

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Seventh Sunday After Trinity*  
*August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Roxanne Burgh, in honor of her grandson Nathaniel's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, and by Jack, Jacque Oelschlager, in memory of Karl Oelschlager and Naomi Newell.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Klemash, in honor of all the little children of the world.

**ADULT CHOIR** sign-up is in the narthex area. We will begin practicing soon, so don't delay in signing-up. Under new direction, the choir looks to grow and improve. If you don't sing (or even hum), we can still use you! Sign-up today.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex area for children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Once things get started, we will be meeting weekly to learn music to sing in the Sunday Worship Service. Don't have experience singing? Great! We can work with that ☺

**PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?** We would love to have you use your musical gifts in the Sunday Worship Service. If you play a musical instrument, we can use you! From the piano to the trumpet, the flute to the kazoo, we can find a place for you in our music ministry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins September 7th! Children ages 3-18 are welcome. If your child has never attended Sunday school and would like to, please register via email to [winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com) or contact our church secretary.

**A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** is needed for the Confirmation class (6th-8th grade unconfirmed). Anyone interested should contact Katie Gielarowski at (724) 713-6523 or email [winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com).

**ZION LIONS SOFTBALL** is gearing up for the playoffs! Check out [cvcsl.net](http://cvcsl.net) for game dates and times.

**BOWLING.** It's almost time to sign-up for bowling! Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more info.

**J@CK.** Thanks to those who participated in our annual Summer Mission Trip! We had a blast up at Camp Pioneer. We painted, stained, cleaned, trimmed, played paintball, shot hoops, enjoyed a campfire, and time together in God's Word. Look for another service opportunity down the road as we seek to make a difference in the lives of others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**ZLCB Oktoberfest:** The 6th annual Zion Lutheran Church Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sunday September 7, 2014. The outdoor event will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at 3197 Washington Pike in Bridgeville. The festival setting will include concessions for German food and drinks, events for children, a DJ and more.

Starting next Sunday, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to work at the various concessions. Please consider signing up to assist or to lead in a particular area.

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP!** Sometimes you just can't make it to church on Sunday. Good thing we offer a midweek service of Prayer and Preaching on Wednesday starting at 7:00pm! If you can't make it to Sunday worship, or if you simply want some time in the Word, Prayer and Fellowship, come join us for MIDWEEK WORSHIP!

**PLEASE PRAY** for Zion member Kristen Neill who will begin her Stephen Ministry Leadership Training today. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

How many times does Jesus need to do the same thing before His disciples understand? The Gospel lesson this morning tells us Jesus miraculously feeding four thousand people. Does this not sound quite right? Shouldn't it be the five thousand men? Well, no. That is what happened earlier in the gospel of Mark, in chapter 6. But in chapter 8, Jesus again feeds an extraordinary amount of people. He is in a Gentile land, but it is the same story. A crowd of people are following Jesus, and they did not bring enough food. Jesus sees that the people are hungry and does not send them home, because they might faint on the way. The disciples are worried about what the people are going to eat. They are once again blind to see the Manna from Heaven standing before them and crave earthly bread. Jesus provides bread for them to eat, so much so that there are seven baskets full of leftovers. It is an ironic story and comes at a critical point in Mark, and one that does not paint the disciples in a good light. These Jews, who had been following the Son of God, were worrying about what they were going to eat. But the Gentiles, who were following Jesus and listening to Him teaching, did not worry about food. They did not bring any, but followed Jesus and were fed by His teaching for three days. Jesus knows the physical limitations of the bodies He created and does not send them away to faint on the road. Instead, He provides them with both earthly bread and heavenly bread and sends them away satisfied. In the same way, He feeds us as we pray confidently, "Give us this day our daily bread", knowing that He will. He feeds us when the pastor announces that we are forgiven. We eat bread and wine for the Lord's Supper. He provides for our physical needs through various means, and feeds us with His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Though we, like the disciples, are often blind to this, Jesus continually and graciously showers us with His good gifts. These gifts not only include food clothing, house and home, but also forgiveness, life, and salvation.

-Vicar Chris

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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:** Just as I Am, without One Plea 570

## *The Invocation*

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

People: Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

Vicar: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Vicar: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

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**

Vicar: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

**The Service of the Word**

**The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:7-17**

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon.

It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

## **The New Testament Reading: Romans 6:19-23**

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Please stand)

**Vicar:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:1-9**

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" And he asked them, "How many

loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

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

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

(Please be seated)

**Sermon Hymn:** Lord of All Hopefulness

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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)

**Benediction**

**People:** Amen

**The Recessional:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Chris McCarthy
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Frank Vallelunga and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Carley Rockovich
The Greeters:	George, Jane and Michael Kozak
The Ushers:	Joe Gielarowski, Loren Luedeman, Jim Oelschlager and Lois Sauro
Altar Guild:	Volunteers

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/3) – 157

Offerings (7/27) – \$3836



# Week of August 3 - 10

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8/3</b>	9:00AM – Worship 10:15AM – Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>8/4</b>	7:00PM – Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>8/5</b>	7:15PM – Board of Education (Conference Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>8/6</b>	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching (Sanctuary)
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>8/7</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:30PM – Elders (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>8/8</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>8/9</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8/10</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	9:00AM – Worship 10:15AM – Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)