

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Reformation Sunday
October 26th, 2014



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones and The Gauger Family in Memory of Lori's mom, Jean Populo

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Rose Marie Steranko in Memory of Loved Ones.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY! We're looking for designs for our coffee mugs for Free Coffee Friday and we can use your help. Our goal is to remind people of the love of God for them in Jesus as they drive to work. (And, hopefully, throughout the day.) We'll have more information for you in the November Newsletter, but start thinking about what you'd like to see on the Free Coffee Friday coffee cups!

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. Sign-ups have begun. Go to <http://www.zlcb.org/home/2014/9/30/zions-photo-directory.html> for registration instructions. You can also sign-up for a time following the service in the back of the sanctuary.

MEN'S RETREAT. Men, mark your calendars from November 13-16th for our Fall Men's Retreat. We'll be headed up to Camp Pioneer (a 3 hour drive from church) for a weekend of fellowship and devotion, Bible study and relaxation as we look at what it means to stand out in our world as a Christian man. All ages are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet and additional information in the Narthex. The cost is \$125 for Friday-Sunday and \$150 for Thursday-Sunday plus the costs for breakfasts and dinners. SIGN-UP TODAY!

HEALTHCARE SEMINAR will be held immediately following the 2nd service in the fellowship hall on Nov. 2nd. Information available on the Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Tuesday's 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

Welcome to worship!

The 95 Theses, Martin Luther, Germany, The Book of Concord, societal change on a scale unimaginable before or since, the repudiation of indulgences and increasing local oversight over congregations. All good. All really good, actually. But these are not what made the Reformation. The Reformation is bigger and better than these.

Imagine never hearing the name of Jesus at home, in school, or even at church. Never hearing that you are loved, forgiven, redeemed, and adopted into the family of God. Not having the confidence that this life is not all there is, but that we will all be reunited in the resurrection when Christ returns. Now imagine something worse than that.

Imagine that you have heard the name of Jesus. Frequently. He was talked about at church and you were taught about him at home. But imagine that you were told Jesus was an angry judge looking for a reason to send you to hell. Imagine that you were told to live your life thinking that Jesus was out to get you. When bad things happen to you, you were told, it was Jesus getting you back for something you did. And when you died, you have been told that without the merit of the saints, masses said by priests and the money spent on indulgences for you by family and friends you have no hope of a blessed existence.

The Reformation is the message to people living in fear of hell and damnation, punishment and rejection that Jesus Christ has overcome sin and death. It is the good news that saints and sinners alike have been made right with God through the perfect life, amends-making death and all-conquering resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. It is the confidence that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Today, we remember the rediscovery of the Gospel at a time when it's message of freedom and forgiveness was needed just as much as it is today. But more than the events of the 16th Century in what is today's Germany, the Reformation goes back to Jesus. The Reformation gets Jesus right. And that is good news—the best news—for sinners like you and me.

-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: A Mighty Fortress is our God

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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

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Reformation Sunday we are reminded of the truth of the Gospel, the free gift of salvation given to us on account of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **But we are also reminded of our need for a Savior, and our inability to attain salvation on our own.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, we give you thanks that the Gospel has been preserved through the ages and has been delivered to us. Believing in Jesus as our Savior, we ask that you would have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and lead us on the narrow path of righteousness and faith. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

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

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

The New Testament Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held

accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

(Please stand)

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:7-19

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is

greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

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: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty God. But chiefly are we to give you thanks for your great mercy in sending your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ into our world, to bear our flesh and be our Savior. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the

**highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Be Still My Soul	752
Take My Life and Let it Be	783
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	686

(Please stand)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

People: **Amen**

<i>The Recessional: Thy Strong Word</i>	578
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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Accompanist:	Jesse Carter
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Rob Oelschlager
The Acolyte:	TBD (8:00)
	Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	George, Jane & Michael Kozak (8:00)
	Loren & Kim Luedeman & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, and Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00)
	Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott, and Kari and John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller and Millie Thielet

Below are the 2015 slate of candidates. The slate of candidates will be reviewed and approved at the Sunday, October 26th Voters meeting.

Vice-Chairman	Vince Kimberland
Sunday School Superintendent	Katie Gielarowski
Treasurer	Kim Luedeman
Trustee	Lee Glasser
Elders	Mike Sterba Neil Ackerman Bill Bishop David Hutula Robert Oelschlager

Week of Oct. 26- Nov. 2

SUNDAY 10/26	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School 9:30 – Voters Meeting 10:30AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice
MONDAY 10/27	8:00PM – Mon. Night Football & Fellowship @ Pizzaz
TUESDAY 10/28	6:30PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 10/29	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching
THURSDAY 10/30	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft)
FRIDAY 10/31 REFORMATION DAY	
SATURDAY 11/1 ALL SAINTS DAY	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 11/2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45PM – Children’s Choir Practice

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/19) – 231

Midweek Attendance (10/22) – 10

Offerings (10/19) – \$4425.50