

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NO TEMPTATION HAS SEIZED YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MAN. AND **GOD IS FAITHFUL**; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN STAND UP UNDER IT. 1 COR 10:13

*Service of Prayer and Preaching
1 Corinthians 10:6-13*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FANTASY FOOTBALL begins at the end of the month. If you'd like to be a part of Zion's Fantasy Football league, there's a sign-up sheet in the narthex area. Space is limited, so sign-up today!

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 6th 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.

NEXT WEDNESDAY we will have a Prayer Vigil during our Prayer and Preaching Service for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted worldwide, especially in places like Iraq. Please come.

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, as we listen to a text read that teaches us to expect hard times and trials, let us examine ourselves and find we are ill-prepared to handle all that the world throws at us that can take us away from our Lord. Not only that, but we ourselves sin and damage the faith we have been given through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us confess our sins and trust God to restore us to a right relationship with him.

People: **Father in heaven, the world is a hard place. You have protected me from much of the evil that is in it. But I have not made things easier by my decisions and priorities. I have put myself in harm's way and have damaged the faith you have given me. I ask, therefore, that you would forgive my sins and put my feet on the narrow path leading to life. I ask all of this in the name of my Lord, your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the

Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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 missionaries throughout the world, that they would be blessed to see you at work through what they do, keep them safe, and all them to cling to Christ for all their needs, 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