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The Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 2019

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Psalm: Psalm 23
First Reading: Acts 20:17-35
Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Sermon: "Listening to the Shepherd" Psalm 23 & John 10:22-30 Pastor Gless

Sunday School Anthems: "This Little Light of Mine" & "I'm In the Lord's Army"

8:00 AM Hymns:

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" LSB 710

"Our Pascal Lamb, That Sets Us Free" LSB 473 [May Hymn of the Month]

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735

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*

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. Please request a gluten-free wafer from the pastor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- *Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins*
- *Also for Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Arlys Honebrink, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Lynn Zellman, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoesz, Barb Splettstoesz, Pastor Lucas Woodford, Matt Rahne, Ann Soderstrom, Ed Gless, Leon Franke.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 12– Brock Hoese; 13– Camryn Blackketter, Ben Quiram, Lori Schroeder; 14– McKenzie Morley; 15– Alyssa Devine, Robert Jacobs, Delores Lenz, McKenzie Mitteness; 16– Parker Jackson, Linda Kovar, Brian Quaas, Jolee Templeman; 17– Helen Bunge, Teigan Martin, Barb Splettstoesz, David Tuttle.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 17– Ryan & Beth Schuette (11); 18– Daniel & Kathy Martin (17), Charles & Kathy Thaemert (28).*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa). Seminary Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne)*



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 (657-2398), or Sharon Buckentin (657-2549). You may also use prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers from prayer chain or during Sunday worship.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—We welcome children in the worship service! Worship Bags for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$11,274.52 Help A Neighbor: \$110; Debt Reduction: \$191; Building Fund (New): \$15; Building Fund (Maintenance): \$100.00; Technology: \$300. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits 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.*

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Life Thought- May 12 – Easter IV/Mother’s Day – Among motherhood’s greatest works is comforting distraught little ones. Where the world would wipe out lives by murder, the Lamb once slain but raised again mothers us by wiping away our tears (Revelation 7:17). Heavenly Father’s forgiveness and salvation heal even the guilt of abortion, the grief of terminal diagnosis, and the fear of complicated pregnancy. The Hand that rules the world also rocks the cradle.

Adult Bible Class —The Great Deceiver: Through May 19, Pastor Gless will be leading a class from the Lutheran Hour Ministry’s series called The Great Deceiver. Though popular culture may paint the devil as a cartoon character with a pitchfork and tail, or as someone needing our sympathy, or as having gone down to Georgia, those depictions make light of his sinister and diabolical nature. His approach is straightforward; his objective is final: separate every man, woman, and child from God--forever--and then throw the switch on their complete annihilation. Into this sick and twisted plan, God threw the ultimate wrench: Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Through the suffering and humiliation of the cross, God’s own Son yielded His life--not to death and defeat but, paradoxically--to life and victory--for us all, for all time.

Director of the Worship Team needed: Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer is looking for a part time Director of the Worship Team for their Sunday 10:30am service. This person will work closely with Pastor(s) to organize the worship service, which includes music, musicians, etc. The ideal candidate should have a good understanding of the LCMS faith and its practice, extensive experience with selecting music, ability to play piano/another instrument/or be able to sing, as well as working with a team. They should also have knowledge of technology used during the services (i.e. PowerPoint, sound systems, etc). This is a salaried position estimated at ~10 hours per week. Interested individuals should apply at Zion’s website: www.zionmayer.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Baptism– Tyson Roger Rogotzke, infant son of Jay & Amanda Rogotzke (nee Nordby), born April 16th, will be baptized today at the 10:30 service. His sponsors are Karsten & Misty Nordby & Tom & Amy Rogotzke.

Zion VBS ~ June 17-21 Lift off for an intergalactic adventure with Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World. Explore God’s miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross! Registration is now open! Registration can be found on our website www.zionmayer.org or forms are in the narthex!



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 it in the offering plate. Subscriptions are Due by May 26th.

CLASS of 2019 Graduates: We will be honoring our high school and college graduates at services on June 2nd. Parents, please submit your child’s name, school they are graduating from, and their current post-graduation plans. Please submit to the office by May 22nd. High school graduates will receive a special gift from the Board of Family Ministry during the service.

F.A.I.T.H. Kick Off to Summer Event—Join the Board of Family Ministry on June 2nd from 3pm-5pm for a kickball event. We will play kickball, have a devotion, and will be grilling hotdogs! Come over to Zion’s fields or we will be in the school gym if inclement weather. We hope to see you there!

Our rental house (209 2nd St NW) is up for rent as of June 1st. It is a 3 bedroom and 2 bath home. For more information regarding lease agreement and price of rent, please contact Lyle Honebrink or any of the trustees.



Zion LWML will meet tomorrow, Monday May 13th at New Perspective in Waconia at 1:30pm. All ladies are welcome as we have our 2019 Prayer Service “God Cares For You” based on Psalm 94:19. If you have an LSB Hymnal, please bring it along. Our mite offering will be a part of our worship.

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

Flowers on the altar today are placed by LFL-Lifelines in thankfulness to God for His gift of Motherhood. On display in the narthex is the winning Zion School poster for our 2019 Lifelines poster contest. “*Time to Respect Life*” was designed by Marley Martin, grade 6.

LHS Spring Concert and Art Exhibit is Wed, May 15th at 7:00pm in the Fine Arts Center. Join us for an evening of art and music. Enjoy the music of the high school and elementary bands and view artwork from high school and elementary students. The Elementary School Invitational Art Show awards will be presented at 6 PM during the Awards Assembly. The MLHS Art Show featuring the high school and elementary artwork will be available for viewing May 14-17 in the Fine Arts Center lobby.

Food Shelf Sunday is next Sunday, May 19. Friends for Life Food Shelf in Wattertown thank Zion for the recent abundant donation of 113# and we thank Gerry & Marlys Thomas for making that delivery.

Outdoor Worship Service—Decided at our May Council Meeting, the Outdoor Worship service, typically held in July, will be cancelled this year.

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

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Zion’s website www.zionmayer.org



Chapel offerings for fourth quarter go towards the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Chapel on May 15th will be lead by Mr. Baumann.

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!

Do you know any families with children entering 4 year old preschool or kindergarten? We have openings in both of these classes. Please invite them to check out what we have to offer or pass their information to Mr. Baumann.

Play Day—Friday May 17th. Each year we set aside one day for play day which is a track and field day between Zion and two other schools. This year the event will take place at Christ Community Lutheran School in Watertown. The day starts in the morning with a chapel service and ends after the All School Relay in the afternoon. Students should be dropped off at CCLS at 8:30am. The Zion School Office will be closed this day. There is no Extended Care after school this day.

End of Year Updates: Our Zion 8th grade graduation will be May 19th at the 10:30 service. The last day of school is May 23rd. Chapel will be at 1:30 with Kindergarten graduation.



This is the last Sunday of Sunday School. Thank you for a great year and look forward to seeing everyone in September! We are seeking Sunday School teachers for next year. Please contact Jessica Boersma, jessicaboersma13@gmail.com, if you are interested in

helping out.



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST ...

during the week of May 12th

Today:	Mother's Day	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
Monday:	LWML @ New Perspective	1:30 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel	8:30 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Ladies Bible Class	7:15 PM
Thursday:	All Boards	7:00 PM
Friday:	Office Closed	
	Play Day @ CCLS	
Next Sunday:	Zion 8th Grade Graduation @ 10:30 service	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth	4:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Ryan Schuette

Greeters: **Early:** Terry & Susan Stender, Ken Quaas, Ethan & Brittany Moorhouse

Late: Brad Quaas, Darin & Rhonda Bjerke, Dave & Laurie Trende, Jason Schuette, Lauseng Family

Organist: Mrs. Helen Bunge

Instrumental Duet: Wanda Honebrink & Julia Van Beusekom

Acolytes: Amanda Derner Julia Maetzold

Danica Martin Alexa Carlson

Powerpoint: Monica Wasser Duane/Tammy Smith

Readings for next week: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22