

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Easter*  
*April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Norm & Brittany Dill in Honor of their birthday's.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by to the Glory of our God.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING?** We are having a New Member Instruction Weekend (we'll think of a more catchy name for it, we promise) June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining Zion or want to know more about what we believe, mark your calendars and look for more information in this space, the church's website and the May Newsletter!

**ORANGE-OUT:** By now, you've all heard and seen pictures and videos of the violence being done to Christians in the Middle-East. In order to show our support for the persecuted church, we are having an "Orange-Out" at church on May 17th, where our "Back to Basics" focus will be on the "One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church." We ask that you dress in orange on that day. Orange is the color worn by our brothers-in-Christ when they are martyred for their faith. If you do not have orange clothing, we are going to order orange tee-shirts with "Because of their faith" printed on the front, and a large black cross on the back. There's a sign-up sheet in the entryway to the church. The cost is \$10 with proceeds going to support the persecuted church through LCMS World Mission.

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** It's not too late to turn in your Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center! Drop them off in the box in the entryway to the church. Thank you for supporting this life-giving ministry!

**FASHION SHOW:** For you fashion conscious, Concordia Lutheran Ministries is presenting it's 10th annual fashion show with a wonderful luncheon and free valet parking. It will be held at the Butler Country Club on Saturday, May 2. Tickets are \$37. See Janet Zreliak to obtain your ticket.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Crew leader and helper positions are still available. We are also looking for help in the nursery. Contact Katie Gielarowski or email [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) to volunteer.

**GOT CARE?** Life is full of unexpected events that catch us off guard, make us grieve, shake our understanding of how the world works, leave us feeling lonely, or take us to any number of places we simply don't want to go. If you need the hand of a brother or sister in Christ to help you get through the difficult seasons of life, we can help! Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill to see if Stephen Ministry is right for you!

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, we are taking a look at what we mean when we say that Jesus is King. And let me jump in here and, before saying anything about Christ-as-King, say how excited I am for next weekend's service—where we take a look at the 2 Natures in 1 Person in Christ. It is, without a doubt, my favorite subject that we'll cover this year. So all you women who are going to be away on the Women's Retreat @ Camp Pioneer—listen on-line to the sermon when you get back!

OK. Back to Christ as King.

Lutherans have traditionally taught the Kingship of Christ as ruling over three "Kingdoms": the Kingdom of Power, the Kingdom of Grace, and the Kingdom of Glory. Christ's Kingdom of Power is his rule over the universe (where he rules with the Law). His Kingdom of Grace is his rule over the church (where he rules with the Gospel). And his Kingdom of Glory is his rule over heaven.

And this presents us with an all-important question. While we are forced to live under the rule of Christ in his Kingdom of Power, we have the option of living under his rule in the Kingdom of Grace. The question we have to ask is: do you want to live in his Kingdom of Grace, or would you rather not? It may seem like an obvious answer: of course I want to live under the rule of Christ wherever or whatever it is! But I want you to do some soul-searching this morning and truly ask yourself: is it best for me to live in Christ's Kingdom of Grace? Membership in this Kingdom is free—but, as you will see, it is not easy.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** *Make Songs of Joy*

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### ***The Invocation***

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### ***Confession of Sins***

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

**Pastor:** This morning we are taking a look at what it means that Jesus is our king. Jesus is king of the earth, king of the church, and king of heaven. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Christ our King, trusting that he alone has the authority to declare us clean through the forgiveness of sins.

**People:** **Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to you that we have sinned against you and against each other. We have not lived up to our calling as your holy children. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Deal with us according to your mercy. Give us an increase of the Holy Spirit to allow us to mend our ways. Amen.**

### ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

**People:** Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:*** This Is the Feast

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#### **Refrain:**

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

**[REFRAIN]**

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-7**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

## **The New Testament Reading: Revelation 19:11-16**

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 23:26-43**

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him,

saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Church (10:30)***

(Children ages Preschool - 6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children's Church)

***Sermon Hymn: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful***

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### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**People: 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.**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

## ***The Sharing of the Peace***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Distribution Hymns***

Seek Ye First 712

Abide with Me 878

We Give Thee But Thine Own 781

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People:** Amen

***The Recessional: My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

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## † *Service Participants* †

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| Pastor:         | The Rev. Duncan McLellan  |
| Music Director: | Mark Killinger  |
| The Organist:   | Sandra Quinlan  |
| The Elders:     | Bill Bishop & David Hutula  |
| The Acolyte:    | Josiah Ackerman (8:00)<br>Chris Yellig (10:30)  |
| The Greeters:   | Neil Ackerman (8:00)<br>Hunsberger Family (10:30)   |
| The Ushers:     | Carl Bauer, Gene Koop &<br>Jack Oelschlager (8:00)<br>Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland,<br>Jim Oelschlager & Ted Siek (10:30) |
| Altar Guild:    | Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich &<br>Carolyn Wible  |



### **Attention Parents with Small Children:**

Sunday Worship is a time when we can gather together in fellowship to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful freedom we have. For all to hear the word, we have a nursery located downstairs for children who become inattentive during the service, where the sermon can be heard. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding the nursery!

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/19) - 167

Wednesday Attendance (4/22) - 10

Sunday Offering (4/12) - \$4,350.00

# Week of April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>4/26</b>    | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion<br>9:15 AM – Sunday School<br>9:30 AM – Voters Meeting<br>10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church<br>11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice<br>6:00 PM – Confirmation |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>4/27</b>    |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>4/28</b>   | 6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>4/29</b> | 7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>4/30</b>  | 10:00 AM – Bible Study<br>7:00 PM – Choir Practice   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>5/1</b>     | 7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday<br>Women’s Retreat – Camp Pioneer   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>5/2</b>   | 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast<br>Women’s Retreat – Camp Pioneer  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>5/3</b>     | 8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion<br>9:15 AM – Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion<br>11:45 AM – Children’s Choir<br>Women’s Retreat – Camp Pioneer                                |