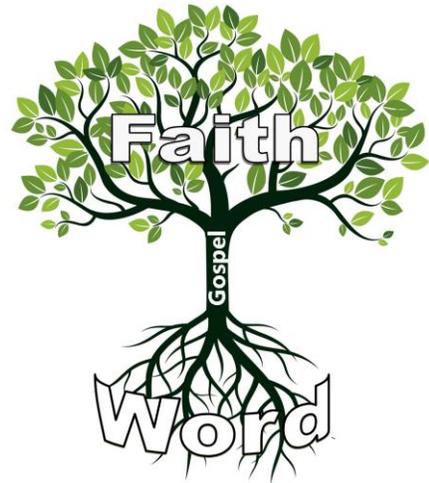


**The Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Trinity
November 11,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2018**



**The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation
from Sin, Death, and Darkness**

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us *"to share in the inheritance of the saints of light"* delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9–14). *"I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,...You are my people"* (Is. 51:9–16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, *"your faith has made you well"* (Matt. 9:18–26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.



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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!

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 503 O Day Full of Grace

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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

*Silence for self-reflection upon God's Ten Commandments,
that we may know our sin and be prepared for the Absolution.*

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

Psalm 95:1–4; antiphon: vv. 6–7a

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**C For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;**

P let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

P and a great King above all gods.

C In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

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 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Kyrie

LSB 204



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

Hymn of Praise: 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.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:9–16

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,

O arm of the LORD;

awake, as in days of old,

the generations of long ago.

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,

that pierced the dragon?

¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea,

the waters of the great deep,

who made the depths of the sea a way

for the redeemed to pass over?

¹¹And the ransomed of the LORD shall return

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹²"I, I am he who comforts you;

who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,

of the son of man who is made like grass,

¹³and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,

who stretched out the heavens

and laid the foundations of the earth,

and you fear continually all the day

because of the wrath of the oppressor,

when he sets himself to destroy?

And where is the wrath of the oppressor?

¹⁴He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;



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



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



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

¹⁸While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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

C **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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 755 In the Very Midst of Life

Sermon

P Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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.

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 the priesthood of the baptized, that we would, by the grace of God, be filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding, walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, and increase in the knowledge of God, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all pastors in Christ, that they would preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution; and for an increase in the pastoral vocation, that the Gospel would be heard in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For our congregation, that we would generously support the Lord's ministry and mission, love one another as He has loved us, and give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those under spiritual assault, that they would receive heavenly aid and protection, and that they would be empowered to cling to the promises God has revealed to them in Holy Scripture, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all those who have been placed in authority over us, including the men and women elected to Congress this past Tuesday, that they would serve with the general welfare of all always in view, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and shut-in, and for all who have requested our prayers, *including Sandi*, that they would be strengthened to endure by the sure and certain promise that forgiveness, life and salvation are theirs in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer, Chris, Marsha, Grace, Christina, and Marcus Mathias

C **Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Chris, Marsha, Grace, Christina, and Marcus from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep them in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold the Mathias family in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

Concluding Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of

Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.

Benediction

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 to Depart: 551 When to Our World the Savior Came

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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MISSION OF THE MONTH – Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. It is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) and has a regional division located in Jamestown, ND. Of every dollar spent, 97 cents go for the mission of helping disaster victims and other needy people in this country and around the world. To learn more about the efforts of Orphan Grain Train, go to www.OGT.org

CHIP Family

Chris & Marsha Mathias – Grace, Christina, Marcus
12507 83rd St SE 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**

November 11-17: Kelly & Liz Neustel, David & LaVonne Nelson, Geneva Waswick

Ushers for the Month of November

4th Rodney & Sandy Mathias	11th Naomi Vincent, Tim & Tina Vincent
18th Joey & Cindy Enderson	25th Jay & Karen Enderson

Pastor's Contact Information

During the vacancy, Pastor Hambleton will not be holding office hours. However, he will be available via phone at 701-680-8233 or email: aaron.hambleton@gmail.com

*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 **8:30 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School

Wed 14th **9:00 am** Pastor's Bible Study
 4:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Christian Women's Exchange at GA

Sun 18th **8:30 am** Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, November 4

Worship Attendance: 71

Sunday School Attendance: 8

Category	Received Last Week	Received for October	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 3,977.00	\$ 9,456.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 92,327.20	\$ 87,918.46	\$ 4,408.74
Misc. Income	\$ 0.30	\$ 6.20		\$ 2,230.85		
Building Fund	\$ 310.00	\$ 655.00		\$ 5,435.71		
Cemetery Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 195.00		
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 70.00		
Vehicle Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
ND Missions	\$ 590.00	\$ 2,024.91	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 19,730.41	\$ 21,500.00	\$ (1,769.59)
Mission of Month	\$ 170.00	\$ 985.00				
Helping Hands	\$ -	\$ -				
Higher Things	\$ -	\$ -				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 106,320.00

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



November 11, 2018

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

Health Concerns

- Sandi Bergemann, recovering from surgery

Remembering Our Homebound

Alice Decker at Vets Home

Lois Enderson 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 in Guam

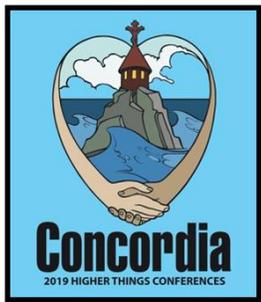
Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, AJ Enderson, Bob Orn:

First Responders and Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Noteworthy News...

Pastor Filipek & Family - Update

We are looking forward to the arrival of Pastor Filipek and his family! They are planning to leave Kansas on Saturday, November 17, arriving in Gwinner sometime the following afternoon. Watch for more details on how you can help with the move in process. Pastor's installation service will be at 4:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, December 2, followed by fellowship and dinner.



Higher Things Conference July 16-19 Concordia University Mequon, WI

Please talk to Tana if you are interested in attending!
This year's trip will be taking a charter bus and stopping at Wisconsin Dells for a day!

Registration is open – don't lose your spot!!

Christian Women's Exchange will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at GA Lutheran at 7:00pm. Heather Schmidt from the Great Plains Food Bank will be speaking about food insecurity in North Dakota. Please bring a food pantry item or a cash donation for the in-kind offering, which will benefit our local food pantry.

LYF Bonfire! All youth are invited to come on out to the Nelson farm for an evening of fun on Sunday, November 25 starting at 6pm. Food and drink will be provided – bring your friends!
