

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Twelfth Sunday After Trinity  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by David and Mary Hutula, in honor of their 50th anniversary, and by Nancy and Paul Klemash, in honor of Andrew's birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by David and Mary Hutula, in honor of Norman Hutula.

**OKTOBERFEST** is TODAY! The fun starts at 3:30, but come earlier to help set-up. Bring your family and friends; make this the best Oktoberfest yet! Proceeds will go to several Preschool projects as well as to the church's Outreach and Assimilation.

**HELP!** Come early or stay late, we need your help setting-up and cleaning-up at Oktoberfest. It may be 30-60 minutes for you, but it's a world of difference to us!

**ZION'S GOT TALENT!** Musical talent, that is. There are sign-up sheets for our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir (3-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Instrumental Music in the narthex area. Practices for all of our music groups will begin in the fall. We hope you'll become a part of our music ministry here at Zion!

**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. Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church in the next couple of weeks.

**STREET HOCKEY.** Yes, STREET HOCKEY. Mark your calendar for September 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll be playing street hockey BEFORE the Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching. We will take to the parking lot for some fun and games as we play STREET HOCKEY. (7-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, this is for you, but college students and young-at-heart older adults are welcome to play too!) The fun starts at 6:00. No skates, just shoes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins TODAY! We'll meet in the sanctuary for a time of introduction before heading to our classrooms. We'd love to see YOU in Sunday School; it's going to be a great year!!

**LEAGUE BOWLING STARTS SEPTEMBER 12.** Zion's league bowling season starts on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and consists of 18 sessions, one every-other-week. The bowling fee is \$12 per session (session consists of 3 games) and does not include shoes. There is a \$20 start-up fee which helps fund the league throughout the season. We welcome members 18 and older (some exceptions may apply) for a great evening of bowling and fellowship. Plus we have a bowling banquet at the end of the season! If you're interested in bowling, please talk to Jim or Janet Oelschlager or email Jim at [oelsch@verizon.net](mailto:oelsch@verizon.net) or Janet at [nanao2710@yahoo.com](mailto:nanao2710@yahoo.com). This is a great way for new members to make friends in a casual atmosphere.

**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.

**EASTERN DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT** Sept. 19-21, 2014. See Barb Fisher for more info.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** Starts Tuesday, September 16 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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Cat got your tongue? Survey after survey confirms what every high school student giving a presentation in front of class knows to be true: our number one fear is speaking in public. This morning our readings focus on speaking and hearing.

As Christians, we have a message to speak to all who will listen. We have the good news of our Savior, Jesus. Paul tells us that “faith comes through hearing.” But if faith comes through hearing, then someone has to do the hard work of speaking, of giving a reason for the hope that they have, speaking the name of Jesus.

I hope that you will be challenged this morning to speak the name of Jesus to a world full of people that either need to hear it for the first time, or who need a healthy dose of the gospel as they go about their day. Those who have never heard the name of Jesus need to know that they are loved by God, forgiven and redeemed, and promised the gift of everlasting life. Those who have heard it are walking the dangerous and difficult walk of faith and need to be reminded when the world and their sin gets them down that they serve the Lord of Life, who has shed his blood that they might live eternally.

I read an article on the internet last week about the Art of Small Talk. The author gave tips for how to start casual conversations and the benefit of having these conversations. By and large, we’re pretty good at small talk. We can easily comment on the weather, the price of gasoline, or the upcoming Steelers’ season. We can ask about kids, work, school and sports. We’re even pretty good at giving our opinions about world events, politics and issues closer to home. But while important, these conversations are predictable. Instead, maybe it’s time we took a chance with the things we talk about. Maybe it’s time we said something of consequence and significance, something that could change the course of someone’s day and make a difference in their lives. Maybe it’s time we spoke the name of Jesus.

-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:*** Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing 421

## ***The Invocation***

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

**People:** Amen.

## ***Confession of Sins***

**Pastor:** This morning, we will listen to a story about the compassion Jesus had for a man who was disabled. He could not hear and he could not speak. Trusting in the same mercy and grace of God that opened the ears and loosed the tongue of the man who was deaf and mute, let us confess our sins to our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Lord Jesus Christ, your Word tells me that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I have tried to save myself. I have looked to other people and things to rescue me from that which only you can deliver me. And so I come to you this morning, begging for your forgiveness. Remove my sin from me and give me the privilege and joy of living the life I was created to live. I ask this in your name. Amen.

## ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

**People:** Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:*** This Is the Feast 171

***Pastor:*** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

### **People:**

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory of our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### **The Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

### **Commissioning of Preschool and Sunday School Teachers (10:30)**

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24**

Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,  
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,  
who by a word make a man out to be an offender,  
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,  
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale.

For when he sees his children,  
the work of my hands, in his midst,  
they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,  
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

## **The New Testament Reading: Romans 10:5-17**

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on 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 abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good

news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

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

(Please be seated)

### ***The Children's Message (10:30)***

***Sermon Hymn:*** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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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.

### ***Choir Offertory: We Sing the Mighty Power of God (10:30)***

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in his body and blood.

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***

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

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Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

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Just as I Am, without One Plea

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(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

***The Recessional:*** When to Our World the Savior Came

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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele and Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Nathan Morgan (8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Joyce Wood (8:00) Lois Klemash (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier and Jack Oelschlager (8:00) Steve Gauger, Josh Gielarowski, Sam Dragan and Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Paula Jones and Rose Steranko

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/31) – 140

Midweek Attendance (9/3) – 24

Offerings (8/31) – \$3294.75

# Week of Sept 7 - 14

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/7</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00PM – Confirmation Meeting (Conference Room) 3:30PM – Oktoberfest (Outside)
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/8</b>	7:00PM – Trustees (Conference Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/9</b>	7:15PM – Board of Education (Conference Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/10</b>	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/11</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 7:30PM – Church Council (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/12</b>	6:30PM – Bowling (AMF Mt. Lebanon)
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/13</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/14</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion