

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Thanks for His Blessings & by Renee Bozeman in Honor of Roxanne Burgh – her best friend since birth - I love you more.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in Thanksgiving.  
**MEN'S RETREAT. AGAIN.** We're going back to Camp Pioneer for another men's retreat this April. But here's the twist: we're meeting up with men from several other congregations in our District for a weekend of prayer, time in God's Word, spiritual reflection and fellowship. Mark your calendars for April 16-19<sup>th</sup>; details will be available in February's newsletter.

**ALTER GUILD** meeting for new and old members will be held this Sunday. There will be a meeting after the 1<sup>st</sup> service and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**OPERATION STARS AND STRIPES:** We are almost at our goal of collecting at least 250 of item! To reach our goal, we need **67** Ramen noodles, **102** drink mix singles and **20** gallon-sized Ziplok bags. Also consider helping with shipping costs (\$300 cost last year). Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and label "OSS Shipping".

**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: [zlc.org](http://zlc.org)

**???????** If you have questions about what you heard in this morning's sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday's service and posted online.

**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](http://ZLCB.org) website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlc.org/sermons](http://www.zlc.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, going Back to Basics takes us to the Second Commandment. Which some of you learned as the Third Commandment. For those of you who like to point fingers at the disunity in the Christian Church, you can add this to your list: we can't even agree on how to count to ten. Having said that, there's a good reason why some Christians say that the command to not take God's name in vain should be the Second Commandment; and other Christians have a good reason why their #2 Commandment is the prohibition against idols. The first group thinks that the command to not have idols should be lumped together with the command to have no other Gods before the Lord. The other group chooses to emphasize the prohibition against making graven images. (That group lumps the two Commandments prohibiting coveting into one.) There's some Reformation History behind the decisions that were made in numbering the Commandments which is interesting, but not what I wanted to fill this space with.

Where were we? Oh, right. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Or: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." Being far more than a prohibition against a 2-word 7-letter swear; it's an invitation to use God's name as He intended. But what does this mean? And why does it matter?

Don't forget: if you have questions on what you hear in the sermon this morning, or have a question about the topic we're focusing on this morning, you have an insert in your worship bulletin where you can ask away. Your question will be answered at the Wednesday evening service and posted on the church's website on Thursday.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

**Rev. Duncan McLellan, Pastor**

Pastor's Phone: 412-667-0967

Website: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)

Office Phone: 412-221-4776

Fax: 412-221-4780

# 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:** Hail, O Source of Every Blessing 409

### *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

### *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** This morning, our focus is on the appropriate use of God's name. If we are honest with ourselves, there are times when we have neglected to call on God's name or speak his name to others; and there are times when we misused his name, taking it in vain. Therefore, for this and the other sins we have committed, let us make our confession.

**People:** **Father in heaven, you have commanded us to call on your name, invited us to speak to you in prayer, and set an example for us that we should follow through the intercessions of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But we have failed to use your name as it should be used. We ask that you would have mercy on us for this and all our sins; give us an increase of the Holy Spirit that we might walk in your ways all the days of our lives.**

### *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: Deuteronomy 5:5-11**

While I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said: “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 on 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 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.

## **The New Testament Reading: Acts 19:11-20**

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:18-34**

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. Jesus, seeing that he had

become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Message (10:30)***

***Sermon Hymn:*** Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

589

### ***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)***

163

*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***

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

637

And Can it Be That I Should Gain

Insert

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

765

(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:*** Almighty Father, Bless the Word

923

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Nathan Morgan (8:00) Matthew Liberatore (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Kristen Neill (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 (1/11) - 214

Midweek Attendance (1/14) - 23

# Week of Jan. 18 – Jan. 25

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/18</b>	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
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/19</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/20</b>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/21</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/22</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/23</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/24</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/25</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice