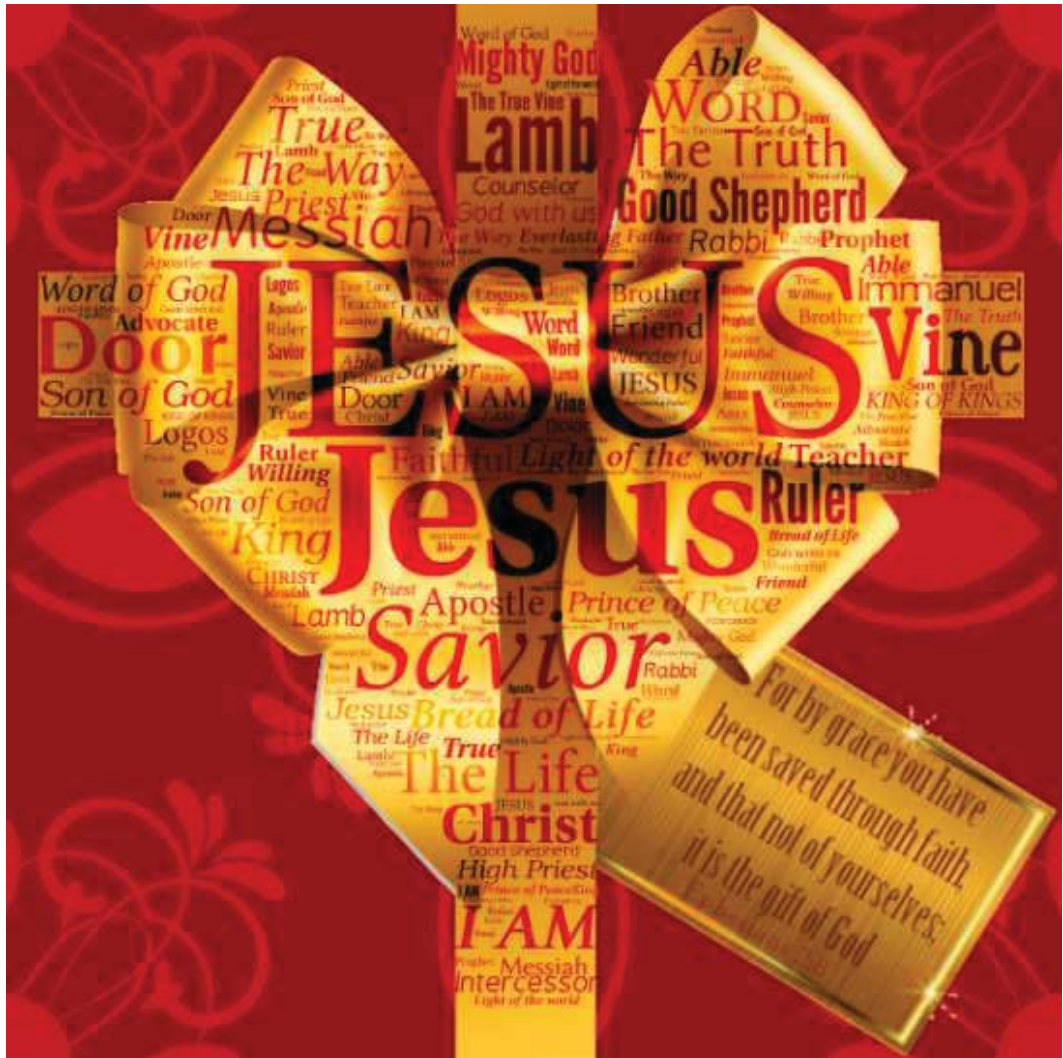


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Service of Prayer and Preaching  
Romans 6:19-23*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**J@CK!** Thanks to everyone who went on our Summer Mission Trip to Camp Pioneer! We had a good time serving, playing and praying. Look for more serving opportunities in the coming months as we seek to be a blessing to others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** The sanctuary has been renovated, we have air conditioning, and we added a Music Director. What's next for Zion? The next project we have in store is to renovate the kitchen. Look for more information about our Kitchen Refresh in the monthly newsletter, in bulletins (like this one) and on-line.

**ZION'S GOT TALENT.** Do you like to sing? Do other people like it when you sing? Does your shower listen to you sing? There are sign-up sheets in the narthex area for the Adult Choir and Youth Choir at Zion! There's also a place for you to sign-up if you can play a musical instrument (or instruments). We are expanding our music ministry and we want YOU to be a part of it! More information will be available in Zion's monthly newsletter and on-line.

**VICAR CHRIS** needs your help! He is responsible for organizing our Oktoberfest and will be asking for your help making our 6<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest the best one yet!

**ONE SERVICE.** We will have one service on Sunday for the month of August. 9:00 for worship; 10:15 for Bible Class (in the Fellowship Hall).

**HELP WANTED.** Zion's Office Administrator, Julie Huse, will be taking leave at the end of October when her and Brooks' baby is born. We will be sorry to see Julie leave, but fully support her decision to stay at home to raise their child. If you are interested in applying for the Office Administrator position, please contact Pastor Duncan.

# 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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this evening our focus is on the Epistle Lesson from last Sunday. In it, we learn that the wages of sin is death. Therefore, let us confess our sins so that we might receive forgiveness and life, escaping the penalty our sins deserve, and participate in the righteousness of Christ.

People: **Father in heaven, Your Word is clear: my sins deserve to be punished by death. I ask that you would forgive my sins by allowing the death of my Lord Jesus Christ to be my death, and His life my life. Guide me in this age as I look for your coming and eternal life. I ask this in His Name. Amen.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

### **The Reading: Romans 6:19-23**

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to

sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our 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 our congregation, that we would be diligent students of Scripture,  
faithful in practicing our faith, quick to show mercy and slow to anger, 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 members of our congregation who have been blessed with musical gifts  
and abilities, that they would consider how they might use their gifts in  
service to their Lord and His body, the church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Lohmeyer family, as they return to the Mission Field in the Dominican Republic, that our Lord would give them eyes of faith to see Him at work through their endeavors, 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 the ministry of Camp Pioneer, that the Lord would use it to bring people to faith in Christ, strengthen the faith of those who already believe, and keep their focus firmly on Jesus Christ and him crucified, 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*