

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8th, 2015*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jay & Kim Anderson in memory of their grandparents.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given to the Glory of God.

"ALL IN." That's the theme for the upcoming men's retreat at Camp Pioneer. Mark your calendars for April 16-19th; details will be available in February's newsletter.

IT'S A WR@P. Look for details in February's Newsletter, but mark your calendar today for our first **Women's Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1st- 3rd.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY! We're looking for volunteers 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.) Our first Free Coffee Friday will be February 13th from 7-8am. If you are interested in helping out, please come to church this Friday @ 6:30 to help set-up and serve!

OPERATION STARS AND STRIPES: Thank you so much to those that donated to Operation Stars & Stripes! We are at our goal of collecting at least 250 of each item! Please consider helping with shipping costs (\$300 cost last year). Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and label "OSS Shipping". Also we need more coloring pages and letters to go into the packages.... please encourage your kids to color a page and write a letter!

WE MOURN THE LOSS of Dick Wible, who passed away last Sunday afternoon. We extend our prayers and condolences to his family and look forward to the day when death will be swallowed up in victory when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. The audio from the funeral is available on our website: zlcb.org
??????? If you have questions about what you heard in this morning's sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday's service and posted online.

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

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this week. We're studying the book of Galatians and it's not too late to join in the fun. The men meet on Saturday, 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall; the women on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the same place. Join us! All are welcome...

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 study of the Commandments continues as we look at the command not to murder. This Commandment, maybe more than any other, speaks to a number of socially, politically and personally charged topics. We are going to break the sermon into smaller parts to deal with different aspects of the Fifth Commandment. First, we are going to look at the Commandment in general: why the taking of human life is forbidden. Next, we'll look at the important topics of abortion, suicide and euthanasia. We'll spend a couple of minutes on the use of police and military before looking at how Christ fulfilled this Commandment for us. We won't be able to touch on all the areas of our life directly impacted by this Commandment, but we will be able to give a good scratch to the surface of much of it.

The Fifth Commandment—You Shall Not Murder—is predicated on the belief that human life is sacred because it was created by God. Our worth is given to us by the One who created us. If we are nothing but a fortuitous combination of luck and time, then there is no value to our life except that which we (and other people) assign to it. Because we were made by the Creator—and made in his image and likeness—our lives, and the lives of all people, are sacred and should be protected and defended more rigorously than anything else in all creation.

I look forward to speaking on this Commandment because I know how strong our passions are for the topics it addresses. And I hope that, as a result of our time together this morning, you will be more committed to speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves and see the value in each and every human life.

-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: The Star Proclaims the King is Here 399

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, this morning, our focus is on the Fifth Commandment, “You shall not kill.” Our Lord teaches us that this Commandment forbids murder and violence, but it also condemns hatred and anger. If we are honest with ourselves, we know all too well that we have broken this Commandment—even against people we love. Therefore, let us confess our sins and ask forgiveness from our heavenly Father.

People: Heavenly Father, I come before you this morning and ask that you would keep me from hurting others. I have done wrong and need your help. I have sinned even against people I know and love. Forgive my sins and lead me to greater faith and obedience to your word. I ask this through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise 933

*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior has shown me favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord!*

*With praise and blessing, join in confessing
God, who is solely mighty and holy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, love and revere Him—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

*His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; the meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; empty the wealthy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token all that was spoken
To Abraham's offspring God is fulfilling—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

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: Proverbs 31:1-9

The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:
What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb? What are you doing, son of my vows? Do not give your strength to women, your ways to those who destroy kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

The New Testament Reading: Romans 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by

God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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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 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.

(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.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.

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
What God Ordains is Always Good	760
Take My Life and Let It Be	783

(Please stand)

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional:</i> Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise	917
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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Jennifer Fitzgerald (8:00) Matthew Liberatore (10:30)
The Greeters:	Clara Hayes(8:00) Dave, Penny & Opal Miller (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker, Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Vince Kimberland, Kitt Kroeger, Linda Kroeger & Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager, Sarah Ali

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/1) - 165

Midweek Attendance (2/4) - 11

Offering (1/25) - \$3,511.00

Week of Feb. 8th – Feb. 15th

SUNDAY 2/8	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 Practice FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 2/9	
TUESDAY 2/10	6:30 PM – EGAF Meeting 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 2/11	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Stephen Ministry
THURSDAY 2/12	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY 2/13	7:00-8:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday
SATURDAY 2/14	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 2/15	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 PM – Women’s Retreat Informational Meeting