



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### You're Confirmed in the Faith.....Now What?

What happens after someone baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ makes vows in the name of God (2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment), in confirmation of that same faith received in the gospel and baptism? The answer is not complicated. What happens after confirmation is largely the same thing that happens before one is confirmed in the baptismal faith. One continues being a disciple, as one was made a disciple in the gospel and baptism. Jesus' words in Matthew's gospel don't expire after confirmation. *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).*

Just as teaching continues after one is baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-5), so also teaching continues after one is confirmed in the faith of one's baptism. Gladly hearing preaching and His Word (3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment) in Jesus' name (2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment; Luke 24:46-47), continuing in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers (Acts 2:42) is living the Christian life in Jesus' Church.

While the time of formal catechesis in the church does have its completion in preparing catechumens to be confirmed, the time of receiving the teaching of God's word that begins in the home (Ephesians 6:4), continues in the church until the Christian falls asleep in Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:15). This is why all confirmands, who make their vows in God's name, promise that they will continue in this confession and church, in faithfulness to God's word, until death. All of this, from receiving the gospel and baptism, to the day of one's death, is part of being one of Jesus' faithful disciples, who will receive the crown of everlasting life (Revelation 2:10; 1 Peter 5:4; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8).

Continued blessings in Christ in your baptismal promises and your confirmation vows, 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: 8:30-11:30 am 1-2 pm

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

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

Friday: 8:30-11:30 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](mailto:secretary@zionwinner.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: Lord's Prayer/Holy Baptism

**Jan. 5-11** Conclusion of Lord's Prayer

**Jan 12-18** What is Baptism?

**Jan 19-25** Which is that word of God?

**Jan 26-Feb.1** What Benefits does Baptism give?

### Readings:

#### Christmas 2 (Jan. 5-11)

Old Testament: Genesis 46:1-7  
Psalm Psalm 77:11-20  
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

#### Epiphany of Our Lord (observed) (Jan 12-18)

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 24  
Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

#### Epiphany 2 (Jan 19-25)

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 67  
Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33  
Gospel: John 2:1-11

#### Epiphany 3 (Jan. 26-Feb. 1)

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-15  
Psalm 110:1-4  
Epistle: Romans 12:16-21  
Gospel: Matthew 8:1-13

### 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*

### Matins

**Morning service of psalms, readings, and prayers. See pages 219-28**

### Hymn of the Month:

LSB 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

## Hymn of Invocation: 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933

Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald

Text and tune: Public domain



# Acolytes

5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> : Lydia Grieve

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; Elder

# Prayer Families

## January 5

Geneva Waswick  
216 Main St. S  
Gwinner, ND 58040

## January 12

Jerry & Connie Zetocho  
Gwinner, ND  
(currently snowbirds)



## January 19

Martha Asche  
PO Box 252  
Gwinner, ND 58040

## January 26

Evan Asche  
Gwinner, ND 58040



# Ushers

5<sup>th</sup> Brian

12<sup>th</sup> Andrew

19<sup>th</sup> Greg

26<sup>th</sup> Grover



5<sup>th</sup> Andrew

12<sup>th</sup> Greg

19<sup>th</sup> Brian

26<sup>th</sup> Krista

*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.*

# Counters

5<sup>th</sup> : Sam Helm & Jason Asche

12<sup>th</sup> : Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman

19<sup>th</sup> : Bob Orn & Jim Asche

26<sup>th</sup> : Brian Orn & Jason Asche



# Cleaners

## 5-11 :

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

## 19-25

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

## 12-18

- Brian & Lindy Orn
- Greg & Janet Nelson

## 26-Feb.1

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



***\*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\****

# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Pastor/family visiting family →	2	3	4
5  8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	6  6 p.m. Feast of Epiphany Divine Service @Peace in Barney	7  3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	8  9 am Bible Study 2 p.m. Vespers 3:45 pm Confirmation 7 p.m. Elders	9	10	11
12  8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee	13	14  3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	15  9 am Bible Study 2 p.m. Evening Prayer 3:45 pm Confirmation 7 p.m. Council	16	17	18
19  8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee Pastor/Ron G. at ND District Convention in Minot	20	21  2 p.m. LWML	22	23	24	25
26  8:45 am Catechesis & Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting ←	27  2 p.m. Circuit Confessions Study at Peace in Barney	28  3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis	29  9 am Bible Study 2 p.m. Vespers 3:45 pm Confirmation	30	31	