

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
Luke 6:46 -49



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IDEAS, PLEASE! We're looking for ideas for sermon series themes for 2015. If you have a topic, book, doctrine, issue, or area of interest that you would like to hear a sermon (or sermons) on, please let Pastor Duncan know. Thanks!

NEW DIRECTORY! It's been four years since we had our last Church Directory done; it's time for a new one. Family portraits will be taken 11/19-22; sign-ups will go through this week. Then... it's PICTURE TIME!!

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.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. Starting in January, the women's Bible study and the men's Bible study (currently Saturday @ 8:00am) will both be spending time in the same study on the book of Galatians. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and in this space. Right here.

MEN'S RETREAT. Attention men, mark your calendars! We're going back to Camp Pioneer for our second men's retreat November 13-16th. We'll be talking about men's issues and what it's like for us to stand out as Christians in the world. The cost is \$150 (Thursday-Sunday) or \$125 (Friday-Sunday) plus the cost for breakfasts and dinners. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex area.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY. We need your help! Before we can give away coffee and doughnuts, we need a design for the coffee mugs. We're looking for something—a verse or a phrase, along with an attractive design that can go on the coffee cups we'll be using for Free Coffee Friday. You e-mail your designs to Pastor Duncan or the Church Office: pastor@zlc.org or secretary@zlc.org We'll be taking ideas through the end of the year. Thanks for your help and being a part of Free Coffee Friday!!

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: as we prepare to listen to God's Word, profess our faith in him as he has been revealed to us in Scripture, and call upon him with our prayers, let us first confess our sins and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, thank you for giving me both the time and desire to come to church this evening to listen to your word and spend time with you in prayer. But if I were to listen to you now, I would be distracted by my sins and iniquities by which I have offended you and hurt my neighbor. And so, in order that I may worship you with a clean conscience and without distraction, I ask that you would forgive my sins, blot out my iniquities, and remove all that would separate me from you as far as the east is from the west. Have mercy on me, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Revelation 7

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

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

For the prayers this evening, you are invited to come to the Communion Rail and kneel.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Pastor: For our congregation: that the Lord would continue to guide and direct all
that we do in his name. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our families: that we would be good examples for them and that they
would be led to trust in the Lord for all things, learn about him from his
word, and fully commit their lives to following him. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our friends and acquaintances: that our witness to them in word and
deed would be used by the Holy Spirit for the glory of God. Let us pray.

Pastor: For people we know who are ill: that the Lord would grant them healing
from their afflictions. Let us pray.

Pastor: For the lonely: that they would enjoy fellowship with God and that our Lord
would bless them with companionship. Let us pray.

Pastor: For those who grieve: that the Lord would strengthen their faith in him, the
forgiveness of sins and resurrection unto eternal life, and that he would
turn their mourning to joy in his time. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully witness to the
resurrection and the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us pray.

Pastor: For the concerns we have in our hearts. Let us pray.

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold 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.**

The Benediction