

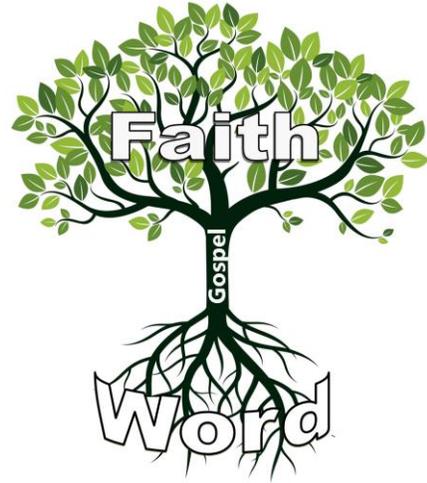
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2018



The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23).

"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"
(1 Peter 2:25).



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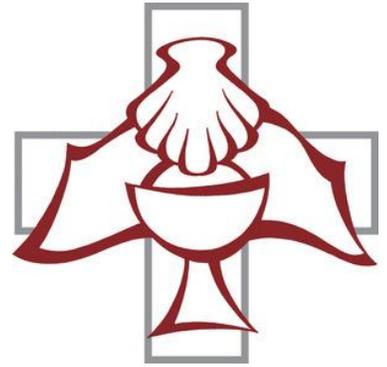
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✠ A WORD ABOUT THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

If you were to ask most people what “worship” is, they might say, “Worship is praising the Lord” or “Worship is what human beings do to express their thanks to God” or “Worship is going to church,” or something like that. While there is some truth to each of these answers, they do not adequately describe the main purpose of Lutheran worship.



We Lutherans have a unique perspective on worship. We know that God’s Word and His holy Sacraments are His precious gifts to us. They are the tools the Holy Spirit uses to give us forgiveness, life and salvation. The main purpose of Lutheran worship is to receive these gifts from God.

Our Lutheran Confessions explain this truth as follows: “The service and worship of the Gospel is to receive good things from God” (Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article IV.310).

I am not sure whether we have adequately emphasized this important truth. God gives His gifts. We receive them. That is the main purpose of Lutheran worship. He does this as His Gospel is proclaimed, as His Word is read, as His forgiveness is announced and sinners are absolved, and as we receive our Lord’s body and blood in Holy Communion. In these wonderful ways, God is present with us, His people, drawing us to Himself and giving us what we need so much—His mercy, forgiveness, love, joy, peace, power and comfort! The purpose of worship, therefore, is to be gathered by God around His gifts.

Having clearly established this important point, I need to say that it would be wrong to assume that we are merely passive participants in the worship service. Listen to the beautiful introduction to Lutheran Worship.

Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts, received with eager thankfulness and praise. Saying back to Him what he has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure... The rhythm of our worship is from him to us, and then from us back to him. He gives his gifts, and together we receive and extol them. We build one another up as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Lutheran Worship, p. 6).

How true! God speaks. We listen. Then we speak the great “amen” of faith, saying, “Yes, yes, this is true!” Praise God for His mercy in permitting us to receive His gifts! Praise God for drawing us together around His gifts!

By: A.L. Barry A Presentation to the Real Life Worship Conference: Seven Theses on Worship
Denver, Colorado (February 1998) Lutheran Worship: 2000 and Beyond

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a

P The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

C Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

P Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

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.**

P The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶"I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v.6)

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

P He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

C Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

P for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

P you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

P and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



G Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



G These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



G Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

P With one heart and one voice we confess the one Holy Faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed.

C **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 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.**

Sit

Lessons for Lambs

#588 v.1 "Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

Sermon

P In the name ✠ of Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

Brief silence

For all baptized children of God, that they would remain in the green pastures of the Holy Church, where their Good Shepherd ever cares for them, providing for their every spiritual need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the members of this parish and all Christians everywhere, that we would follow in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake, receive strength to resist sin and temptation in our lives, and cling in repentance and faith to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, knowing that, by His wounds, we have been healed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those whom God has placed in authority over us, especially Donald, our president; Doug, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would steer clear of pride and greed, serving not their own interests but the interests of our country's citizens, promoting peace and the common good for all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and suffering, and for all who have requested our prayers, that they would be well cared for and restored to health, or given grace to accept their time of tribulation with courage and hope, knowing that they always remain in their Good Shepherd's loving arms, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who come to the table their Lord and Shepherd has prepared for them, that they would receive the Holy Sacrament of His true body and blood in faith and to the eternal nourishment of their souls, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer our "CHIP" family (Christians held in prayer), Alice Decker .

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Alice 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 Alice in our prayers this week and let her know that we love her in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

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.

Communion at Zion

At Zion Lutheran Church we follow the historic Christian practice of communion being for members only. This is not a recent innovation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, but rather, membership communion has been the universal practice of the Church for many centuries. In fact, to this day, it is still practiced by the majority of Christian Churches around the world.

Our practice of membership communion (also known as closed communion) is prompted by our love, care, and concern for people. We observe communion for members only to protect those of a different confession from possibly taking the Lord's Supper to their judgment and harm. (See 1 Cor. 11:27-32) Furthermore, since the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of unity, we desire no divisions at the altar but joyful unity in the same teaching and confession of faith. (See 1 Cor. 10:16-17).

If you are not a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Congregation, we ask that you do not commune today.

However, please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. Pastor Richard sincerely invites you to visit with him about becoming a member of Zion Lutheran Church, so that you may be ready to partake of this great gift of communion with us.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

G **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 Our Lord

LSB 209

P 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."

Pax Domini

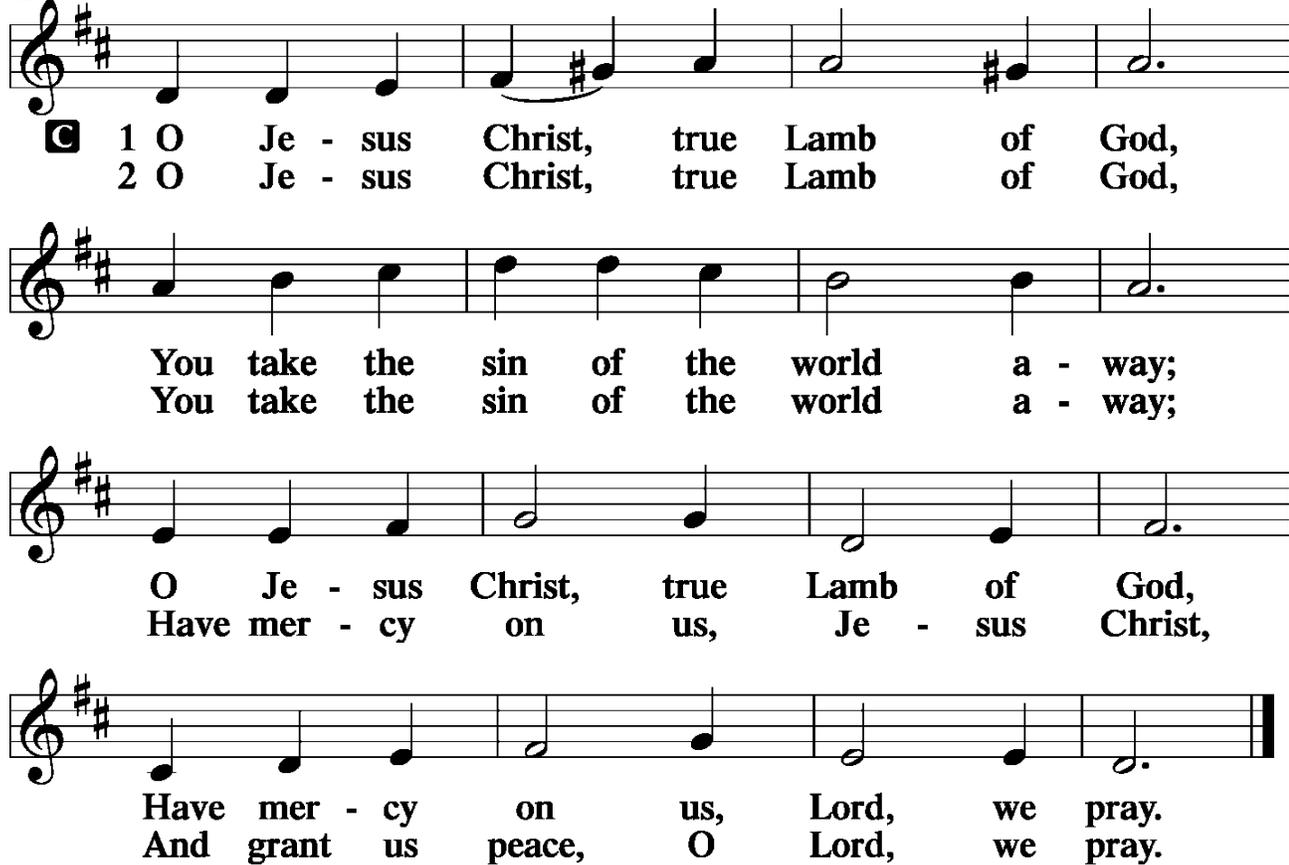
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle. When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Common Cup and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify to the servers which cup you would like to receive from.

After receiving communion please exit down the center aisle.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Hymn: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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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

Alice Decker

1600 Veterans Drive Lisbon

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 15-21: Grover & Jan Riebe, Ron & Chelie Greenmyer, Andrew & Katie Greenmyer, Cory & Patty Essig

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 with Holy Communion

Tue 17th **10:00 am** Staff Meeting
 1:00 pm Quilting

Wed 18th **9:00 am** Pastor's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Kids Club
 4:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Sun 22nd **9:00 am** Sunday School for adults and children
 10:00 am Divine Service

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, April 8

Worship Attendance: 77

Sunday School Attendance: 7 Adult Bible Class: 8

Category	Received Last Week	Received for April	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 11,130.83	\$ 26,602.80	\$ 35,961.15	\$ (9,358.35)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30		\$ 1,653.85		
Building Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 370.00		\$ 1,902.50		
Cemetery Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 45.00		
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50.00		
Vehicle Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
ND Missions	\$ 345.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 7,550.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 550.50
Mission of Month	\$ 65.00	\$ 560.00				
Helping Hands	\$ -	\$ 25.00				
Higher Things	\$ -	\$ -				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 133,570.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

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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 15, 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

Nate Utecht:

Serving in the US Navy

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

First Responders and Volunteer Fire & Rescue

FREE WILL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 12 9am-4pm

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Proceeds will go to the Higher Things Youth