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The Fruit(s) of Repentance

The Christian who falls into sin after baptism has a way back into the grace of God in Christ whenever they are again converted. This is repentance (Jeremiah 3:12). Repentance has two parts. The first part is contrition, which are the terrors that strike the conscience through the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20). The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel (Romans 10:17) or the Absolution and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven. (Augsburg Confession XXII; par. 5; Readers Edition)

This repentance necessarily brings about good works, which are the fruit of repentance (Galatians 5:22-23). The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit can be lost after baptism, while at the same time teaching that, through repentance the one who has fallen from God's grace in Christ, can once again return to Christ. Fruits follow faith, but fruits do not precede faith. If faith is missing, there will be no fruit, because the tree is bad. If the tree is already good, the fruit will follow. Jesus says: A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit (Matthew 7:18). The tree (person) must first be made good before there will be good fruit.

What are some of these fruits of repentance? Peace is one of the fruits mentioned in Galatians 5:22. Jesus tells us what this peace is: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid (John 14:27). This is the peace of God that is only understood by faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. This peace also goes out to others (Joshua 9:15).

Kindness is another fruit from Galatians 5:22. Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city (Psalm 31:21). This kindness of the Lord comes in times of adversity. Thus, we are to practice kindness to our neighbor, in the truth and love of God's word (Proverbs 31:26).

Faithfulness is yet another fruit in Galatians 5:22. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed (1 Samuel 26:23...when David spared Saul his life). God rewards this faithfulness because it is trust in Jesus Christ, the One, true, and only God.

Blessings in Christ Jesus these Christmas and Epiphany seasons,
Pastor

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Mission of the Month

Women's Care Center

Saving Moms and Babies...*in a better way!*

Our mission is to help pregnant women from our communities choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency.

Through 32 centers in eleven states, this unique unconditionally loving counseling model is a magnet for pregnant women in need. Donors like you help sustain Women's Care Center as a beacon of hope for abortion vulnerable women. Because of the support and love, almost all make courageous choices for life.

Over 92% of those who receive counseling and an ultrasound choose life for their babies.

But it doesn't stop there. Our centers also offer education, classes and counseling so that women become better parents and create more nurturing and self-sufficient families.

January Birthdays

2 – Roger Schreiner

6 – Rebeka Helm

11 – Sharon Orth

12 – Hudson Greenley
Brad Illies

14 – Geneva Waswick

16 – Drew Asche

18 – Marge Asche
Sadie Neustel

20 – Angela Lukes

24 – Heather Swanson
Easton Schreiner

25 – James Greenmyer

Pastor's Study Hours

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

Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, 10-noon,
1:30-4:30 pm (Redeemer)

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

Friday: 8:30-noon

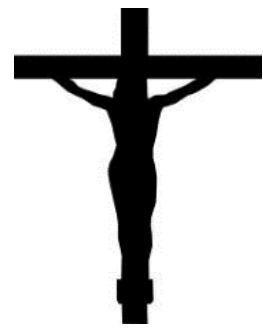
Parish Assistant Office Hours

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@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 Ten Commandments

Dec. 28-Jan. 3 The First Commandment

Jan. 4-10 The Second Commandment

Jan. 11-17 The Third Commandment

Jan. 18-24 The Fourth Commandment

Jan. 25-Jan. 31 The Fifth Commandment

Readings:

Holy Innocents (Dec. 28 – Jan. 3)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:15-17

Psalm Psalm 54

Epistle: Rev. 14:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Christmas 2 (Jan. 4-Jan. 10)

Old Testament: Genesis 46:1-7

Psalm 77:11-20

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 11-17)

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 85

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Epiphany 2 (Jan. 18-24)

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 67

Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Epiphany 3 (Jan. 25-31)

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

Psalm 110:1-4

Epistle: Romans 1:8-17

Gospel: Matthew 8:1-13

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

Sanctus

Latin for "holy." The Sanctus follows the Preface in the Service of the Sacrament. From Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. See page 161.

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der With sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1-2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.; (sts. 1-2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808-59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845-1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Matthes, 1876-1948 Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln Text and tune: Public domain



Acolytes

Elder or Lydia



Ushers

4th Grover

11th Randal

18th Ron

25th Brian



4th Andrew

11th Greg

18th Krista

25th Brian

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

Prayer Families

January 4

Donna Olson
400 Jackson Ave. E- Apt. 3
Lisbon, ND 58054
C/O Beverly Ann

January 11

Eric & Brook Olson,
Kinsey & Connor
PO Box 451
121 Maplewood Dr.
Gwinner, ND 58040



January 18

Brian & Lindy Orn
12224 Hwy 13
Stirum, ND 58069

January 25

Patrick Orn
305 3rd Ave NW #308
Gwinner, ND 58040

Counters

4th Sam Helm & Jason Asche

11th Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman

18th Bob Orn & Jim Asche

25th Brian Orn & Jason Asche



Cleaners

4-10 :

- Jim & Marge Asche
- Jason & Hollie Asche
- Lisa Schwab

18-24

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



11-17

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

25-31

- Brian & Lindy Orn
- Greg & Janet Nelson

****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****

Quarterly Meeting Schedule-2026

January:

Elders: Tues. 13th

Council: Tues. 20th

Voters: Sun. 25th

April:

Elders: Tues. 14th

Council: Tues. 21st

Voters: Sun. 26th

July:

Elders: Tues. 14th

Council: Tues. 21st

Voters: Sun. 26th

October:

Elders: Tues. 13th

Council: Tues. 20th

Voters: Sun. 25th

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Memento Christian men's discipline begins	2	3
4 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am- Bible Study ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	5	6 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Winkle @Immanuel in Hankinson 6 p.m. Feast of Epiphany Divine Service @Peace in Barney	7 9 am Bible Study	8	9	10
11 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am- Bible Study	12	13 7 p.m. Elders	14 9 am Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am- Bible Study 3:30 pm- Confessions Study @Zion/Gwinner	19	20 2 p.m. LWML 7 p.m. Council	21 9 am Bible Study	22	23	24 Early registration deadline for SE Circuit Men's Retreat
25 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Voters	26	27 9 a.m. Matins 9:45 a.m. OMT Book Study	28 9 am Bible Study	29	30	31