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What Happens After Confirmation?

You've probably heard this saying before: "It seems like after they get confirmed, you don't see them very often anymore." Yes, this is far too often the case. Why? There are a few reasons. The reality is that we need to start with where the Christian faith first needs to be taught and cultivated...the home. *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).* That means reading the Bible to your children at home and praying regularly; bringing them and yourselves to church regularly; getting them in formal catechesis with pastor; maybe bringing them also to Sunday school.

Another reason is that catechumens might not be taught the importance and seriousness of the vows they make to God in His name (2nd commandment) when confirmed in the faith of their baptism. The one being confirmed is promising God what he or she will be doing: coming to church to hear God's word regularly; eating and drinking the body and blood of Jesus faithfully; remaining in this confession and Church until death. In short, the one being confirmed is promising God that he or she will receive from Him what He wants to give in the forgiveness of sins, continued wisdom for this life, and continued teaching from His word until death.

Another reason is that far too often fathers and mothers view their son or daughter's confirmation as a sort of graduation, believing that they are now done with God's word and with learning His holy wisdom for life. In no sense is confirmation graduation. What should happen when and if these vows are broken through neglect? Confession and absolution with pastor for one thing. Also, repentance and the fruits thereof, with the now forgiven sinner desiring and striving to keep those confirmation vows made to God with renewed zeal, vigor, and steadfastness in holy living according to the same word of God by which they first were made Christians in baptism.

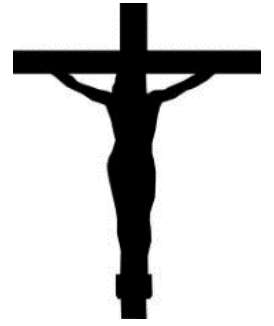
Blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Pastor

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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: Table of Duties

April 28-May 4	Of Citizens (2 Timothy 2:1-3)
May 5-11	Of Citizens (Titus 3:1)
May 12-18	Of Citizens (1 Peter 2:13-14)
May 19-25	To Husbands (1 Peter 3:7)
May 26-June 1	To Husbands (Colossians 3:19)

Readings:

Easter 5 (April 28-May 4)

Old Testament:	Isaiah 12:1-6
Psalm 66:1-8	
Epistle:	James 1:16-21
Gospel:	John 16:5-15

Easter 6 (May 5-11)

Old Testament:	Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-9	
Epistle:	1 Timothy 2:1-6
Gospel:	John 16:23-33

Easter 7 (May 12-18)

Old Testament:	Exodus 36:22-28
Psalm 51:1-12	
Epistle:	1 Peter 4:7-14
Gospel:	John 15:26-16:4

Pentecost (May 19-25)

Old Testament:	Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 143	
Epistle:	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel:	John 14:23-31

Trinity (May 26-June 1)

Old Testament:	Isaiah 6:1-7
Psalm 29	
Epistle:	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel:	John 3:1-15

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 469

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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

Hosanna

Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now" (Matt. 21:9). Included in the Sanctus.

Hymn 469: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.

Tune: French, 13th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

Mission Central

Today, Mission Central is a vital extension of the work and service delegated by the Synod to LCMS Mission Advancement. Mission Central focuses on personally connecting individuals, families, groups, organizations, and congregations with LCMS called or appointed missionaries and mission projects, as well as district-coordinated mission initiatives. As a result, Mission Central embodies the largest mission network providing support to our Synod's international and national mission teams.

Every penny given to Mission Central goes to directly support mission work, as there is zero overhead or organizational costs at Mission Central. They are staffed 100% by volunteers who are daily involved with the very most current missionary needs and updates and can immediately disperse funds when available.

Zion Lutheran church intends to donate the funds received for this mission to go directly to Pastor David Preus and wife Jennifer serving in Romania. God has blessed them with nine children.

May Birthdays

2 – David Nelson

8 – Jax Greenley

14 – Ashley Brockman

15 – Donna Olson

25 – Zach Drevlow

29 – Delores Johnson
Cindy Linderkamp

31 – Reed Nelson



Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-2 pm

Wednesday: 10-11:30 am 1-2:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-3 pm

Friday: 8:30-11 am 1-2 pm

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

- 5th: Aleaha Wangler
- 12th: Harry Neustel
- 19th: Lydia Grieve
- 26th: Harry Neustel



Ushers

- 5th Andrew Greenmyer
- 12th Greg Nelson
- 19th Grover Riebe
- 26th Randal Brockman

Prayer Families

May 5

Michael McKenna
30157 7th St W. #304
West Fargo, ND 58078

May 12

Steve & Celeste Metzen
PO Box 165, 304 3rd St.
Milnor, ND 58060



May 19

Dorne Meyer
1838 Park Blvd
Fargo, ND 58103

May 26

Annika Nelson
13443 80th St SE
Milnor, ND 58060



- 5th Andrew Greenmyer
- 12th Greg Nelson
- 19th Krista Grieve
- 26th Ashley Brockman

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

Counters

- 5th Michelle Brockman & Bob Orn
- 12th Jim Asche & Brian Orn
- 19th Sam Helm & Jason Asche
- 26th Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman



Cleaners List

5-11

- Tim & JoAnne Rehborg
- Gary & Kay Drevlow
- Allen & Diane McDaniel

19-25

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

12-18

- Joey & Cindy Enderson
- Derek & Jennifer Wangler
- Bonna Schultz

26-June 1

- Alex & Sam Opdahl
- Sam & Beka Helm
- Duane & Shelli Bergemann





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9 a.m. Bible Study Pastor traveling , returning Thursday →	2	3 Pastor's Day Off	4
5 8:45/9 a.m. Bible Study/ S.S. 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion/Rite of Confirmation 11:15 a.m. Coffee	6 Pastor @ District Pastor's Conf. in Fargo →	7	8 Private Confession/Absolution 3:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 8:15 a.m. Private C/A 8:45/9 a.m. Bible Study/S.S. 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 Bulletin's being copied early	15 9 a.m. Bible Study	16	17	18
19 8:15 a.m. Private C/A 8:45/9 a.m. Bible Study/ S.S. 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee/ Sr. Graduate Recognition	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 2pm LWML	22 9 a.m. Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:15 a.m. Private C/A 8:45 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee	27 Pastor's Day Off Pastor & family away →	28	29	30	31	