

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11th, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wayne Oechslein in Honor Barb's Birthday & In Honor of Irene Austin.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in Thanksgiving.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Lemonovich and his team, 7Lemons for winning the 3rd annual Fantasy Football League at Zion: The Zion Experience. As the champion, John has asked that donations (from other Team Owners and anyone so inclined) be made to the ALS

Association. <http://www.alsa.org/donate/> Thanks to everyone who participated in The Zion Experience and for donating to this worthy cause.

ALTER GUILD meeting for new and old members will be held on Sunday January 18th. There will be a meeting after the 1st service and 2nd service. The meeting will be informational so if you would like to find out more please join us! **FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** We're looking for volunteers for Free Coffee Friday and we can use your help. Our goal is to remind people of the love of God for them in Jesus as they drive to work. (And, hopefully, throughout the day.) Our first Free Coffee Friday will be February 13th from 7-8am. Sign-up on the sheet in the back of the narthex area if you are interested in helping out with Free Coffee Friday!

BACK TO THE BASICS is our theme for 2015. This morning, we begin our unit on the 10 Commandments. If you missed a week of going Back to Basics, you can listen to past sermons on our website: zxcb.org

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON is today, following the late service. If you are new to Zion (as a guest or member) and did not receive an invitation and would like to come, please talk to Pastor Duncan ASAP; we'd love to have you join us for lunch this afternoon!

HELP NEEDED with changing the sayings on the outside sign. If you would like to help with this please contact Pastor or the church office.

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is beginning! The men met for the first time yesterday, and the women will meet for the first time this Tuesday (7:30pm). If you are interested in joining our study of the book of Galatians, please talk to either Pastor or Alissa McLellan.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zxcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

This morning, our focus on going Back to Basics takes us all the way back to the book of Exodus, and the giving of the 10 Commandments. But more than simply a bunch of things giving to wilderness-wandering Israelites to do, the 10 Commandments summarizes for us the entire Law of God.

God's Law, discerned by reason and revealed in Scripture, not only tells us how God wants us to live; it also shows us that we cannot measure up to the standards of a holy and righteous deity. The Law, therefore, shows us that we are sinners and need a Savior.

This morning, we are going to take a look at the overall purposes for the Law, the context in which the 10 Commandments were given, and what the First Commandment says and means. This Commandment tells us to have no other gods in our life save the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you can get this Commandment right, the others fall into place. But we don't. We have things and people that take the place for God in our lives. And while we may not overtly worship things like money, power, success, our spouse, our children or our standing in the community, we do put our trust in these in areas where God has asked for us to trust him. The First Commandment leaves us in a difficult situation. God asks that we treat him as God and we don't. Fortunately God has revealed more to us than the Law; He has also revealed the Gospel; the good news that sins have been forgiven on account of Jesus, who fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us.

God bless your time in worship this morning!
-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Within the Father's House 410

The Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: As we begin our study on the 10 Commandments, we come to the uncomfortable realization that God is holy and demands we be righteous. We have fallen short of his standards and deserve wrath and punishment for our accidental and intentional disobedience. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ.

People: Almighty God, you have revealed your will for us in your Commandments. We have fallen short of your holy will for our lives and have chosen the path of disobedience and sin. Have mercy on us, restore us to a right relationship with you and lead us in the path of righteousness all the days of our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise 933

*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior has shown me favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, join in confessing
God, who is solely mighty and holy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely shall rest securely*

On all who fear Him, love and revere Him—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

*His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; the meek exalted.*

*Full are the hungry; empty the wealthy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token all that was spoken*

To Abraham’s offspring God is fulfilling—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your

mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

The New Testament Reading: Revelation 14:6-13

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Reading: John 8:48-59

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Christ Be My Leader

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your

ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

So remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Your Table I Approach

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Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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(Please stand)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: On What Has Now Been Sown

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Jennifer Fitzgerald (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Joyce Wood (8:00) Janet & Marian Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Steve Gauer, Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza & Mary Hutula

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/4) - 215

Offering (12/31) - \$1,222.50

Offering (1/4) - \$6,710.00

Week of Jan. 11 – Jan. 18

SUNDAY 1/11	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 1/12	7:00 PM – EGAF Meeting
TUESDAY 1/13	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 1/14	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Stephen Ministry
THURSDAY 1/15	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY 1/16	6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt.Lebanon
SATURDAY 1/17	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 1/18	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice