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The Definition Of Freedom

How many of you would define freedom as something like this: Freedom means to think, say, and do whatever we want, whenever we want, however we want, and with whomever we want. Have you thought of freedom as that which is without restraint, without limitation, without structure and order? If so, the devil and your own flesh have deceived you into believing the lie, as opposed to the truth. The serpent promised freedom to the woman in the Garden of Eden: For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:5).

The woman and Adam already knew good, and they were already like God, for they had been created in His image (Genesis 2:27); the image of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1-3), the image of love itself. The serpent promised additional knowledge, the knowledge of evil, which was certainly not good. The serpent convinced the woman and Adam (through the voice of his wife...Genesis 3:17), that God's word was too restraining, that it hadn't given them freedom, and that the order that God created was not good. That order is God's law, the way God made the creation to be and to work, the freedom that God clearly laid out for the woman and Adam, the protection that God gave to them.

Sadly, in our day, the law is viewed as being too restraining, too limiting, too much structure and order. The governing authorities instituted by God were put in place for them to do 2 primary things: 1) punish those who do evil; 2) praise those who do good (1 Peter 2:14). The governing authorities are part of what is called God's 1st use of the law, the law that is meant to curb and prevent sinful behavior.

Many a time what happens in our day, is that the governing authorities instituted by God (i.e. emperors, governors, presidents, etc.) put protections over evil behavior, instead of instituting laws against evil behavior. Instead of laws against abortion, we have laws protecting those who want to kill their baby in the womb. Instead of laws against so-called same sex "marriage", we have laws protecting the evil behavior. The same can be said regarding the LGBTQ+ ideologies. Forgetting that the law defines what freedoms truly are, we have instead chosen the way of lawlessness, and the removal of restraints on evil behavior.

We dare not think that God does not notice that the governing authorities whom He has instituted for these very purposes, are in many cases doing the exact opposite of what God would have them do. God's word is clear: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. (Psalm 2:10-12)

Continued blessings in Christ, Pastor

Mission of the Month

Sargent County Food Bank

The Sargent County Food Pantry has been operating since the mid-1990's. We serve anyone in our county who needs a little extra help due to job loss, illness, unexpected bills, increase in the cost of living, etc. Besides our weekly pantry hours, we also distribute Christmas and Easter baskets.

The Sargent County Food Pantry needs your help!! Both of our food pantry locations (Forman & Gwinner) are always in need of donations, but we especially appreciate them as we head into the holiday season. We are inviting Sargent County residents to participate in a "Fill the Pantry Blitz". Please bring donations (suggestions on electronic bulletin board) to any of the drop-off locations, starting October 1st. All donations will be picked up and delivered to the food pantry locations on November 2, 2025.

Birthdays

2 – Lonnie Hoechst
3 – LaVonne Nelson
8 – Dakotah Stroh
20 – Jacie Enderson
23 – Randal Brockman
24 – Jason Asche
25 – Lillian Greenmyer
31 – AJ Enderson

Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-noon, 1-3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9, Redeemer
hours

Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm

Friday: Redeemer hours

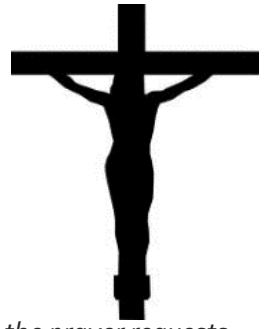
Parish Assistant Office Hours

Krista has no set office hours. Please feel free to leave a written message on the desk, or send an email.

I try and copy bulletins on Thursday.

Email: secretary@ziongwinner.org

The Congregation at Prayer



The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

The Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar; Ten Commandments

Sept. 27-Oct. 3 *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

Oct. 4-10 *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Oct. 11-17 *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Oct. 18-24 **1st Commandment and its meaning**

Readings:

Trinity 17 (Sept. 27-Oct. 3)

Psalm 2

Old Testament: Proverbs 25:6-14

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 14:1-11

Trinity 18 (Oct. 4-10)

Psalm 34:8-22

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Trinity 19 (Oct 11-17)

Psalm 84

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-17

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

St. Luke (Oct. 18-24)

Psalm 27:1-9

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:5-8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 743

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Prayers:

In our Prayers this week at Zion:

Use your weekly bulletin and include the prayer requests listed in each week's bulletin.

The Lord's Prayer: 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.**

Morning Prayer: 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.**

Evening Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Alleluia.

Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord." Also spelled "Hallelujah."

Hymn of Invocation: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!



Acolytes

Hudson or Elders

Prayer Families



October 4

Autumn Gaden
26 Broadway Ave E
Delamere, ND 58060

October 18

Rick & Dawn Gaden
26 Broadway Ave E
Delamere, ND 58060

October 11

Lily Gaden
26 Broadway Ave E
Delamere, ND 58060

October 25

Collin & Betsy Greenley, Hudson, Jax
407 2nd Ave W.
Lisbon, ND 58054



Ushers

4th Greg
11th Grover
18th Randal
25th Ron



4th Andrew
11th Greg
18th Krista
25th Brian

Note: If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, we ask that you please contact another member to switch with.

Counters

4th Bob Orn and Jim Asche
11th Brian Orn and Jason Asche
18th Sam Helm and Gary Drevlow
25th Michelle Brockman and Bob Orn



Cleaners List

4-10

- Brian & Lindy Orn
- Greg & Janet Nelson

11-17

- Naomi Vincent
- Tim & Tina Vincent
- Pastor & Krista Grieve

18-24

- Kelly & Liz Neustel
- David & LaVonne Nelson
- Geneva Waswick

25-31

- Dennis & Cindy Linderkamp
- Randal & Michelle Brockman
- Spencer & Emma Brockman

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



October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 LWML Fall Rally @Holy Cross, Lidgerwood 9:00 am
4 9:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School	5 Pastor at ND Pastor's Conf. in Oakes	6 →	7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R)) 4:00 pm Confirmation (Z)	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School	12 6:30 pm LWML (R) Pastor's Day Off	13 7:00 p.m. Elders(Z)	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R)) 4:00 pm Confirmation (Z) 7:00 pm Council (R)	15 7 p.m. Joint Confessions Study @Zion	16	17
18 9:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School 2 p.m. Confessions Study @ Immanuel/Lidgerwood	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 2 pm LWML (Z) 7:00 p.m. Council (Z)	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R)) 4:00 pm Confirmation (Z)	22 Pastor @ Circuit Visitors Meeting in Grand Forks	23	24
25 9:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Voters	26 Pastor & Family on vacation	27	28	29	30 →	31