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April 2026 Newsletter

Being Of Good Cheer

Have you ever wondered why people are anxious, worried, agitated, sad, or depressed? We like to blame things on people at work, social media, or chemical imbalances. This is a common malady of the sinful flesh called deflection. We blame our own anxiety on outside forces. We even say such things as, "that person made me so mad." Is that true? Did the person "make" you mad? Or is there something inside of you that is wrong? Is there an unresolved sin in your life that keeps cropping up in your conscience that continues to unsettle you?

Absolution to our sin is the first answer to our sins. And yes, both public, corporate absolution from God through the mediation of His minister, and private (individual) absolution from the pastor, as from God Himself (Catechism V). Beyond that, what comes next? Good cheer! Why? Jesus commands His people to have good cheer in the world in which they live: I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But cheer up; I have overcome the world (John 16:33). In other words, good cheer predominates over the tribulation in the world.

What is needed to have this good cheer ourselves? It is simple: For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith (1 John 5:4). Faith in Jesus Christ, the One who has overcome the world for our good cheer, is what is necessary to have the good cheer He commands us to have. This is to be true, not just during this Easter season, but all seasons of the Church year. This is to be true on a sunny 75 degree day in June as well as on a rainy, 50 degree day in April. This is to be true if we have bodily health and live until we are 90, or we get cancer and die when we are 50. This is to be true when we are called to repent of sin, and when we are forgiven.

Being of good cheer, is not being happy-go-lucky. Being of good cheer, is not being free of God-given duty and responsibility. Being of good cheer, is not eating, drinking, and being merry, for tomorrow we die. Being of good cheer, is not throwing caution to the wind, nor is it thinking that patience is inactivity or slothfulness. Being of good cheer is knowing and believing that, having the peace of Christ that surpasses understanding, our hearts and minds can put God's word into action in our lives. Being of good cheer means taking our Christian duties seriously as husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, worker, citizen, widow, grandfather, grandmother.

If you don't believe you can have good cheer daily, read the book of Acts, and see how these same Apostles to whom Jesus was speaking directly to in John 16:33, had good cheer in the face of severe and persistent persecution.

Continued blessings in the good cheer of Jesus Christ!
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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: The Creed/Lord's Prayer

April 5-11 The 3rd Article of the Creed

April 12-18 Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

April 19-25 The 1st Petition of the Lord's Prayer

April 26-May 2 The 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Readings:

Easter (Resurrection of our Lord) (April 5-11)

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27

Psalm 118:15-29

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Octave of Easter (April 12-18)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 33

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Easter 3 (Misericordias Domini) (April 19-25)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel: John 10:11-16

Easter 4 (Jubilate) (April 26-May 2)

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 147:1-11

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: John 16:16-22

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 463

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

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.

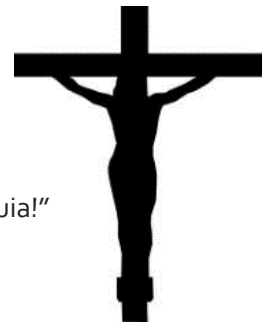
Thanks be to God.

Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Venite

Latin for "O Come." Initial words of Psalm 95, sung as the first psalm in Matins. See p. 220-21.



Hymn of Invocation: 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.

Tune: Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

Text and tune: Public domain

Mission of the Month

St. Paul's Lutheran/Minot Foundation for Seminarians and Vicars was started to financially help seminarians and vicars from the districts of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota North. This foundation is not set up to receive funds, but to disperse funds. It is funded from the sale of a parcel of land that was willed to St. Paul's in Minot. As such, the offerings received for the month of April will be kept if and until we receive a vicar and then would be used to serve the vicar and his family.

April Birthdays

10 – Rodney Asche
11 - Paul Roeder
Mark McFarland
13 – Connor Olson
17 – Slatin Essig
20 – McKenzie Schwab
21 – Marsha Mathias
25 – Laurie Timmerman
26 – Autumn Gaden

Pastor's Study Hours

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

Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, 10-noon

1:30-4:30 (Redeemer)

Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-3:30

Friday: 8:30-noon

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

Elder or Lydia

Prayer Families



April 5

Dakotah Stroh
400 4th Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040

April 12

Laurie Timmerman
126 Maplewood Dr.
Gwinner, ND 58040

April 19

Samantha Timmerman
126 Maplewood Dr.
Gwinner, ND 58040

April 26

Naomi Vincent
PO Box 404
408 3rd Ave SE
Gwinner, ND 58040



Ushers

2nd Randal

3rd: Ron

5th: Brian

12th : Andrew

19th: Greg

26th Grover



2nd : Krista

3rd: Brian

5th:Evan

12th Cindy

19th Andrew

26th : 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: Bob & Jim

3rd : Brian & Jason

5th : Sam & Gary

12th Michelle & Bob

19th : Jim & Brian

26th : Sam & Jason

Cleaners List

5-11

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

12-18

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

19-25

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

26- May 2

- Gary & Kay Drevlow
- Jay & Karen Enderson
- Joey & Cindy Enderson



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 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9 a.m. Bible Study	2 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service	3 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers	4 7 p.m. Vigil of Easter @Redeemer
5 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Divine Service for the Resurrection of our Lord 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Winkle @ Trinity/Great Bend 7 pm Joint Voters meeting @ Redeemer	8 9 a.m. Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 7 pm Elders	15 9 a.m. Bible Study	16 Pastor @Circuit Visitors Meeting in Mandan	17	18
19 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study 2 pm Confessions Study @ Holy Cross in Lidgerwood	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 2 pm LWML 7 pm Council	22 9 a.m. Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Voters Meeting	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29 9 a.m. Bible Study	30		