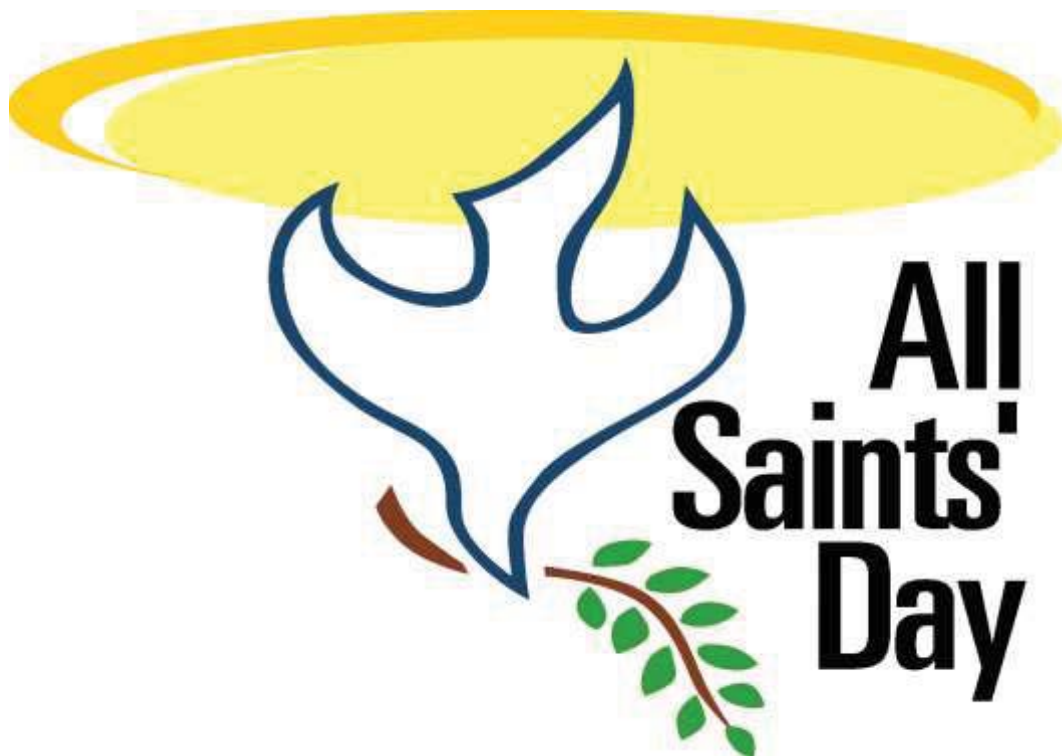


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



All Saints Sunday
November 2nd, 2014



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Susan Bishop in Memory of Loved ones and Bernice DeBoe in Memory of Parents, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Lois Klemash in Memory of her parents.

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!

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.

MEN'S RETREAT. SIGN-UP TODAY. You won't want to miss our second Men's Retreat @ Camp Pioneer. From paintball to a bonfire, time in God's Word and prayer, and other special events that we'll keep you in suspense about, there is something for everyone! Men of all ages are welcome to come. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex area bulletin board.

HEALTHCARE SEMINAR will be held immediately following the 2nd service in the fellowship hall on Nov. 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.

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!

Welcome to Worship!

“What happens to us when we die?” Whether from a sense of curiosity, the loss of someone we love, or a healthy recognition of our own mortality, we want to be comforted with knowing that there is life after death and, if there is, that it is preferable to life before death.

This Sunday, we celebrate “All Saints Day.” It is the Sunday in the church year when we mourn the loss of those who have preceded us in death, but rejoice in the salvation given to those who are in Christ. But All Saints Sunday is more than that. It is an answer to the question: “what happens to us when we die?” It is the confident reply that, yes, there is life after death, and because of what Jesus has done, it is, in the words of Saint Paul, “better by far” than the life we currently experience.

This morning, we are going to look at what our life after death will be like. But more than that, we are going to look at what our life in Christ should look like now. Unfortunately, it seems like many Christians think Christ has promised them a good life in the future, if only they will sit on their hands and keep their mouths shut in this life. But nothing could be further from the truth! Christ has given us the Holy Spirit so that we can begin to enjoy today—right now—the kind of life he has promised us in the life of the age to come.

God bless your time in worship as you encounter the Jesus of the Scriptures and have your faith in his death and resurrection strengthened through Word and Sacrament!

-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: For All the Saints

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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: On this All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the rest and salvation the faithful departed enjoy. We also contemplate our own sin-caused mortality and need for a Savior.

People: **And we confess our sins, not because we question the love of God for us in Jesus, but because we believe in it.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for the rest and salvation you have given to many. We ask that, in your mercy, you would pardon our sins and give us a desire to follow you in faith and obedience. 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 First Reading: Revelation 7

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The New Testament Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

(Please stand)

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: We Praise You, O God

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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.

(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

Praise and Thanksgiving	789
How Firm a Foundation	728
Come unto Me, Ye Weary	684

(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: Lift High the Cross 837

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Nathan Morgan (8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Rob Oelschlager (8:00) Vince & Ginny Kimberland (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

Week of Nov2.- Nov. 9

SUNDAY 11/2	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
MONDAY 11/3	7:00 PM– Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM – Mon. Night Football & Fellowship @ Pizzaz
TUESDAY 11/4	7:15 PM – Board Of Education Meeting 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 11/5	7:00 PM – Prayer and Preaching
THURSDAY 11/6	10:00 AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 7:30 PM– Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 11/7	5:00 – 8:00 PM – Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt.Lebanon
SATURDAY 11/8	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 11/9	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45PM – Children’s Choir Practice Food Bank Collection

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/19) – 208

Midweek Attendance (10/22) – 15

Offerings (10/19) – \$4675.25