

April 6 & 7, 2019



Zion Lutheran Church

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As We Gather

*Welcome!
Together we will
worship the
Crucified, Risen,
and Ascended
Jesus. We, the
believers at Zion,
are glad to have
you here. Make
yourself at home;
you are among the
family of Christ.*

Service Notes . . .

In Preparation for Worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we'll be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: **It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit.** All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at Zion...you are our guest! Please remember to fill out the Friendship Book (located at the end of the Pew) and sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Divine Service Setting Two page 167.

(Complete your Preparation for the Lord's Supper using L.S.B. p. 329f.)

We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn 730 "What is the World to Me"

(rise) Invocation/Confession of Sins, Forgiveness p.167
Kneel as you are able

(sit)

Psalms 126 (In Front of Hymnal) responsively (by half verse).

Kyrie p.168ff

Hymn of Praise (Omitted During Lent) p.171

Salutation and Collect of the Day p.172

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

(This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**)

Philippians 3:8-14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**)

Luke 20:9-20

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?” ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

★ ★ *Children Come forward for the message: “Value of Faith”*

Ushers collect Prayer Requests and bring them to Pastor

Hymn of the Day 532 “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

Sermon “**Compare**” (Philippians 3:8-14) ESV

★ ★ Jordan Stumpf shares “What My Faith Means to Me”

Jordan Stumpf

4/7/2019

What My Faith Means To Me

My faith means to me that life doesn't always go as planned, but no matter what happens to me—God will guide me on the right path. My faith means that God can help me through the bad times and good times. It means that I can trust in the Lord to make all things right according to him. I'm confident that I will make it through my life's journey. Life's journey is hard, and it will be challenging, but it is like that for a reason. With help from my family, friends and the church, I will learn to understand the reasons why life is full of challenges and I will grow to overcome them.

Faith has taught me that no matter how people treat me I will do my best to understand, help, and guide them, along with myself, to God. Faith is the substance of things hoped and prayed for, the evidence of things not seen or even understood, but it is the main ingredient to begin and grow a relationship with God. My faith isn't something I was given from someone or something I can hold physically but it is a gift from God that I cherish inside and something no one can ever take from me.

My faith means that I believe and trust in the Lord even when I am sad, alone, and do not understand why some things happen. It means that my belief in God will point me in the right direction and guide me in my journey through life. I recognize that I have no control over what can or will happen. I know there is a greater power much bigger than me and that God has a plan for me. My faith means that I believe in the Holy Spirit and the ways of the holy Christian Church.

My faith prompts me to help other people learn the word of the Lord. My faith means that even after confirmation, and as I get older, I will continue learning the Lord's way and His Word. This means that no matter what happens to me in the future, my life will get better with help from the church and my family. God has a plan for me, and He will challenge me to grow but will never give me more than I can handle. This means that He will teach me to learn from my mistakes. My faith means that I will believe in the word of the Lord and respond accordingly even when I do not understand it completely.

Through the church and my faith, I have met many new people and friends that share the same beliefs that I do, and they help me understand it so much more. My faith means that God will help me understand myself, my place in the world, and my purpose. By understanding my place, I can help other people find their place in God's plan.

My faith will ask me to help my church, and community by volunteering, to tell people about God, and help people less fortunate than myself through acts of kindness. I will make time for people that need my help even if I'm busy. This means that I will share my God-given talents. I want to do good in the world even though some people will try to knock me down and keep me from completing the tasks I was meant to do. My faith means that I will serve God in His big plan for everyone, for myself, and look forward to eternal life in heaven as I travel through this life. Faith means that everything is going to be ok in the end--even for me.

The Ten Commandments have taught me how to make good decisions in the eyes of God. I learned from Apostles Creed that God gives me everything I need, that God sacrificed His only son for my sins, that the faith I've received leads me to heaven. The Lord's Prayer has taught me that He wants earth to be like heaven. By praying that prayer every day, I am reminded of that.

Being baptized taught me that my sins were washed away and that we are all sinners. Confession has taught me that I'm a sinner. But honest confession assures me that I am forgiven because of God's love for me in Christ. I learned that the Sacrament of the Altar means that as I'm eating the bread and drinking the wine I'm also eating and drinking the true body and blood of my Savior, Jesus. My Lord promises me that my sins are forgiven through this Sacrament

After I'm confirmed, I plan to help other people learn the word of the Lord and continue to go to church and attend communion. This is what my faith means to me.

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Our Prayers: P: Lord in Your mercy: **C: hear our prayer.**

Opportunity for Offering *(Please complete the black Friendship book and pass it to the outside, then return. Please note communion attendance there.)*

(rise)Offertory	“What shall I render...”	p.176
Service of The Sacrament (sit)		p.177ff

★ ★ **Distribution Hymns 618 & 622**

Post-Communion Canticle	“Thank the Lord”	p.181
Post-Communion Collect & Sing	“Amen”	p.183
Benediction & Sing	“Amen”	p.183

Closing Hymn 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (Verses 1-2)

Announcements

★ ★ *Join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following the service*

★ ★ Sunday only

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD’S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran we believe that Christ’s true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord’s Supper (Real Presence). All that participate here believe the same Biblical truths noted on the top cover of the Friendship booklet (Closed Communion).

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Hendrickson or the Elder before receiving the Lord’s Supper. Complete your preparation for Holy Communion by completing the Friendship book by checking, “Communion.”

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you don't meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

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WELCOME VISITORS! We wish to welcome all visitors and guests to worship the Triune God with us. May He go with you during the week, and we invite you to worship with us again. Our restrooms are located near the East entrance door – across from the church mail boxes.

“OUR PURPOSE IN ZION is to be a growing, caring, community of believers in Christ who help strengthen one another through prayer and fellowship in Word and Sacrament to bring others to Christ”

A NURSERY is provided on the lower level of the education unit for families with infants and small children; a television is available in the nursery, so you may listen and watch the worship service. There is a Changing Table located there.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. We ask that the activity bags be returned after the worship service. *Thank you!*

PERSONAL SOUND RECEIVERS: If you have a hearing problem you may use Zion’s Personal Sound Receivers that can be found on the bulletin stand in the Narthex.

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK		
MON	9:00am	Weekly Women’s Bible Study
	5:00pm	Board of Stewardship
	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting
	6:30pm	Council Meeting
TUE	5:00pm	Adult Bible Study led by Dan Hughes
WED	9:00am	Quilting Group – Everyone is welcome!
	5:00pm	Lenten Meal
	6:30pm	Lenten Service
	7:30pm	Handbell Practice (directly following the Lenten Service)
FRI	1:00pm	Friendship Club – Mary Kukula - Grief Recovery
SAT	3:30pm	Youth- Riddler’s Escape Room
	5:30pm	Youth -Riddler’s Escape Room
	6:30pm	Worship
SUN	9:00am	Worship - Confirmation of Madison and McKenzie Bates, Patrick Holtz, and Jordan Stumpf
	10:15am	Sunday School

“PRAYER CHAIN” contact person is Gloria Irwin. Call her at 632-8044 or Lydia Posch @ 632-6228 for any prayer concerns or questions.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Kay Steffen & Gary Schuett

ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:

4/7 Deb Cermack



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FAITH NOT FEAR SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:

You are invited to an event on April 7th concerning housing and homelessness. **Join us for education, inspiration, and action as we explore how homelessness affects *our entire community*** and what we can do about it. Psalm 41:2 tells us, "Blessed be those who consider the poor: the Lord will deliver them in the day of trouble." Please join our friends and neighbors at First United on April 7th. Peace and all good.

Bea Britz: 632-8090 and Peggy Martin: 632-5979

What: Homelessness: A Community Solution

When: Sunday, April 7, 2-4pm

Where: First United Church, 1000 First St. SE, Little Falls

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Topic for today is, " *The Darkness Has Not Overcome It*" Next week, "*He Loved Them To The End*" Sermons can be heard on Sunday at: 6:05am @ WCCO 830AM 7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM –

(Sermons are posted on our church website (worship/music page)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ March 30 & 31, 2019 (17/88 = 105)



Current	\$2,084.00	Building Fund.....	\$344.00
Loose	\$50.01	Evangelism.....	\$50.00
Mission	\$37.00		
Lent.....	\$339.00		
Ash Wednesday	\$50.00		
TOTAL OPERATING:.....	\$2,560.01	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS:	\$394.00
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES:	\$3,060.00	NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN.....	\$863.58

Evangelism for Puerto Rico trip

Lenten Service ~ April 3, 2019 (52)

Current	\$565.00	Building Fund.....	\$850.00
Loose	\$28.01	Food Shelf.....	\$115.00
Lenten.....	\$465.00		
TOTAL OPERATING:.....	\$1,058.01	Total Additional Gifts.....	\$965.00

Building Fund includes \$280 from the Lenten Meal and \$20 from Chicks for Bricks

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – April 7

In Sunday School today, students will learn the story of “Paul’s First Missionary Journey.” Just as God sent Paul and Barnabas to spread the Gospel, so today He sends pastors to preach the Gospel, baptize, and feed Jesus’ body and blood to His children, against whom the gates of hell cannot prevail. *Who gave Paul directions on where to move? What was Paul’s message?*

*****Just a reminder** . . . there will not be Sunday School on Easter **Sunday, April 21**. Join us that day for the **6:30 a.m.** Sunrise service, followed by Easter breakfast (served by the youth). Or, join us for the **9:00 a.m.** Easter Worship service with Communion. We look forward to seeing you!!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN APRIL

*Women’s Weekly Bible study will meet on Mondays, **April 8 (#4), 22 (#5), and 29 (#6)** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room to continue the study, “Amos, and Justice for All.” Join us as we learn together how the book of Amos has remarkable relevance to modern times.

*The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, **April 15** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The Study, “Caring for the Body of Christ,” can be found on page 18 in the LWQ Spring 2019 issue. Join us!

*The ZLW will meet on Monday, **April 15** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will discuss current leadership needs and the details of the upcoming May rummage sale. All women of Zion are invited to get involved and share your ideas!

*Women’s Day Out will be on **Monday, April 15** at Perkins in Little Falls. Meet us there at 11:15 a.m. for fellowship and food. Contact Marilyn Boeddeker at 632-3191 if you plan to attend. We will be celebrating April birthdays! It’s a great chance to visit with other members of Zion, so join us if you can.

LWML SPRING RALLY

The Little Falls and St. Cloud LWML Zones are hosting a spring rally at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in St. Cloud on Saturday, **May 4**. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting, lunch, and guest speaker Joy Markus. If you plan to attend, please let Barb Jelinski know because they are asking us to RSVP before **April 26**. There will be an ingathering of items for the Holy Cross Food Shelf, so we will have a collection bin in the coat room here at Zion by mid-April. A poster and list of suggested items is on the LWML bulletin board.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER



Marvanna, Lynnae and Cindy will be busing tables at Pizza Ranch on Monday, **April 15th** from 4:30 – 7:30. This is a fundraiser for the Relay for Life Team.

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, ATTICS, AND GARAGES

Thursday, **May 16** and Friday, **May 17** are the dates set for Zion's spring rummage sale. So, get your "stuff" organized to donate to this wonderful sale. Donations (clean and in good repair) will be accepted from **Saturday, May 11 - Tuesday, May 14**. We appreciate your donations!!

ADULT CLASS

Pastor is beginning an Adult Confirmation Class. The twelve-session class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (two of the classes will last until 8:15 due to a video being shown). An invitation to become a Communicant Member of Zion will be extended to all non-members who successfully complete this class.

**EVENING
CLASSES**
...FOR ADULTS!

Basic Lutheran doctrine and practice will be taught in this class. Existing members are encouraged to attend this class to review exactly what makes being a Lutheran Christian so rewarding and exciting. If you have unchurched family members or friends, invite them to attend this class with you (they'll appreciate having you available to answer many of the questions they have as they examine the basic truths the Scriptures present to us). Call Barb at the church office (632-5792) to enroll in this class.

LENTEN DINNERS BEING SERVED FROM 5:00-6:00 P.M. (Service is at 6:30 p.m.)

April 10 – Council: Sloppy Joes

April 21 – Youth: Easter Breakfast



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Once again it is time to think about decorating the church for the joyous celebration of our risen Lord! The choices and prices for this year are listed below. No color guarantees. Also, cannot guarantee the hyacinth or tulip plants will be in bloom. Please have your order and money into church by **Sunday, April 7th**. You may drop an envelope into the church collection with your name, flower choice, and money enclosed or give your order and payment to Nancy Peterson. Thank you for helping us to celebrate the resurrection of our living God!

Easter lily-\$12	Begonia-\$14	Tulip-\$12
Asiatic lily-\$12	Orchid-\$25	Mums-\$12
Oriental/Lily lily-\$12	Azalca-\$20	
Hydrangea-\$20	Hyacinth-\$12	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- † Sunday Morning Children's Message Title: Value of Faith
- † SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes will be held following the 9:00 worship in the education building. Closing will be in the sanctuary at 11:05am.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- † Riddlers' Escape Room event coming this Saturday, April 13 at 3:30pm and 5:30pm. Connect with Amanda Dawson or Linda Dickmann for specific information, ride sharing, and other questions.
- † Youth are serving the Easter Breakfast on April 21. ALL YOUTH ARE EXPECTED TO HELP SERVE AND CLEAN-UP. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 8:30am. Set-up will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am. On Easter Sunday, Youth are being asked to come to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunrise service to help serve and clean up.
- † We currently have two youth and two adults who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2019. They are raising support through the following items...
 - COOK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE - \$10.
 - ZION LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – ON SALE!!!! NOW ONLY \$7.50 EACH.

ADULT / FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

- † Dan Hughes has restarted his weekly Tuesday evening Bible study – 5:00pm
- † FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/zionlf
- † STAY INFORMED ON OUR WEBPAGE: www.zionlf.com

OUTREACH

- † CENTERSHOT We are looking for at least one more person to join us in planning and developing this ministry. If this is something that you feel God is calling you to be involved in, please contact me, DCO Peter Keyes.
- † BECOMING A WELCOMING CHURCH Our evangelism team has been exploring ways to create a more welcoming environment at Zion. Imagine you are attending Zion for the first time... think about what could be helpful in making you feel welcome, then apply this to the way you treat new people attending worship with us.
- † FRIENDS/COMMUNITY FOCUS (Friendship Club)
Mary Kokula from CHI Home and Hospice will be here on Friday, April 12, at 1:00pm to speak about grief support.
- † PUERTO RICO MISSION TEAM
Our team is assembled and actively seeking support from friends and members of the congregation. We will be traveling July 20-27 to Puerto Rico to the city of Mayaguez to repair damaged roofs. Read the DCO article in the April newsletter for more background and details.

DCO PETER KEYES CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone (call / text) 320-232-3108 or email mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com

LISTEN, LEARN, LIVE with LOVE; PRAY ALWAYS...

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday with Communion

6:30 pm Good Friday

No Saturday night service

6:30 am Sunrise Service with Communion

9:00 am Easter Service with Communion



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Saturday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 9:00 a.m.

Gary Hendrickson	Pastor	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Mike Gohl	Elders.....	Craig Bohnsack
Peggy Dolney	Organist.....	Peggy Dolney
Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson	Ushers	Eugene Doucette & Dennis Hollermann
Jennifer Hanson	Readers	Don Stover
Marie Holey	Visitor Hosts	Julie Doucette
	Acolyte.....	Not Assigned
	Choir Director	Jerry Knafla
	Handbell Directors.....	Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski

Lenten Service, April 10, 6:30pm

Rev. Gary Hendrickson.....	Pastor
Peter Keyes.....	DCO
Mike Gohl	Elder
Peggy Dolney	Organist
Marcel Bellefeuille & Kelly Gotfredson	Ushers
Sheldon Prozinski.....	Reader
Norma Nail.....	Visitor Host
Jerry Knafla	Choir Director
Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski.....	Handbell Directors

Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

Gary Hendrickson	Pastor	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Greg Rausch.....	Elders.....	Sheldon Prozinski
Carol Prozinski	Organist.....	Carol Prozinski
Mark Hengenmuhle	Ushers	Keith Schumann & Dennis Dickmann
Colleen Duncan.....	Readers	Katie Schumann
Paul Gulsvig	Visitor Hosts	Nancy Christenson
	Acolyte.....	Not Assigned
	Choir Director	Jerry Knafla
	Handbell Directors.....	Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski