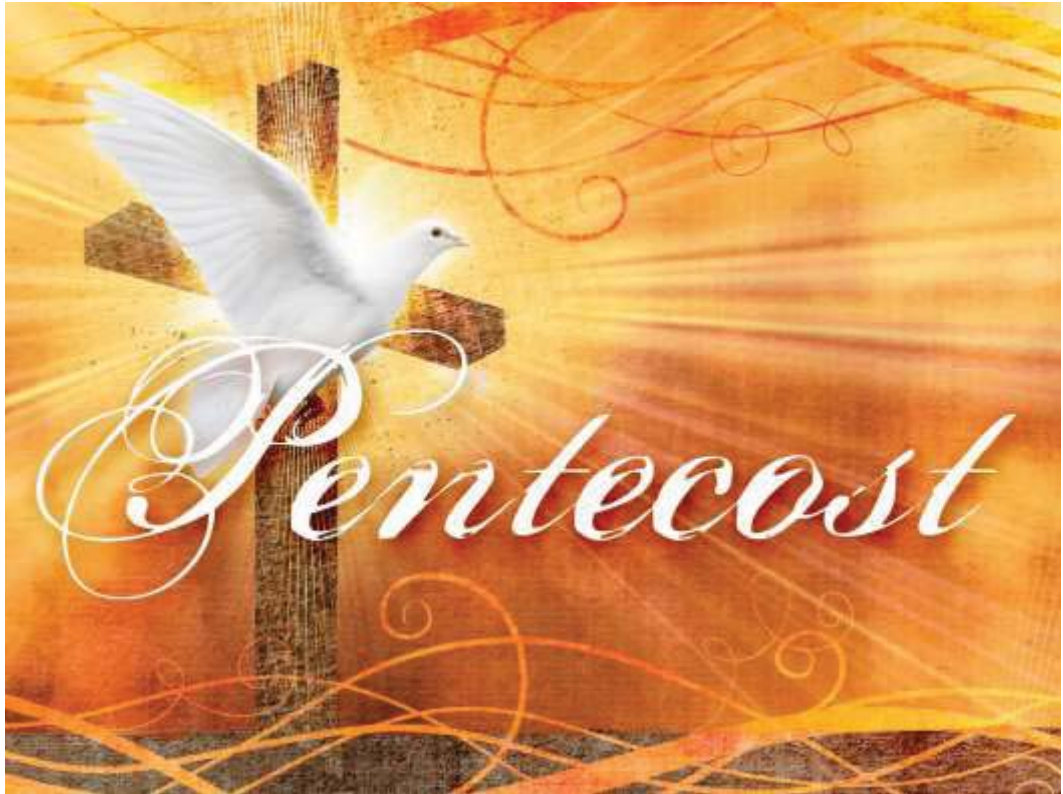


Zion Lutheran Church



Pentecost Sunday
May 24th 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Sharon Bogdan in Memory of Josephine Collura.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? We are having a New Member Instruction Weekend (we'll think of a more catchy name for it, we promise) June 12th and 13th. If you are interested in joining Zion or want to know more about what we believe, mark your calendars and look for more information in this space, the church's website and the May Newsletter!

Special Father's Day Music: In honor of all fathers in our congregation we are performing special arrangement of "Now Thank We All Our God" on Sunday June 21st. We are looking for any male who is interested in singing in our all male choir that day. No choir experience necessary for this event! We will have our first rehearsal Thursday June 11 at 7:00pm in the choir loft. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

MISSION TRIP: Mark your calendar for this Summer's mission trip. August 2nd-August 7th @ Camp Pioneer. This trip is open to all age groups. Look for more information coming soon! See Andrea Vogel with any questions.

SERVICE EVENT: We will be doing a service project to Jubilee Soup Kitchen on June 6th & June 20th from 9:00am – 1:00pm. We need 8-10 volunteers per session to serve food to the homeless & Speak the name of Jesus to those we serve. Please sign up in the narthex. Any questions can be directed to Alissa McLellan.

CHURCH NURSERY: With all of our new little members we are starting a nursery during church! We are looking for volunteers for this ministry. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in helping.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY! Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: June is the last month of Sunday school rotation until the fall. June's unit is "Three Women of Faith". Please see the insert to volunteer.

VBS: Consider volunteering to be a crew leader, help in the nursery or kitchen, or help in a station (Storytelling, Games, Imagination Station). Volunteer forms are in the narthex. Visit Zion's website for VBS details and forms! www.zlcb.org/vbs

CAR WASH! Mark your calendars for May 30th, as we will be having our 8th "Car Wash, Detail, Wax and Food" right here at Zion from 10-2. Come early and help us set up as we serve the community by providing a free car wash (and interior detailing) with food while our guests wait for the work to be done. It's fun for the family and a great way to serve others in the name of Jesus!

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

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!

This morning our focus is on the “Communion of Saints.” Last week, we took a look at what we mean when we profess our faith in “one, holy, Christian and Apostolic Church.” And, in doing so, we touched on part of our topic this morning: the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant; in other words, the church on earth and the church in heaven.

It seems like every-other week, someone is coming out with a book that swears they saw what heaven is like. And, it seems, that every vision of “heaven” that these books relate puts the emphasis oddly on lost loved ones and not on the one in the center of the throne. It’s as if these books were written to alleviate our fears that we won’t ever see our loved ones again after they die. It’s as if these books were written to tell us what we want to hear. These books will continue to sell because the image given to us of heaven from the book of Revelation is a lot more difficult to understand.

This morning, we are going to spend our time together contemplating what life might be like for those in the “church triumphant,” heaven. We will also take a look at how this compares to how Jesus describes what the lives of his disciples will be like in the “church militant,” the church on earth. I want to take time this morning to answer several questions about heaven that I’ve been asked over the last ten-or-so years because the answers to them given in Scripture are better than the human fictions that are created to make people feel better.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-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, 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: O Worship the King

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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

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this morning we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church at Pentecost as we look at the connection between the church on earth and the church in heaven. We have been given the Holy Spirit to give us faith and lead us in obedience to everything Christ has commanded us in his Word. Therefore, let us confess that we have not let the Holy Spirit become the controlling influence in our lives; we have chosen to listen to our sinful flesh instead of following Christ and stand in need of forgiveness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, you have been kind and good to me. You died on the cross for my sins and sent the Holy Spirit into my life to lead me in faith and obedience. But I have shut him out and have obeyed the devil, the world and my own sinful flesh. I want to start new today. I want a clean slate. Forgive my sins, deal with me in kindness and patience and lead me to follow you all the days of my life. I ask this in your name. Amen!

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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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: Isaiah 60: 1-11

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you the rams of Nebaioth shall

minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

The New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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, 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?" 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."

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: We Are Called to Stand Together

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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)

Offertory – Adult Choir – Praise to the Lord The Almighty

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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

621

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

761

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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(Please stand)

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Lift High the Cross

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Melanie Becker (8:00) Norm & Brittany Dill & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag Janet & Larry Zreliak(8:00) Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Barbara Oechslein, Diana Schmidt & Megan Pasquini



Attention Parents with Small Children:

Sunday Worship is a time when we can gather together in fellowship to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful freedom we have. For all to hear the word, we have a nursery located downstairs for children who become inattentive during the service, where the sermon can be heard. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding the nursery!

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/17) – 204

Wednesday Attendance (5/20) – 15

Sunday Offering (5/17) – \$4,441.00

Week of May 24th – May 31st

<p>SUNDAY 5/24 PENECOST</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir</p>
<p>MONDAY 5/25</p>	<p>Memorial Day</p>
<p>TUESDAY 5/26</p>	<p>6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 5/27</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:00 PM – Zion Lion’s Softball @ McLaughlin Field</p>
<p>THURSDAY 5/28</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice</p>
<p>FRIDAY 5/29</p>	<p>7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday</p>
<p>SATURDAY 5/30</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 5/31</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion / Confirmation / Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir</p>