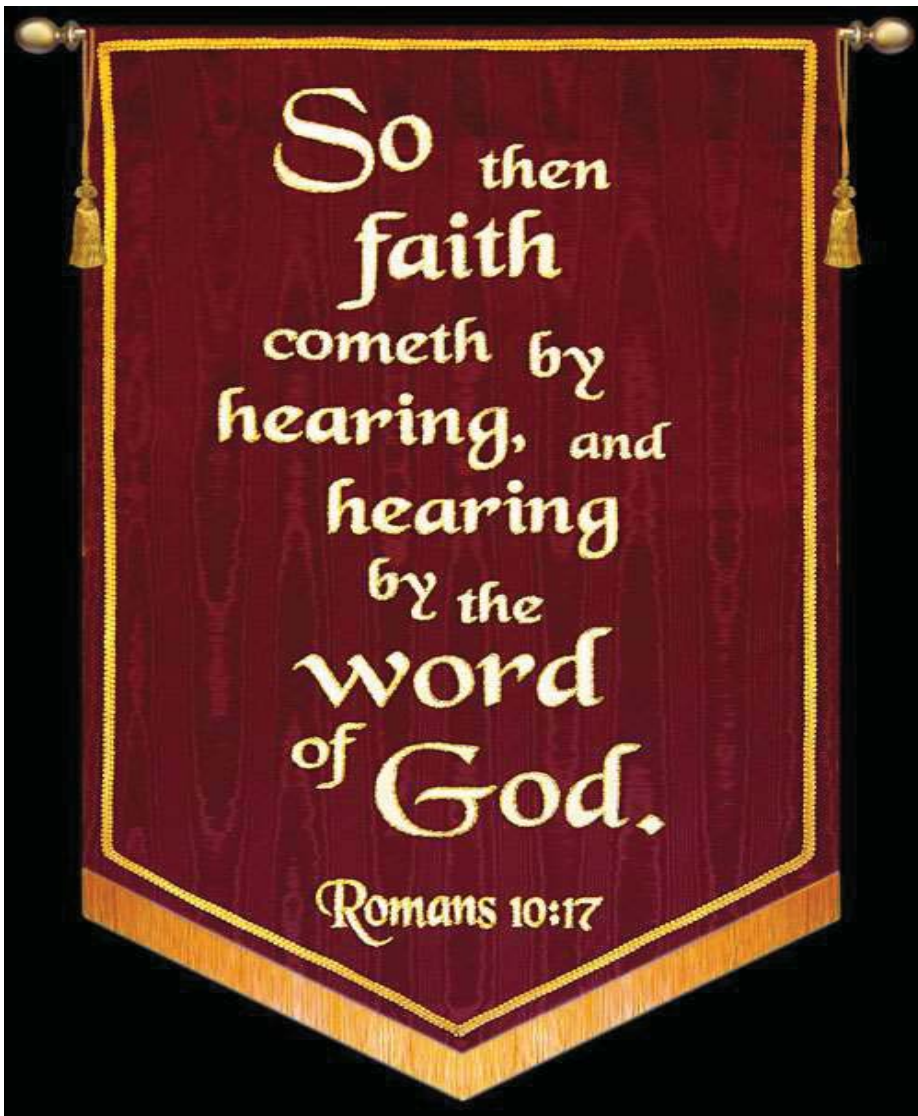


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching

Romans 10:6-17



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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; look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex area in the next several weeks.

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.

STREET HOCKEY. Next Wednesday, before the Midweek Service, starting at 6pm, we'll be playing Street Hockey. Wear your sneakers and get ready to have some fun!

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.

CONFIRMATION. Want to help our young people learn the basics of the Christian faith? Want to review the basics of the faith? We can use your help this year with our Confirmation Instruction. Talk to Pastor Duncan if you are interested in helping out. (Please be interested in helping out. -Pastor Duncan)

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Vespers

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare your praise**

Ps.51:15

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Ps. 70:1

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia.

People: **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth. Unite my heart to fear your name that I may walk in your truth. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Ps. 86:11, 119:105

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

People: **For he has regarded the lowliness of his hand maiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call be blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is his name; and his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.**

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

People: **He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.**

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

People: **He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**

Luke 1:46-55

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Romans 10:6-17

But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the upcoming men's retreat, that it would lead the men who attend to put Christ first in all areas of their life, becoming more comfortable making important decisions based on their Christian faith, and grow closer to each other in Christian unity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the upcoming women's Bible Study, that it would be used to strengthen faith while creating fellowship and Christ-centered conversations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor under adverse conditions, that their faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel would bear the fruit of repentance and faith in the lives of their family, friends and those who persecute them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For members of our congregation who have been blessed with musical gifts and abilities, that they would consider how they might use their gifts in service to their Lord and His body, the church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For missionaries throughout the world, that they would be blessed to see you at work through what they do, keep them safe, and all them to cling to Christ for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the E3 Conference, that it would be used to create fellowship between like-minded congregations and lead to greater confidence in speaking the name of Jesus in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

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