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March 2025 Newsletter

The Clarity of Holy Scripture

One of the hallmarks of the Christian Church is that she believes in the clarity (called perspicuity) of Scripture. There are many and abundant places in the Bible where God speaks so clearly, that no interpretation of His words is needed. Other times, the church is called upon to use the clearer passages to interpret passages that are unclear. One thing that became apparent at the recent convention of the North Dakota District, is that we have a problem letting clear passages of the Bible stand. Our sinful flesh still likes to cast aspersions, even on clear words from God...remember the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-7).

One resolution, which came as an overture from two circuits in the district, as well as a congregation, was to condemn the use of women as lectors. Three Scripture passages were cited in the resolution. The first passage speaks to the issue in the positive: *Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching (1 Timothy 4:13)*. The apostle Paul tells the pastor Timothy to publicly read the Scripture, to exhort the hearers, and to teach. This is abundantly clear.

The second passage cited in the resolution speaks to the issue in both the negative and the positive: *I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet (1 Timothy 2:12)*. The apostle Paul, in the same epistle to the same pastor Timothy, tells him that a woman is not to teach or exercise authority over a man. This is abundantly clear. The third passage cited in the resolution speaks to the issue in both the negative and the positive: *...the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says (1 Corinthians 14:34)*.

Statements at the microphone quickly became unmoored from the topic at hand, wandering off into tangents about people condemning women, keeping women from teaching Sunday school, and keeping women from such things as singing in the church. The word of God is clear and should have been enough. Even if unintentional, the character of God's clear word was attacked, just like in the Garden of Eden. Historically, the church has always condemned practices that are contrary to the word of God. This is not new and has always been part of the church's efforts at striving to be faithful to the Lord of the Church, who called her out of her darkness, and into His marvelous light.

Continued blessings in Christ Jesus, our faithful God and Lord,

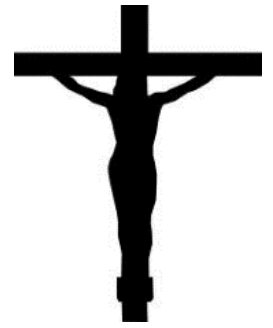
Pastor

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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: Confession/Office of the Keys

March 2-8 What is Confession?

March 9-15 What sins should we confess?

March 16-22 Which are these?

March 23-29 What is the Office of the Keys?

March 30-April 5 Where is this written?

Readings:

Quinquagesima (March 2-8)

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 89:18-29

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: Luke 18:31-43

Lent 1 (Invocavit) (March 9-15)

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21

Psalm 32

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Lent 2 (Reminiscere) (March 16-22)

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-32

Psalm 121

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Lent 3 (Oculi) (March 23-29)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:1-15

Psalm 136:1-16

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

Lent 4 (Laetare) (March 30-April 5)

Old Testament: Proverbs 28:10-15

Psalm: Psalm 132:8-18

Epistle: James 1:19-27

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-26

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 823: "May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

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

Ordinary

The parts of the service that remain the same from week to week, such as the Kyrie and Sanctus.

Hymn of Invocation: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-

2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry

△ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face

na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise

creas-ing; The land shall plen-teous fruit bring forth,



To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His

The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt

Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the



sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,

judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;

Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!



And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out

Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and

Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-lemn awe pos-



mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.

nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.

sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Der Lxvj. Deus Misereatur, 1524, Magdeburg

Text and tune: Public domain

Mission of the Month

Landon's cancer journey began October 2017 when he started experiencing severe headaches several times a week. Initially, the pediatrician diagnosed him with migraines. However, following extensive workup, multiple brain surgeries and a biopsy, the medical team discovered a high-grade anaplastic astrocytoma located in the thalamus and brainstem.

Over the course of the next twenty months, Landon completed two different courses of radiation and participated in two chemotherapy trials in Cincinnati, Ohio. He encountered numerous setbacks and bumps in the road during treatment, yet his faith never wavered. During times of uncertainty, he would share with his parents that God knew his body better than any doctor or nurse.

Landon made God the center of his physical, emotional and spiritual well-being from a young age. In preschool, he routinely expressed to his parents that chapel time was his favorite part of the day. He felt a strong calling to volunteer in the preschool room at church before and during his cancer journey. Many people throughout the community found a renewed sense of hope and faith by following Landon's example. Landon guided those around him through dark times with his ability to trust in God's plan and live life to its fullest.

The Landon's Light Foundation has been created to share the pieces of Landon that brought so many of us together. Cancer did not define Landon. His faith, kindness, compassion, strength and courage defined him. The values he demonstrated throughout his life served as an inspiration to many. We plan to honor the lasting impact of his life by shining his light and teaching others to simply "Live like Landon."

Landon's Light Foundation wants to be the light that brightens the path for others. This is achieved by granting a Miracle Moment for kids diagnosed with a serious medical condition such as malignant cancer and/or a critical condition having a progressive or deteriorating impact. Throughout the year, the Foundation strives to provide a small piece of hope, compassion and comfort to families during difficult times.

Pastor's Study Hours

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

Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, 10-noon 1-2:30 pm

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

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

March Birthdays

3 – Troy Dietz

6 – Bob Orn

8 – Betsy Greenley
Grace Mathias

9 – Evan Asche

10 – Jada Anderson
JoAnne Rehborg

11 – Marcia Asche
Joey Anderson
Brook Olson

14 – Martha Asche

28 – Marcus Mathias

31 – Samantha Opdahl

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 Wednesday.

Email: secretary@zionwinner.org



Acolytes

2nd, 16th and 30th: Lydia

9th and 23rd : Elder

Midweek: Lydia or Elder

Prayer Families



March 2

Duane Bergemann
438 5th Ave NW
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 9

Randal & Michelle Brockman
522 5th St NW
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 16

Spencer & Emma Brockman
Theo
4 4th Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 23

Darlene Buchholz
PO Box 391
23 1st St SW
Gwinner, ND 58040

March 30

Gary & Kay Drevlow
13154 Hwy 13
Gwinner, ND 58040



Ushers

2nd: Ron

5th Brian

9th Andrew

12th Greg

16th Grover

19th Randal

23rd Ron

26th Brian

30th Andrew



2nd Krista

5th: Evan

9th: Andrew

12th Greg

16th Krista

19th Brian 26th Andrew

23rd Evan 30th Greg

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

Counters



2nd: Michelle Brockman & Bob Orn

5th: Jim Asche & Brian Orn

9th: Sam Helm & Jason Asche

12th Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman

16th Bob Orn & Jim Asche

19th Brian Orn & Jason Asche

23rd Sam Helm & Gary Drevlow

26th : Michelle Brockman & Bob Orn

30th: Jim Asche & Brian Orn

Cleaners List

2-8

- Eric & Brook Olson
- Sam & Beka Helm
- Duane & Shelli Begemann

9-15

- Grover & Jan Riebe
- Ron & Chelli Greenmyer
- Andrew & Katie Greenmyer



16-22

- Brian & Lindy Orn
- Greg & Janet Nelson

30-Apr. 5

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

23-29

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

****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****

Church Thank you's

Thank you for lifting up the bright light of Jesus for others to see. I am deeply thankful to God that He chose you to supply what the work of the LCMS requires. "Love one another," was Jesus' commandment to His disciples and you are doing just that through this gift for Disaster Response, and all other acts of selfless sacrifice you make for the sake of the Gospel message.

Thank you,

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison
President, LCMS

To the saints of Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of everyone at Higher Things, thank you for your congregation's support. Your generosity has made it possible for us to continue our mission of making the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults.

May the Lord continue to bless Zion in the new year,

T. Patrick Sturdivant
Development Executive

Zion Lutheran Church,

We wanted to thank you for your donation made in support of Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission of providing Christ-centered outdoor ministry.

In Christ,

Marie Johnson
Board of Directors Treasurer

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your very generous contribution to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley in Fargo. You play a direct role in making our mission of keeping families together possible. Your support of RMHC is noticed, greatly appreciated and is helping families find comfort, healing and hope.

With a heart full of gratitude,

Jakelle Hoffmann
Development Director

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee	3	4 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Winkle @ Trinity/Great Bend 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	5 9:00 am Bible Study 3:45 pm Youth Catechesis 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer	6	7	1/8
9 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee	10	11 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	12 9:00 am Bible Study 3:45 pm Youth Catechesis 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Vespers	13	14	15
16 8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 am Coffee 2:00 p.m. Lutheran Confessions @ Zion/Gwinner	17 8:30 a.m. Private Confession/Absolution	18 2pm LWML 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	19 9:00 am Bible Study 3:45 pm Youth Catechesis 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Vespers	20	21	22
23 8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee	24	25 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	26 9:00 am Bible Study 3:45 pm Youth Catechesis 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Evening Prayer	27	28	29
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