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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 13, 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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April 13, 2024

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WELCOME to all who are worshiping with us. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book, including your home address and congregation. We welcome to our altar all those who share our confession of faith within the fellowship of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



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The offering plate is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued contributions.

COLLECT OF THE DAY - O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IN OUR PRAYERS, we remember Starr Barke, Kristin Bosteels, Vic Bosteels, Katie Jones, Rick Salz, Bill Simmons, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, and Ken Welch.

THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:

TODAY (SATURDAY)	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Divine Service	8:30AM
	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM
MONDAY	<i>(No Bible Class – Pastor Gone for Conference in Springfield)</i>	
	Ladies Aid Meeting	10:00AM
SATURDAY	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
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	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM

ATTENDANCE last week: 23 Holy Communion: 19 Offering: \$1,866 Building: \$120
Sunday School: 4 Sunday School Offering: \$18.01
Bible class: 6
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No Monday Bible Class on April 15 due to the Central IL District Pastors' Conference in Springfield. We will resume on Monday, April 22.

The Ladies Aid will hold a garage sale and food stand at Zion during the Wenona spring garage sales on May 3-4. If you have items that you could donate for the sale, please bring them to church. Please help with this event if you are able. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

IL March for Life will be in Springfield on Wednesday, April 17. Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:00; a light lunch will be available at the State House Inn ballroom at 11:00 (*recommended donation: \$5*); rally commences at noon; actual march steps off at 1:00 p.m. **A group is going from Trinity Lutheran in El Paso and you're welcome to join us.**

Tri-Parish Discussion Meeting will be held this Tuesday evening in Varna. Representatives from Zion Lutheran will again be attending. This particular meeting will especially discuss financial considerations if the three congregations form a tri-parish.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹[Dearly beloved:] To this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10:11-16

¹¹[Jesus said:] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

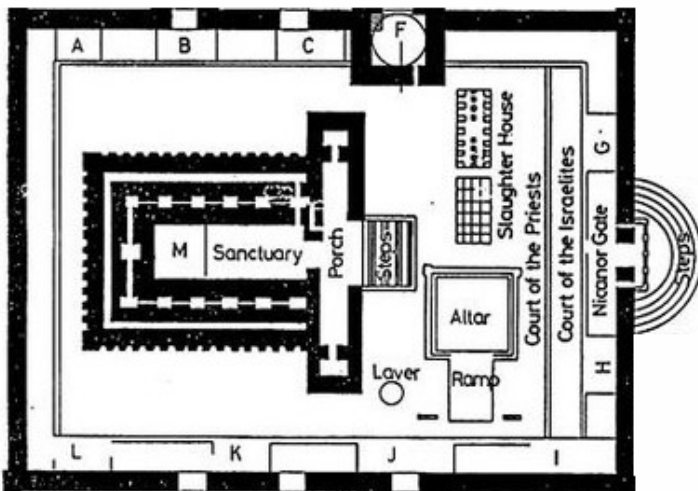
SERMON ON JOHN 10:11-16

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them."



"SHEEP AREN'T CHEAP"

1. What does the word *good* mean in "good shepherd"?
2. Hired hands are prone to thinking sheep are cheap. But not Jesus.
 - a. What are times we have treated God's sheep as cheap and have run away when the wolf has come?
3. Jesus *knows* His sheep like a father knows a son.
4. Look at the whole picture: The Church is the flock. Jesus is the Gate (see Nicanor Gate below) and the true Shepherd. His voice is the Holy Scriptures.





LAST SATURDAY

The Sunday of Jesus' Appearances to the Disciples

When Jesus appears, He drives away all fears. The disciples were afraid and locked themselves in the upper room on Easter evening. But the minute Jesus appeared, they rejoiced and their fears were gone. That's the toughness of Jesus. And His greatest gift is the forgiveness of sins (the Office of the Keys). Forgiveness opens the door to Jesus who drives away all fears.

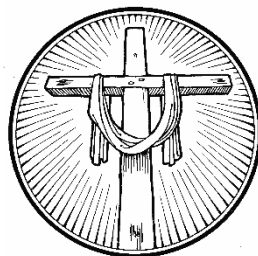


NEXT SATURDAY - April 20, 2024

Sunday of Joy after Sorrow

*Is. 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20; John 16:16-22

Hymns: 464, 809, 790, 488



SATURDAY - April 27, 2024

Pastor Mark Gruden from Washburn will be here.