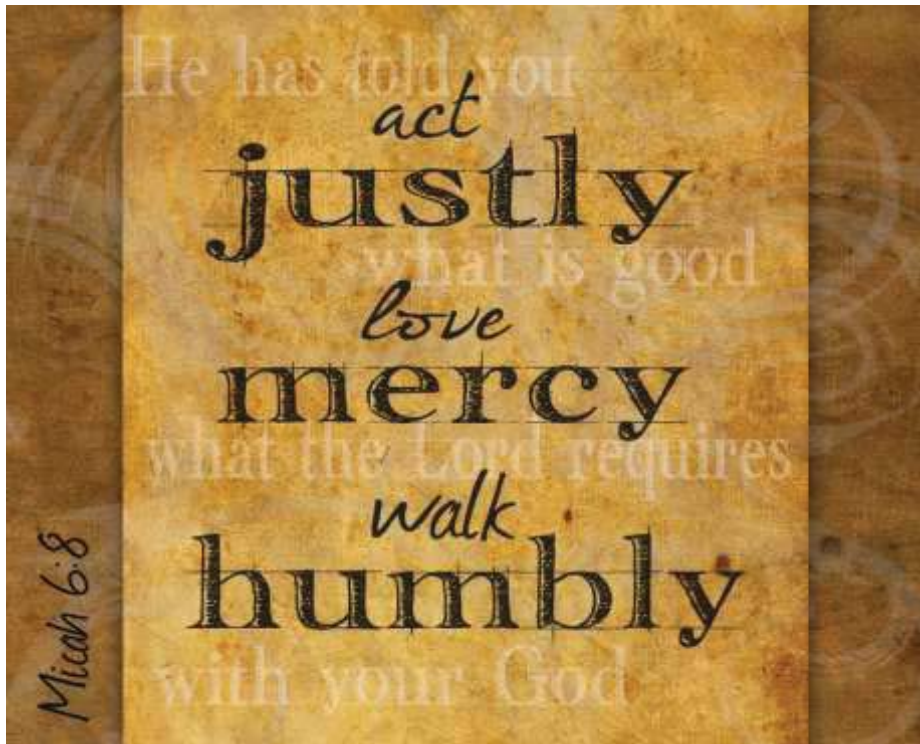


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of End Times
November 16th, 2014



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Lillian Dalla Piazza in Memory of Loved Ones and Mary Lou Rilee in Memory of her late husband Richard Rilee (12.9.40 – 11.18.12). **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her Grandson Matthew Christopher DeBoe.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY! We're looking for designs for our coffee mugs 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.) We'll have more information for you in the November Newsletter, but start thinking about what you'd like to see on the Free Coffee Friday coffee cups!

BACK TO THE BASICS. Three years ago we studied the Gospel of John together on Sunday morning here in worship. Two years ago we read through the Bible in a year. Last year we focused on memory passages. This year we added a service of prayer (and preaching). And now we are excited to announce that next year we are going to go BACK TO THE BASICS. We'll spend the year together in worship learning (and re-learning) the basics of the Christian faith. Look for more information in the December newsletter and right here in the Announcements!

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON is coming soon! If you've joined our church in the last year or so (or if you've been visiting with us for a good bit of time), look for an invitation to come to a free lunch where you can get to know the church leadership.

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2015. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER & SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT will be the evening of Sunday December 14th. See Insert for more information and reservation form.

GOT CARE? Walking on the narrow path of faith is hard. Sometimes we need a brother or sister in Christ to come along side us when we are going through the valleys. If you are going through hard times, please consider having a Stephen Minister walk with you, providing you with the Christ-centered care. Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill if you would like to know more about having a Stephen Minister.

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 will begin in January. We'll both be studying the same thing: Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Men will continue to meet on Saturday at 8:00am; women at a date and time TBA. The study will last for six weeks; fun for the whole family!

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

Welcome to worship!

“You do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.” These words, spoken by the opponents of Jesus (and used for our Gospel Lesson this morning), give us a glimpse into the personality of the Son of God.

Over the last year or so, in my personal study of God's Word, I've been struck with how Jesus never begs for disciples, and never pleads with people to follow him. (Compare this to a church that will do anything—even deny the truth of the Gospel—to attract new members.) But here we have even more than a Savior who is not a salesman. Here is a statement about Jesus that sets him apart from all other men, for he does not care what people think about him.

We like to tell our children not to give into peer pressure; we like to think we are not swayed by the opinions and behaviors of others. It's one thing to stand up for what you believe and not take a family vacation in Turks and Caicos, even though word around the neighborhood is that EVERYONE is doing it. It's even one thing to stay sober and celibate, honest and thrifty when everyone else around you is lewd and licentious, deceitful and greedy. It's another thing to stand up to the religious, political and social system because of your faith in a God who wants to be called Father, who loves orphan and widow as much as he loves priest and Pharisee, who demands the strictest obedience but provides an over-abundance of grace and forgiveness. And it's another thing all together to suffer and die when you could call down legions of angels to vanquish all who oppose you.

This morning, as you listen to God's Word read and preached, spend some time considering what it means to have a Savior that is now swayed or driven by the acceptance and opinions of others.

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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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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 we come together to worship our God, have our faith renewed through the preaching of the Gospel, and our fellowship with God strengthened through the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. But before we receive God's gifts, let us confess our sins and have our conscience cleared through his promise of absolution.

People: **Father in heaven, we come before you this morning weighed down with sin and shame. We ask that you would have mercy on us, forgive our sins and lead us in the way of righteousness for your name's sake. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[REFRAIN]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

[REFRAIN]

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

[REFRAIN]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[REFRAIN]

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: Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge

and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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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.

(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.

10:30 Service Children's Choir Offeratory – I Am Jesus Little Lamb

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty God. But chiefly are we to give you thanks for your great mercy in sending your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ into our world, to bear our flesh and be our Savior. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Let us 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 Words of Institution

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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sound

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Praise Be to Christ

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O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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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: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) David, Penny & Opal Miller (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Shane Bryant, and Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Sam Dragan, Dan Harris, Vince Kimberland & Richard Quinlin (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/2) – 228

Midweek Attendance (11/5) – 12

Offerings (11/9) – \$6,661.71

Week of Nov. 16 - 23

SUNDAY 11/16	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 Men’s Retreat Camp Pioneer
MONDAY 11/17	8:00 PM – Mon. Night Football & Fellowship @ Pizzaz
TUESDAY 11/18	
WEDNESDAY 11/19	2:00 PM – Photo Directory Pictures 7:00 PM – Prayer and Preaching
THURSDAY 11/20	10:00 AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 2:00 PM – Photo Directory Pictures 7:30 PM - Church Council
FRIDAY 11/21	2:00 PM – Photo Directory Pictures 6:30 PM – Bowling (AMF Mt. Lebanon)
SATURDAY 11/22	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 AM – Trustee Clean-Up Day 10:30 AM – Photo Directory Pictures
SUNDAY 11/23	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 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry