

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

*Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity
October 19th, 2014*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Megan Richards in Memory of her parents Frank & Luella Rilius and Kim & Jay Anderson in Honor of Jay's parent's anniversary on Oct. 21st.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judy Dames in Memory of Gregory, Raymond, Andy & Paula.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY! Do you want to brighten someone's day and make a difference with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Coming soon, we'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts to the people driving to work on Washington Pike for an hour on Friday morning. We'll have more information in the November Newsletter as well as in the worship bulletin. Contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office if you'd like to know more!!!

ZION LIONS SOFTBALL! Yes, you read that right. We have a scrimmage game at Pleasant Valley Elementary on 10/25 starting at 11:00am. Softball in October. We're that good.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?! It's been four years since our last Church Directory and it's time for a new one. Mark your calendar for November 19-22, the days when family portraits will be taken for the directory. Sign-ups have begun. Go to <http://www.zlcb.org/home/2014/9/30/zions-photo-directory.html> for registration instructions. You can also sign-up for a time following the service in the back of the sanctuary.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES! If you have a college student we would love to send them a care package. Please email secretary@zlcb.org with their address by October 21st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL needs 2 more volunteers for the November Unit, "Follow the Star". Available stations are Cookery, Games, Science and Music. To volunteer, fill out the enclosed form and give to Katie Gielarowski or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

NATIONAL FAMILY PROMISE is from Oct. 19-26. They celebrate the uniting of the faith community to help children and their families who are homeless. Since opening in Washington PA in 1995 they have served nearly 500 families and 80% have successfully moved from the program into their own homes. Family Promise is grateful to Zion Lutheran Church and the FP coordinator, Barb Oechslein, for all she has done over the years to support the families God has entrusted to our care.

MEN'S RETREAT. Men, mark your calendars from November 13-16th for our Fall Men's Retreat. We'll be headed up to Camp Pioneer (a 3 hour drive from church) for a weekend of fellowship and devotion, Bible study and relaxation as we look at what it means to stand out in our world as a Christian man. All ages are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet and additional information in the Narthex. The cost is \$125 for Friday-Sunday and \$150 for Thursday-Sunday plus the costs for breakfasts and dinners.

HEALTHCARE SEMINAR will be held immediately following the 2nd service in the fellowship hall on Sunday November 2nd. Information available on the Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Tuesday's from 7:30-8:45 pm! Ruth: Love, Loss and Legacy. Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy comes alive in Kelly Minter's Ruth: Loss, Love and Legacy-the second study in the Living Room Series. This 6-week Bible study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth. Contact Alissa McLellan with questions. All are welcome! Bring your friends!

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!

If you want to advance in the company, what's more important: to work hard, or to know the boss? Is the student who's on a first-name basis with the teacher more or less likely to get a better grade than the student who flies under the radar?

In our gospel lesson this morning, the Pharisees confront Jesus, asking him a question to trap him. Jesus had not been a good guest in their home city of Jerusalem and they wanted to silence him before things really got out of hand. So they ask him a question designed to trip him up: what is the greatest commandment? Jesus answers: love the Lord and love your neighbor. Bingo. Not surprisingly, Jesus gets it right.

But then Jesus goes on the offensive. The Pharisees asked the question that they thought salvation depended on. If you know what God wants you to do, then all you have to do is do it. But Jesus sets them straight. Yes, knowing what God wants you to do is important. Loving God and loving your neighbor matters. What you do matters. But what matters for salvation is something different altogether.

"Whose son is the Christ," Jesus asks. It's a humble way of asking a question he has already posed to his disciples: "who do you say that I am?"

When it comes to salvation, hard work is not enough. What matters is who you know—and who knows you. Jesus teaches the Pharisees that he is more than a flesh and blood descendant of David; he is the eternal son of the Father. He teaches the Pharisees that, more than they good works and knowledge of the law, he is able (and willing) to be their savior, and the savior of the whole world.

-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: Glory Be to God the Father

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

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: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and

loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise.

He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Please stand)

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’?”

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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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 on 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)

Choir Anthem: In the Light of the Lord

(10:30)

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: 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

If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death	486
Holy Spirit, Light Divine	496
When Peace, like a River	763

(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**

† Service Participants †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Rob Oelschlager
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernie & Jean Blanco(8:00) Chuck & Debra LaJeunese (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, and Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00) Steve Gauger, Josh Gielarowski, Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott, and Kari and John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller and Millie Thielet

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/12) -172

Midweek Attendance (10/15) - 12

Offerings (10/12) - \$4,869.18

Week of Oct 19 - 26

SUNDAY 10/19	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/Communion
MONDAY 10/20	8:00PM – Mon. Night Football & Fellowship @ Pizzaz
TUESDAY 10/21	7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 10/22	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching
THURSDAY 10/23	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft)
FRIDAY 10/24	6:30 – Bowling League @ AMF Mt. Lebanon
SATURDAY 10/25	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 5:00PM – Harvestfest
SUNDAY 10/26	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 9:15AM – Voters Meeting 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion