



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Lutheran Framework Regarding Adiaphora

Adiaphora refers to things which are neither commanded nor forbidden by the word of God. On its surface, then, adiaphora appear to be "six of one, half-dozen of the other," meaning, it does not matter whether you do it or do not do it. It is true that things adiaphora are free, in that they are neither commanded nor forbidden by the word of God. However, they are not unimportant matters which are to be left wide open to human opinion. That viewpoint would lead, among other things, to forsaking rites and ceremonies which are necessary for good order in the church (1 Corinthians 14; Augsburg Confession XXVIII; par. 53-54 Triglotta; Apology of the Augsburg Confession XV; par. 38-44).

It would also lead to forsaking rites and ceremonies which are necessary to teach the people what they need to know about Christ (Augsburg Confession XXIV; par. 1-9). The Lutheran framework for adiaphora is that these rites and ceremonies must not be taught as though they are necessary to merit the forgiveness of our sins, our justification (Augsburg Confession XXVII; par. 40-45; Apology of the Augsburg Confession VII; par. 45-46). At the same time, the Lutheran framework includes that they are necessary for good order in the church, and to teach the people what they need to know of Christ.

In Lutheranism, this is what is called the "Normative Principle" in matters of worship. This means that those things which the Scripture does not forbid are emphasized as being retained in our churches. So then: 1) Rites and ceremonies are not necessary for the forgiveness of our sins; 2) rites and ceremonies are necessary for good order in the church; 3) rites and ceremonies are necessary to teach the people what they need to know of Christ.

Things such as vestments, bowing, chanting, the series of lessons, while not to be taught as though meriting the forgiveness of our sins, are good and right to retain for good order and teaching Christ. Accusations, such as that chanting is Roman Catholic, bowing is too showy, or that following the appointed series of lessons is too rigid, are false and foreign to the Bible and the Confessions. These things are indeed catholic in that they are part of the whole of the church, traced back even to the days far preceding the Roman Catholic and Lutheran denominations. The word of God is always the norm: *But all things should be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).*

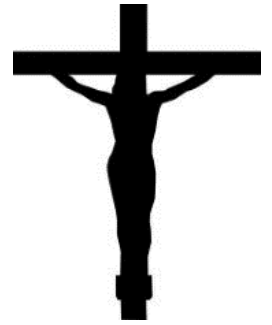
Blessings in Christ Jesus, our crucified and resurrected Lord,  
Pastor

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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

**March 31-April 6** Table of Duties (Hearers) Heb. 13:17  
**April 7-13** Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4  
**April 14-20** Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21  
**April 21-27** Of Citizens: Romans 13:5-7

### Readings:

#### Palm Sunday (March 31-April 6)

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Psalm 118:19-29  
 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

#### Easter (April 7-13)

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27  
 Psalm 118:15-29  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57  
 Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

#### Easter 2 (April 14-20)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 33  
 Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10  
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

#### Easter 3 (April 21-27)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16  
 Psalm 23  
 Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25  
 Gospel: John 10:11-16

### Hymn of the Month:

LSB 464

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

### 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*

### Gradual

A liturgical response, drawn from the Bible, that follows the Old Testament reading.

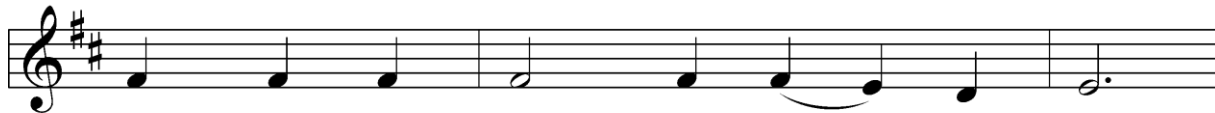
# Office Hymn: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

Text: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, 1695, Köln; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt.

Tune: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–1594, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

# Mission of the Month

## Orphan Grain Train †

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Donations to support Ukraine orphans.

To learn more, visit their website: [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)



### Where Your Money Goes

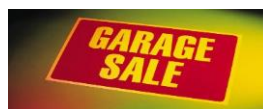
98.2 % of all donations go toward Orphan Grain Train mission projects. Only 1.8% of donations go toward administrative and fundraising expenses!

# 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

The Zion youth will be having a rummage sale and bake sale **on Saturday, July 13**, during Gwinner days. If you have items, you have been thinking of parting with, set them aside in preparation for this sale, which helps our youth into the future for various youth events, conferences, or retreats.

Thanks for your support!



## 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@ziongwinner.org](mailto:secretary@ziongwinner.org)**



## Acolytes

- 7<sup>th</sup> Harry Neustel
- 14<sup>th</sup> Harry Neustel
- 21<sup>st</sup> Aleaha Wangler
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lydia Grieve

## Prayer Families

### April 7

Riley McFarland  
205 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Gwinner, ND 58040

### April 14

Brady McKenna  
3015 7<sup>th</sup> St. W. #304  
West Fargo, ND 58078



### April 21

Brian and Tana McKenna  
304 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Gwinner, ND 58040

### April 28

Michael McKenna  
3015 7<sup>th</sup> St. W. #304  
West Fargo, ND 58078



## Ushers

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grover
- 14<sup>th</sup> Randal
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ron
- 28<sup>th</sup> Brian



- 7<sup>th</sup> Krista
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ashley
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cindy
- 28<sup>th</sup> Brian

## Counters

- 7<sup>th</sup> Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Orn & Jim Asche
- 21<sup>st</sup> Brian Orn & Jason Asche
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sam Helm & Gary Drevlow



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

## Cleaners List

### 7-13

- Brian & Tana McKenna
- Greg & Janet Nelson

### 21-27

- Dennis & Cindy Linderkamp
- Randal & Michelle Brockman

### 14-20

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

### 28-May 4

- Eric & Brook Olson
- Andy7 & Stephanie Stroh
- Jay & Karen 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 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>2</b> 7 p.m. Adult Catechesis	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Youth Catechesis	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. Elders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Council	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Winkle @Redeemer in Lisbon	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Youth Catechesis 5 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution	<b>11</b> Pastor @ Faith of Our Father's Conference in Illinois	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rev. Doremus Guest Pastor 11:15 a.m. Coffee	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>16</b> 2 pm LWML	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Youth Catechesis 7:00 p.m. Organists	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30 a.m. Private C/A 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Voters Mtg. 2 p.m. Lutheran Confessions here	<b>22</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Youth Catechesis 5-7:30 p.m. Area Youth Group Gathering	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Divine Service/w Communion 11:15 a.m. Coffee	<b>29</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>30</b>				