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Learning How to Listen to a Sermon

You've noticed the sermon questions in the bulletin the past several Sundays. They are there to help you, the hearer of God's word, learn what to listen for in a sermon. While every sermon should have law and gospel distinguished in it, there is more to hearing a sermon than listening for the law and for the gospel. Sermons should also explicate Holy Scripture, teach doctrine, and give spiritual counsel. Rev. David Petersen, in an article for Gottesdienst: The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy, shows how beauty reveals itself in both order and surprise, and gives three diagnostic questions for sermon evaluation. https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2026/3/19/banality-an-enemy-of-the-gospel?rq=How%20to%20listen%20to%20a%20sermon

You can read the article for yourself at the above link as well. To summarize, Petersen cites a book called Beauty: What It Is and Why It Matters. Written by a Roman Catholic theologian, it does have some interesting insights into beauty and its two requirements: order and surprise. The author, John-Mark L. Miravalle, says that order is recognized by intelligence; surprise is grasped by the senses and creates joy. While surprise is hard to define, Miravalle goes with this: "Surprise is the mind's attentive response to what it does not find obvious."

An objective understanding of beauty is required for order and surprise to work the way they are supposed to. In other words, beauty is not in the eye of the beholder, but in the eye of the One who created beauty in the first place: God. Not only does Miravalle say that beauty is objective, but that we are morally required to pursue and promote beauty. Consider the following about the beauty of a waterfall: "Even though a man has been to the waterfall and felt awe, unless he is a tour guide and spends all day there, every day, it will continue to fill him with awe, and even the tour guide will, from time to time, see the waterfall in a new light or from a slightly different position and be filled anew with awe."

What then, are three diagnostic questions regarding a sermon? 1) Does the sermon explain a section of Holy Scripture? 2) What doctrines, besides the Gospel, does the sermon teach? 3) What applications are made to the lives of the hearers? Pastor Petersen concludes his article with the following: "If you are a hearer who has come to expect sermons to be boring and inapplicable, repent; and if your preacher needs some help, consider how you might use the tool to find things to praise in his sermons and to offer some gentle suggestions."

Blessings in Christ, Pastor

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Mission of the Month

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House has been supporting families since 1974

After recognizing the need to support the whole family when a child is seriously ill or injured, the first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia, PA, USA, in 1974. That was the beginning of their role as a unique charity dedicated to caring for families with children who are ill or injured. Their programs and services address the essential needs of families around the world - all along their child's healthcare journey - so they can focus on the health and well-being of their child.

Ronald McDonald House programs are a home away from home that provide comfort, support and resources to families who travel far from home for the medical care their child needs.

Ronald McDonald Family Room programs provide comfort to families right in the hospital, giving them a private place to relax or decompress.

November Birthdays

2 – Christine Bopp

5 – Corey Essig
Rachel Greenmyer

6 – Karren Euscher

10 – Kathy Schreiner
Theo Brockman

12– Patty Essig

14 –Katelyn Greenmyer

17- Jerry Zetocha

26– Lily Gaden
Corrine Haussler

27– Annika Nelson

Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-noon

1:00-3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9am, Redeemer Hours

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

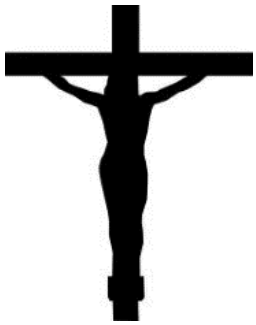
Friday: Redeemer Hours

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 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: Christian Table of Duties

Nov 1-7 Bishops, Pastors, Preachers (1 Tim. 3:2-4)
Nov 8-14 Bishops, Pastors, Preachers (1 Tim. 3:6)
Nov 15-21 Bishops, Pastors, Preachers (Titus 1:9)
Nov 22-28 What Hearers Owe Their Pastors (1 Cor. 9:14)

Readings:

All Saints (Nov 1-7)

Psalm 149	
First Reading:	Revelation 7:9-17
Epistle:	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12

Trinity 23 (Nov 8-14)

Psalm 111	
Old Testament:	Proverbs 8:11-22
Epistle:	Philippians 3:17-21
Gospel:	Matthew 22:15-22

Trinity 24 (Nov 15-21)

Psalm 126	
Old Testament:	Isaiah 51:9-16
Epistle:	Colossians 1:9-14
Gospel:	Matthew 9:18-26

Trinity 27…Last Sunday of Church Year (Nov 22-28)

Psalm 149	
Old Testament:	Isaiah 65:17-25
Epistle:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel:	Matthew 25:1-13

Hymn of the Month:
LSB 906
"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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.
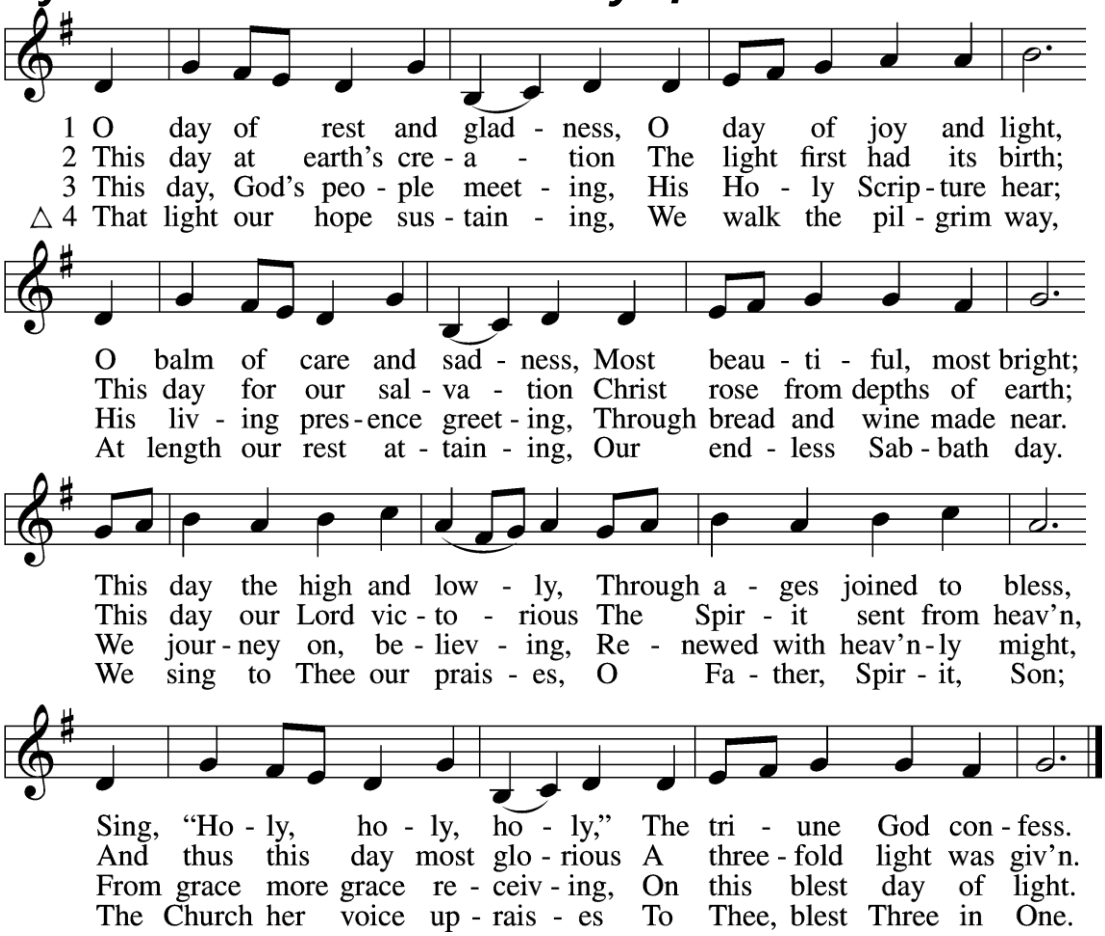
Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Salutation

"The Lord be with you" (2 Tim. 4:22), followed by the response, "And with your spirit." See p. 172

Hymn of the month: *906 O Day of Rest and Gladness*



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Acolytes

Elder or Hudson

Prayer Families

November 1

Andrew & Katie Greenmyer
James, Lilly, Levi, Rachel
8086 123 Ave Se
Stirum, ND 58069

November 16

Mike, Krista and Lydia Grive
PO Box 117
Gwinner, ND 58040

November 8

Ron & Chelie Greenmyer
8090 123 Ave SE
Stirum, ND 58069

November 23

Lyle & tamara Halvosron
6640 Hwy 18
Wyndmere, ND 58081



November 29

Corrine Haussler
Four Seasons
Manor, Forman



Ushers

1st Brian

8th Andrew

15th Greg

22nd Grover

26th Randal

29th Ron

LIVE

1st Evan

8th Cindy

15th Andrew

22nd Greg

26th Krista

29th Brian

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

Counters

1st Jim Asche and Brian Orn

8th Sam Helm and Jason Asche

15th Gary Drevlow and Michelle Brockman

22nd Bob Orn and Jim Asche

26th Brian Orn and Jason Asche

29th Sam Helm and Gary Drevlow



Cleaners List

Nov. 1-7

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

Nov. 8-14

- Tim & JoAnne Rehborg
- Allen & Diane McDaniel

Nov. 15-21

- Jim & Marge Asche
- Jason & Hollie Asche

Nov. 22-28

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

Nov. 29-Dec.5

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



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

Zion Lutheran
GOSPEL, FAITH, & WORD

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9;30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School	2 Pastor's Day off	3	4 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R) 4:00 pm Youth Catechesis @Redeemer	5	6	7
8 9;30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School SSP Retreat St. John's Oakes	9 Pastor's Day off 6:30 LWML (R)	10	11 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R) 4:00 p.m. Youth Catechesis @Redeemer	12	13	14 Pastor recording in Fargo for MSLN
15 9;30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School 2:00 pm Confessions Study @ Hankinson	16 9 a.m. Joint Circuit Winkel @St. John's in Oakes	17 2 pm LWML (Z)	18 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R) 4:00 p.m. Youth Catechesis @Redeemer	19	20	21 9:00 a.m. Marriage Conference
22 9;30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School	23	24	25 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 pm Bible Study (R) 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Evening Prayer @Redeemer	26	27 Pastor's Day off	28
29 9;30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Divine Service 11:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School	30 Pastor's Day off					