

# Zion Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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*Sharing Hope ~ Teaching Christ.*

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## Today's Order of Worship

**Hymn/Song of the Month:** LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"

**8:00 -- Divine Service Setting I, page 151 & on screen**

**10:30 -- Printed Divine Service, on screen**

**Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-9 *(front part of the Hymnal)*

**First Lesson:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *p.910 in pew Bible*

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-25 *p.1014 in pew Bible*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35 *p.885 in pew Bible*

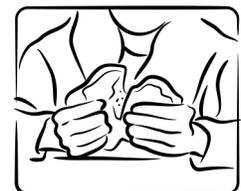
**Sermon:** "From Despair to Delight" Luke 24:13-35 Pastor Gless

### 8:00 Hymns

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" LSB 908  
"Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" LSB 476  
"Glory Be to Jesus" LSB 433  
"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466  
"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474 vs. 1-2, 4

### 10:30 Hymns

"Good To Me"  
"Shout to the North"  
"Glory Be to Jesus" LSB 433  
"Be Unto Your Name"  
"Lead Me To The Cross"  
"My Redeemer Lives"



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 30, 2017**

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod belief about the Sacrament of the Altar:**  
(also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion)

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [in, with, and] under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

*What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?*

These words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words.

*Who receives the sacrament worthily?*

The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. *Martin Luther, Small Catechism*).

“We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well. Why, then, do we act as if the sacrament were a poison that would kill us if we ate of it? Of course, it is true that those who despise the sacrament and lead unchristian lives receive it to their damnation... But those who feel their weakness, who are anxious to be rid of it and desire help, should regard and use the sacrament as a precious antidote against the poison in their systems. For here in the sacrament you are to receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” *Martin Luther, Large Catechism, §68-70.*

**FOR OUR GUESTS...**

We are delighted to have all guests and visitors with us today! As we celebrate Holy Communion, if you have not yet been instructed in the faith, or if you hold to a faith different than the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, it is out of love that we would, for the moment, invite you to refrain from partaking of this meal until we have had a chance to talk with you about our beliefs and practices. If you desire to learn more about our practice of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to be a part of Zion's *Welcome to Worship* class which is held twice a year. In the meantime, please feel free to come forward for a blessing, placing your arms across your chest to let the pastor know you would like to receive that blessing. As our pastors desire to faithfully love and care for you, please respect our position of love on this matter.

In addition to the individual cups, we also offer the **Common Cup** during the administration of the Lord's Supper. **Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is also available in the center portion of each communion tray. **Gluten free wafers** are available. If you would like to receive this, you can simply tell the pastor that you desire a gluten free wafer.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR TO DATE (Jul '16-Mar '17)	General Fund	Line of Credit	Building Mortgage	Operations Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ (96,444.98)	\$ (84,329.45)	\$ (134,861.90)	
<b>Loan</b>				
<b>Income/Contributions</b>	\$ 885,712.18	\$ 18,456.78	\$	
<b>Expenses/Payments</b>	\$ (876,921.92)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 12,778.57	
<b>Funds Borrowed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ ( 10,000.00)		
<b>Balance</b>	\$ ( 77,654.72)	\$ ( 71,372.67)	\$ (122,083.33)	\$ (271,110.72)

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (JULY-MAR): \$5,937**

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP** - During the offering, please sign the fellowship book in the pew (**one name per line, including all children**), enter the date in the upper right corner and pass to the person next to you. Thank you!

**INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**—Young children experience worship in the same way as they experience the rest of life—with their senses. “Worship Bags” for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They’re located at the balcony stairs. Pick one up before the service, and please return it when the service is over.

**RESTROOMS** are located in the lower level; Women’s is straight back in the lounge area, and the Men’s is off the hallway to the church basement.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:**

- Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins
- Also for **Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Katie Schroeder, Nora Gless, Steve Kuenzel, Arlys Honebrink, Dick Krahn, Olvern Vinkemeier, David Roy, Lowell Haga-Leas, Melanie Dressel, Greg Miller.**
- Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Apr 30: Laura Guetzkow, Justin Houser, Jayce Jopp, Teagan Studer; May 1: John Thomas; May 2: Chloe Maetzold, Caleb Shipler; May 3: Anthony Polzin, Ashley Polzin; May 4: Tamara Boll, Jack Chmielewski, Kathy Ecklund, Daniel Lundeen; May 5: Kristin Alstady, Nikka Buesgens, Michelle Jopp, Natalie Poppler; May 6: Todd Ellig, Chad Heinlein, Kallie Jackson, Ryan Schuette.
- Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: May 1: Dave & Connie Rikke; May 3: Art & Amy Knutson, Randy & Joan Maass.

**PRAYER MINISTRY**—Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use. To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: **Arleen Hoese** (657-1049), **Marlene Jopp** (office - 657-2339, Hm - 657-2398), or **Sharon Buckentin** (657-2549). Use the prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers for the prayer chain or for Sunday worship, or call one of the contact persons.

**DAILY BREAD**—Just a reminder to the people of Zion about the ministry known as Daily Bread. It is our privilege to provide meals for families following hospital stays and other times when it can be helpful. If you are interested in volunteering to make meals (no more than once a month, and rarely every month), or if you or someone you know could benefit from receiving meals, please contact Emily Gless at 952-657-2266.



**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**—*Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$11,223.53; Debt Reduction: \$100.00; Building Fund: \$55.00; Building Maintenance: \$15.00; Help a Neighbor: \$75.00; Lutheran Witness: \$78.80.* “Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the firstfruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10.

**1 Peter 1:18-19** “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed – bought back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world: we belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

**DID YOU KNOW** that your kindness and generosity through the “Help a Neighbor” Fund has helped multiple families who were in significant need? Through this fund help was given by assisting with things like utilities, gas & food. Thank you for your past and continued support of this important ministry!

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” -Matthew 25:40

**Portals of Prayer (April-June).** Can be found in the narthex by the bulletin boxes. Help yourself to these devotions provided by Zion’s LWML. Devotions for April are written by Rev. Dr. James Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life. Used booklets can be placed in Religious Materials recycling box in the NE corner of the narthex.

The **Christian Cards and Gifts** has Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding and Anniversary boxed cards. Individual cards are also available. Check out our gift items including The Lutheran Study Bible, Lutheran Service Books, Prayer Books, Children’s books. We are located at the bottom of the stairs of the lower level of the church. Barb Argabright or Ann Schuette will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help you with your purchase, or with any special order request.

### LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR...

**Third Sunday of Easter** – The Son of God’s’ lifeblood has ransomed the whole human race from death’s futile ways (1 Peter 1:18-19). The promise and privileges of inheriting and inhabiting His kingdom are for all, including children (Acts 2:39) and those occupying life’s edges. *Lamb of God, allow us to accompany You in gathering Your household together. Amen.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

**Craft & Scrapbooking Work Day** - The Board for Family Ministry invites you to bring your crafts or scrapbooks on May 6 in the Church basement from 9:00 to 9:00. Cost is \$10.00 and meals are provided. Contact Kathy Thaumert [952-657-2684](tel:952-657-2684) to reserve a spot.

**S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving)** announces their May 1-2, 2017 Gathering XXIX at Best Western N. Mankato. Join our LCMS Seniors at this 2 day event with speaker Rich Bimler: 1517 "500 Years: Here We Stand" 2017, a Monday evening banquet with entertainment by "The Grace Notes", interesting workshops, etc. Questions, please ask Helen Bunge. Registration packets can be found in the narthex.

**Finding Hope In Grief** - You are invited to join us on a journey to understand grief. We will walk with group members as they learn the psychological, interpersonal, physical, behavioral and, most importantly, the spiritual aspects of grief. We find HOPE in our grief because of our faith in the promises of God and the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. We will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM (April 25 through May 16) in the Care Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia. Questions? Call Jan Radde (612-554-0825), Trinity Care Ministry.

**Zion VBS Mighty Fortress:** In Jesus, the Victory is Won! June 12-16, 2017. **There will be a door offering today, April 30** to help with VBS expenses. Thank you for your support in Sharing Hope and Teaching Christ to the children of our community!

**Registration is open now through May 19** for Zion VBS Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won! June 12 - 16, 2017. Cost is \$25/child or \$60/family maximum if registered and paid by Friday, May 19, 2017. If registering after May 19, cost is \$30/child or \$75/family maximum and your child **may not receive a t-shirt**. Register online by following the link from Zion's website [www.zionmayer.org](http://www.zionmayer.org), or stop in the school office or church narthex for a paper registration form.



**If you can help full or part time**, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Katie Baumann (314) 302-6663, Kristina Grossinger (952) 393-0268 or Jolene Jacobs (763) 516-7240 or e-mail [zionmayervbs@gmail.com](mailto:zionmayervbs@gmail.com), for more information. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won!

**SAVE THE DATE for Zion VBS June 12 - 16, 2017.** In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our *Mighty Fortress*, and the victory Jesus has won for us. **Be part of *Mighty Fortress* VBS!** God's children of all ages will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won at *Mighty Fortress* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil and that God gives us that victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "In Jesus, the victory is won" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Katie Baumann (314) 302-6663, Kristina Grossinger (952) 393-0268 or Jolene Jacobs (763) 516-7240 or e-mail [zionmayervbs@gmail.com](mailto:zionmayervbs@gmail.com), for more information. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won!

**Lutheran Witness subscriptions are due.** If you are already a subscriber, it's time to renew yours. If you are not yet a subscriber, now's the time! The Lutheran Witness is the official monthly periodical of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It contains many articles of interest, news from the church at large, from our LCMS and our District. To renew or subscribe, put \$19.70 in the Lutheran Witness envelope in your packet, or in any envelope marked "Lutheran Witness", and place in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering is May 14.

## ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"... Zion's website [www.zionmayer.org](http://www.zionmayer.org)... If you or anyone you know would like a 2017-2018 registration form (PS 3's & 4's or K-8) or more information, please call the school office, 952-657-2339...



**Chapel is held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM.** Leading Chapel this week is Pastor LaPlant. Chapel offerings for the fourth quarter are designated for Ministry to the Armed Forces... **Grades 5-8 Track & Field day** at LHS, May 5... **Play Day** at Excelsior, May 12... **All School Field Trip** (Twins game), May 18... **Spring Banquet & 8th Gr. Graduation**, May 21... **SALT SALES** - If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!

**Singing Friends Spring Concert Series** will be held at 2 pm today at St. Mark Lutheran Church New Germany and at 2 pm on Sunday, May 7 at Church of Peace, NYA. Free will offering with coffee and cookies served afterwards.

**Save the Date:** Zion Outdoor Service is July 16 at 10:00 am. Dinner and activities will be provided from 11:30 - 3 pm. Look for more details to come.

**National Day of Prayer** is this Thursday, May 4. On this special day, set aside annually in our nation, we pray that as a nation, we would return to God and His Word. The NDP Task Force is a privately funded organization representing a Judeo-Christian expression, whose purpose is to communicate with every individual, the need for personal repentance and prayer. The NDP theme for 2017 is "**For Your Great Name's Sake**" based on Daniel 9:19 emphasizing our need as a nation to cry out to God, Who is sovereign over all governments: "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act!" Anne Graham Lotz, who serves as Chairperson of the NDP, wrote the prayer for this day. You can find it at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ...

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### April 30<sup>th</sup> Lesson 12

Today's Sunday School lesson taught the children "Jesus Ascends into Heaven" to prepare a place for us there with Him (Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53). Ask the children to tell you about Jesus' ascension and what it means for them.

**Preschool:** "Jesus Calls the Disciples" is today's lesson. Today the children will learn that Jesus had a team of friends who helped Him when He was on the earth. They will learn how He chose His helpers and how He called his helpers/friends disciples. Today take the time to speak with your child(ren) about their friends and how if their friends don't know Jesus they could tell them about Him.

**Sunday School end of year Celebration is May 14th during Sunday school time.** Children and their families are invited to join us in an ice cream social and a recap of this past year. Look forward to seeing everyone!

**Sunday School will be singing during both services on May 14th.** Children should be at church by 7:45 am for first service and then for 2nd service we will walk over as a group to sing.

**Sunday School is seeking teachers!!!** For next school year we are looking for 2-3 preschool teachers, a teacher for each grade of 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6/7/8, a music coordinator, substitutes, classroom helpers. Please consider how you could help. Contact Jessica Borsma with any questions or to volunteer your time at [jessicaborsma13@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaborsma13@gmail.com) or [952-955-3531](tel:952-955-3531). Thank you!!

**2017 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible for designating your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars you can direct them by the following ways: Call Thrivent Financial at [1-800-847-4836](tel:1-800-847-4836) and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice" to be directed to a person who will assist you. You may also call your Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative at the Waconia office at [\(952\) 442-8461](tel:952-442-8461). Also, Thrivent Choice Dollars direction forms for 2016 are available in the narthex by the mailboxes. If you complete this form it will direct your entire Choice Dollars earned for the 2016 year. Complete the Thrivent Choice Dollars 2017 form - sign and date. You can drop off at the Waconia Thrivent office or place in Darleen Wandersee's box at church for delivery to Waconia. If you have any questions please call Darleen, Zion's Thrivent advocate, at [\(952\) 955-1615](tel:952-955-1615). Again, thank you for your continued support of Zion's ministries through your Choice Dollars.

**Hymn of the Month: LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus** -- The author of this Italian hymn, thought to be from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, is unknown. However, we do know who translated the text of the hymn, Edward Caswall (1814-1863). The text points us to the suffering Christ and His bitter pains who by His shed blood gives to us "grace and life eternal." The tune was published by Freidrich Filitz in 1847. Its tone and simplicity pairs wonderfully with the text, and combined together in melodic prose, both provide an uncomplicated and yet profound confession of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Experience the Holy Land** - Pastor Peter & Kathy Meier will lead a 10-day Biblical Tour of Israel Dec. 28, 2017 to Jan 6, 2018. You are invited to join them as they explore the Biblical sites and share faith lessons. Early Bird savings is available; space is limited. Brochures are available by the bulletin boxes in the narthex, or contact Kathy Meier, [kathy.meier@cui.edu](mailto:kathy.meier@cui.edu) or 952-994-7021

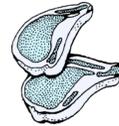


**Maifest St. Peter Lutheran Church, Watertown**  
Sunday, May 21 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Events & Attractions**

- 11am-2pm or until gone - Schnitzel Dinner
- 10am-3pm - Silent Auction inside church
- 10am-6pm - German & Minnesota Beer, Wine & Cider
- 10am-4:30pm - Maifest Markt (European Imports Included)
- 10am-5pm - Children's games & Bounce House Extravaganza
- 10:30am-6pm - Fresh Kramarczuk Brats, Deutschland Meats Grillwurst & American Hot Dogs fresh off the grill
- New**—Deutschland old fashioned wurst (while supply lasts)
- 10am-till gone - Best ever Bake Sale & Ice Cream Desserts
- 1:30pm-2pm - Live Auction in the Big Tent

**Pork Chop Dinner today**, April 30 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winsted. Menu includes Pork Chops, Hot Dogs, Baby Red Potatoes, Sauerkraut (downstairs only), Green Beans, Cole-slaw, Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Free Will Offering. Take outs available behind church. Proceeds to support Camp Omega, Projector & LED Lighting.



The Haven at Peace Village is hosting a **1st Anniversary Party** to thank the community for their continues support. The Party will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 PM. Join us for Fellowship, Cake/Coffee and entertainment.

**Spring Salad Luncheon**, Saturday, May 6, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood. Cost: Adult: \$8.00; Children ages 5 to 12: \$3.00; Children ages 4 and under: Free.



**Pork Chop Dinner**, Sunday, May 7 at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church, Hamburg. Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Take outs available. \$10 per adult, \$5 for child hot dog meal.

**LHS Spring Concert**



A multi-generational band will perform on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mayer Lutheran High School as part of the Spring Concert with the high school Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir. The concert starts at 7:00pm. Select members of the Zion band are playing including Pastor Woodford. If you play an instrument and would like to be a part of the multi-generational band, please contact Mr. Dulas at Mayer Lutheran or show up to rehearsal on May 3rd at 7pm

**Mother's Day Concert** (May 14) with Pastor Dave & Sabra Horn at 3:00 PM at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5218 Bartlett Blvd, Mound, 55364. There is no admission charge, and a freewill door offering will be taken. Dave says, "*My concerts are lighthearted and fun, with plenty of food for thought, suitable for the whole family because I bring a message aimed at everyday life and the music appeals to a broad range of people. I tell stories, usually involving the life and work of Jesus, and do silly things with hats and characters and audience participation, which I emphasize more if there are children present.*" You can listen to their music and learn more about Dave & Sabra at [burningbushleague.com](http://burningbushleague.com).

**Save the date!** The joint Minnesota South/Minnesota North/Concordia University **500th anniversary Reformation service** will be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Concordia, St. Paul. Choirs are invited to participate in this event.

## **SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .**

*during the week of April 23, 2017*

<i>Today:</i>	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
<i>Monday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:20 AM
	Choir	7:30 PM
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:20 AM
	Board of Elders	7:00 PM
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Chapel	8:30 PM
	Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Bible Class at Christ Corner	7:00 PM
<i>Thursday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:20 AM
	Church Council	7:00 PM
<i>Friday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:20 AM
	5th - 8th Grade Track & Field at LHS	
<i>Saturday:</i>	Scrapbooking	9:00 AM
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM

**Today's Light Readings for the week:** *Monday*      *Obadiah 1-21*  
*Tuesday*      *Jonah 1:1 - Jonah 2:10*  
*Wednesday*      *Jonah 3:1 - Jonah 4:11*  
*Thursday*      *Micah 1:1 - Micah 2:13*  
*Friday*      *Micah 3:1 - Micah 4:13*  
*Saturday*      *Micah 5:1-15*  
**Readings for next Sunday:**      *Acts 2:42-47*      *1 Peter 2:19-25*      *John 10:1-10*

## **SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:**

Worship Leader/Preacher:      Rev. Lucas Woodford, Rev. Adam Gless

Elder:      Curt Lundeen

Greeters:      Early: Lyle & Joanne Hartwig, Tim & Barb Argabright, Newell & Barb Hoback,  
Donna Lindstrom  
Late: Brand & Vicki Schultz, Gary & Holly Zajicek Family, Bob & Tice McPadden  
Kevin & Shelly Kahl

Organist: Mrs. Wanda Honebrink      Keyboard: Mrs. Tracy Shipler

Acolyte:      Isabella Woodford      Kyra Ecklund  
Ty Hoese      Sofia Ecklund

PowerPoint:      Charles/JoAnne Weiland      Chris Farniok