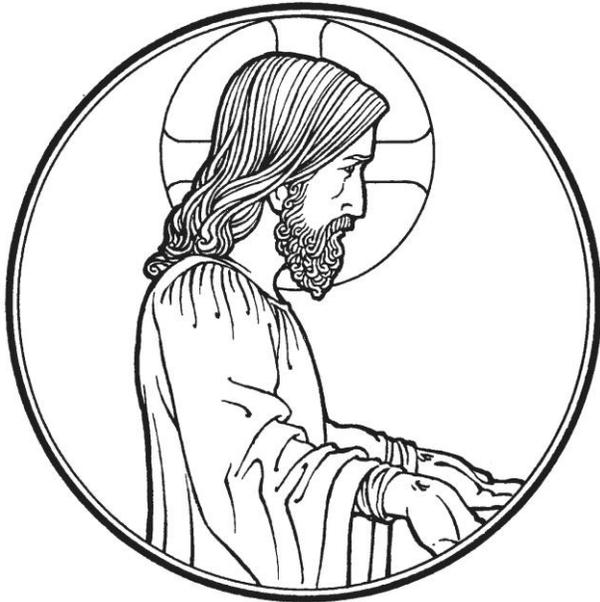
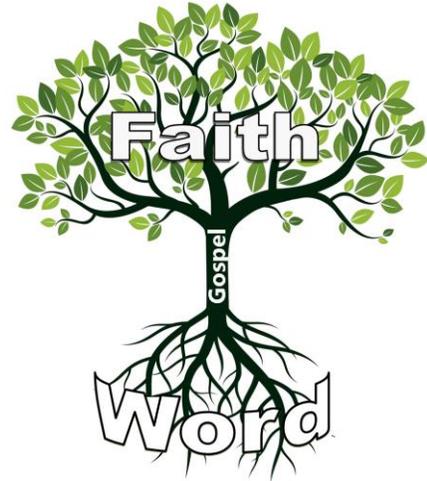


**The Second Sunday of Easter
April 8,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2018**



The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.



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✠ Prayer & Preaching ✠

Pastor is on vacation today, so we thank Ron Greenmyer and Randal Brockman for leading us in today's service

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

✠ Readings ✠

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

L A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

1 John 5:4-10

L The Epistle is from First John, the fifth chapter.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and

said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Stand

✠ Catechism ✠

Ten Commandments

L With one heart and one voice we affirm God's Holy, Divine, and Good Law as written in the Ten Commandments.

- ☐ You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostle's Creed

- ☐ With one heart and one voice we confess the one Holy Faith as expressed in 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 233

- ☐ Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:**
- ☐ 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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

Sermon

Offering

While the offering is being gathered, the children are invited to bring their Sunday School mission offering to the front of the church. Also, please fill out the "Welcome Cards" in the pews and place them in the church offering plate. The "Welcome Cards" in the pew are for prayer requests, general requests, and if you are new and visiting Zion.

The "Welcome Cards" are confidential and go directly to Pastor.

Stand

✠ Prayer ✠

Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Gracious God, Your Son appeared to His disciples in His resurrected flesh to ordain them and to send them out into the world, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name. Continue to raise up for us faithful men to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry, and bless their service among Your people who, with St. Thomas, confess Jesus as their Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Loving God, You sent Your Son to proclaim liberty to the captives, and You delivered the apostles from imprisonment according to Your will. Remember those who are imprisoned or held captive, whether justly or unjustly. Deliver them according to Your wisdom and mercy, and grant that they might hear Your Word and rejoice with penitent hearts that they are set free from sin, death and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

L Merciful God, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to Your promises, work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for Your unending grace and steadfast love, that they might return to the faith and rejoice in Your Son who has died and is risen for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those whom You have placed in authority over us at the federal, state and local levels. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, look with mercy upon all who suffer in this vale of tears. Provide them with loving and compassionate care, and comfort them with the reminder that everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world and that, believing that Jesus is the Christ, they have life in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Accept, we implore You, O Lord, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Fill us, Your children, with hearts moved toward generosity in supporting our Mission of the Month –Issues, Etc. with compassion to help all in need, as we are able. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Darlene Buchholz.

C **Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Darlene from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep her in the certainty of her salvation that she has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Darlene in our prayers this week and let her know that we love her in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through faith in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

L Let us pray together Luther's Morning Prayer:

C I thank You, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger;
and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn: 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

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MISSION OF THE MONTH – ISSUES, ETC.
Christ-Centered Cross Focused Talk Radio

Issues, Etc. is a live radio talk show with a two-fold mission. First, to defend and teach the truths rediscovered at the Lutheran Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture and Christ alone. Second, to challenge today's relativistic culture with its unbiblical and illogical ideologies. LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken hosts Issues, Etc. Guests include LCMS pastors, seminary and university professors. Thank you for supporting this worldwide ministry.

Prayer Family
Rosalyn Brockman
130 Vivian Street, Stirum

Cleaners in God's House of Zion

Please remember to sign your name on the chart on the bulletin board by the kitchen noting which area of the church you have cleaned

April 1-7: Darlene Buchholz, Jim & Marge Asche, Karren Euscher, Cory & Laurie Timmerman

Ushers for the Month of April

1st Ron & Chelie Greenmyer	8th Steve & Celeste Metzen
15th Sy & Jennifer Hansana	22nd Greg & Janet Nelson
29th Wayne & Genise Arnst	

Pastor's Office & Study Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Monday Off

*Copies of the sermon are available on the table in the narthex and on the website **www.zionwinner.org***

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Email: secretary@zionwinner.org

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **9:00 am** Sunday School for adults and children
 10:00 am Divine Service

Tue 10th **10:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed 11th **9:00 am** Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Four Season's Chapel
 2:00 pm LWML
 3:30 pm Kids Club
 4:00 pm Confirmation

Sun 15th **9:00 am** Sunday School for adults and children
 10:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, April 1

Worship Attendance: 179

Sunday School Attendance: Adult Bible Class:

Category	Received Last Week	Received for March	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 893.00	\$ 7,644.00	\$ 11,130.83	\$ 20,722.80	\$ 30,823.85	\$ (10,101.05)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.30	\$ 41.20		\$ 1,653.25		
Building Fund	\$ 95.00	\$ 660.00		\$ 1,507.50		
Cemetery Fund	\$ -	\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00		
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ 40.00		\$ 50.00		
Vehicle Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
ND Missions	\$ 609.00	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 6,091.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 91.50
Mission of Month	\$ 185.00	\$ 655.00				
Helping Hands	\$ -	\$ 25.00				
Higher Things	\$ -	\$ -				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 133,570.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

Did you know.... We now offer the convenience of electronic giving?

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.zionwinner.org
- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Prayer and Petitions



April 8, 2018

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Health Concerns

Remembering Our Homebound

Alice Decker at Vets Home

Lois Enderson at Park Side Lisbon

Bob Bergeson at Park Side Lisbon

Lorrie Eiter at Forman Manor

Pearl Rehborg at Forman Manor

Marjorie Fuss at home in Gwinner

Sandi Bergemann at Elim Care Center in Fargo

Grieving With The Family

Remembering Those Who Serve

Rick Gaden and Sy Hansana:

National Guard

Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, AJ Enderson, Bob Orn:

First Responders and Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Noteworthy News...



The Christian Conscience A Higher Things® Youth Retreat

Higher Things Youth Retreat

April 20-21

Friday 6pm -

Saturday 2pm

**Immanuel Lutheran
Church**

Hankinson, ND

\$50 per person

*Please talk to Pastor or Tana
if you are planning to attend!*

RUMMAGE SALE! The Higher Things Youth will be having a free-will rummage sale on **Saturday, May 12**. We are taking donations in the first Sunday School Room. *Please talk to Jennifer, Janet, or Tana if you have rummage you would like to donate.*

Save Your Teals Receipts! The Higher Things Youth are collecting, sorting, and tabulating Teal's Market Receipts. Teal's generously donates 1% of each receipt back to the Youth! The only things NOT counted are cigarettes and lottery tickets – that's right, milk AND gas can be added toward the 1%! There is a tin by the mailboxes where you can deposit your receipts – thank you!!
