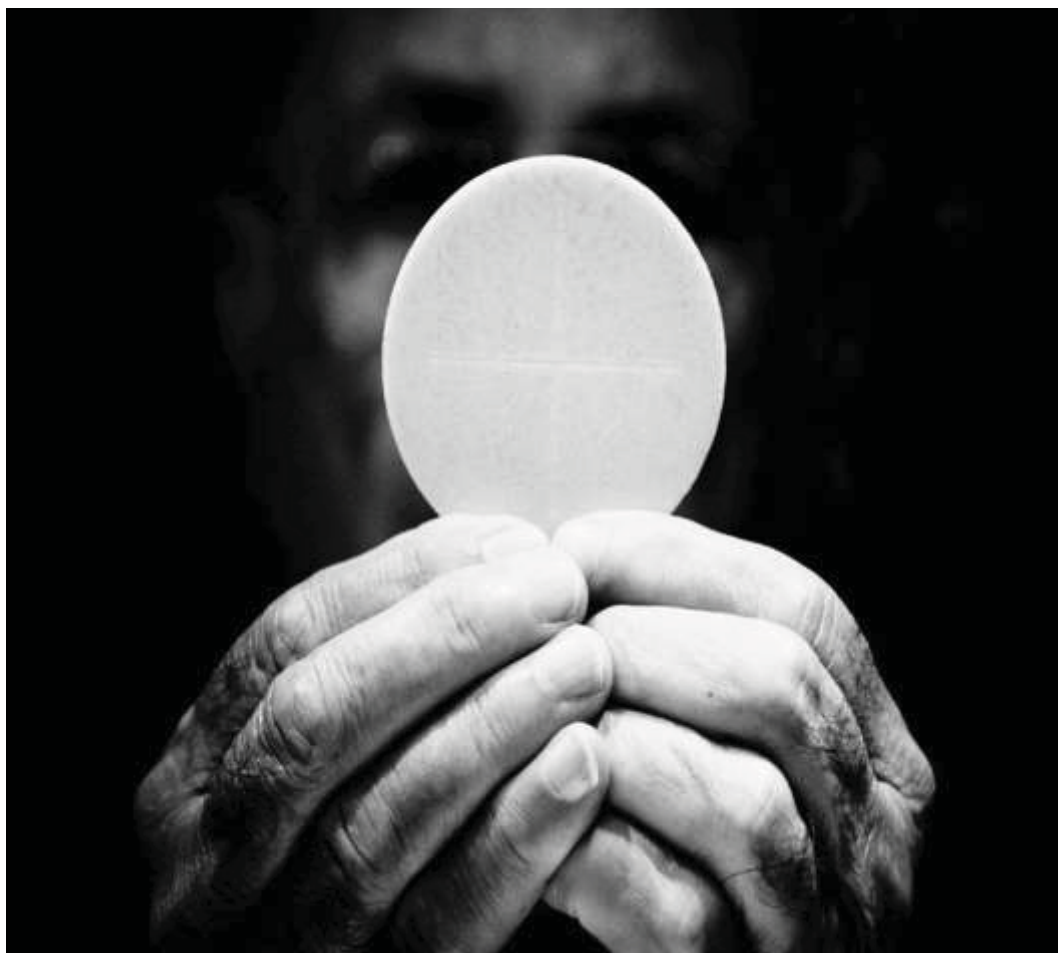


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
June 24th, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YES! We will have Bible Study Thursday morning, Free Coffee Friday on Friday and Men's Bible Breakfast on Saturday (8am).

NO! We will not have any of them next week. Pastor is out of town.

NURSERY! Zion will have a staffed nursery for children 3 and under starting in July during the late service. If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more, please contact the church office!

ORANGE OUT. In order to raise awareness for the persecuted church and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are going to have another "Orange Out" Sunday, July 19th here at Zion. Wear your orange shirts to worship. If you'd like to purchase our orange "Because of their faith" shirts for the Orange Out, we have a sign-up sheet in the back Narthex area of the church.

VOTERS' MEETING is this Sunday in between services. Come and listen to our ministry plan for the coming year!

FAMILY COOKOUT. We are having a Family Cookout June 27th here at Zion! Starting at 5pm, we'll be grilling out, singing songs, and making s'mores! Bring the whole family; the fun starts at 5! For more information, check out the church website or contact the church office! hope to see you there...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: is going on this week! We are blessed to have so many volunteers and a record number of kids this year. Keep the program in your prayers!

Welcome to worship!

This evening, we take another look at the Gospel Lesson from last Sunday, what has been called Jesus' "Bread of Life Discourse." I argued last Sunday that the actual focus of his speech is the resurrection of the body on the last day. Nevertheless, we are going to take a deeper look at these words of Jesus.

The words he spoke that were recorded in John 6 were not popular. When Jesus gets done with them, only the Twelve remain committed to following him. What was it that Jesus said that turned the large crowds that had followed him away?

In responding to the lone (lonely?) question that was asked last weekend, we are going to also take up the issue of reconciling an understanding of salvation by grace through faith apart from works with the many admonitions Jesus gives to his listeners to do certain things... or else. It is my hope that you will see how our understanding of justification and sanctification are reflected in the words Jesus spoke in John 6.

We've got a lot to cover this evening! I'm glad you are here and have made time in God's Word and prayer a priority in your life.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books)

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 evening, as we prepare to receive God's Word and respond with words of faith and prayer and receive the Lord's Supper, let us first confess that we have not lived up to the holy standards our God has for us and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I have sinned. Some of my sin I know, some I do not, but all is known by you. Therefore I ask that you would forgive my sins, restore me to a right relationship with you, and use me to grow your kingdom through speaking your name and living out my calling as salt and light. I ask this in your name—the only name given to men by which we must be saved. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

The Reading: John 6:25-59

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the

work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they

died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

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 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 Prayers

For the prayers this evening, you are invited to come to the Communion Rail and kneel.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Pastor: For our congregation: that we would recognize our need to seek and save the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ and that we would practice the unconditional forgiveness we have received. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our families: that the Lord would bless them in every way, that their faith in Christ would grow daily, and that they would make time in God's word and prayer a priority in their lives. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our friends and acquaintances: that they would come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and that God the Holy Spirit would make us bold to speak the name of Jesus to those walking in darkness, giving us the words to say at the proper time. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our enemies: that we would be reconciled to each other by the peace of God that passes all understanding so that our witness to them in word and deed would bear the fruit of repentance and faith. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For people we know who are ill: that the Lord would demonstrate his authority over sickness through restoring them to health. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who govern: that they would faithfully discharge the duties of their office with wisdom and integrity, that we would live in peace and freedom. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives: that we would practice the kind of forgiveness we have received so that the name of God would be glorified in this age. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our Sunday School and VBS: that our young people would learn the truth of the Gospel and God's Word, grow in their faith in Christ and be firmly committed to their Lord. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our witness in the world: that we would not be afraid to speak the name of Jesus, give the reason we have for the hope that is in us, and be used by God to share the good news of Jesus for all people. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the concerns we have in our hearts. Let us pray...

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 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.

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 Benediction