



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Sunday of Prayer

May 4, 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.

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	Zion Bible class	9:00AM
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

ATTENDANCE last week: 15 Holy Communion: 14 Offering: \$385
Sunday School: 9 Sunday School Offering: \$18
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to everyone who brought items for the Wenona Food Pantry. It is appreciated!

Cody Orabutt will be confirmed in the faith during the service on Saturday, May 18.

Church's Email List If you're not receiving the weekly email from our congregation, please let Pastor Boehne or Jan Hoge know so we can get your email on the list. Thanks!

Church's Website Missed a Sunday? You can find all the bulletins, calendars, and sermons from previous Sundays on the website: zionlutheranwenona.org

Hospital or Shut In Visits In the hospital? Can't make it to Church? Please contact Pastor Boehne (309-361-7578) if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound so that he can visit or arrange for another pastor to visit.

LCMS.org Find a host of resources on our Synod's website. Find other LCMS churches when you're traveling, find articles and studies on a wide range of topics, sign up for devotions by email, etc.

Tri-Parish Discussion Meeting will be held again on Tuesday, May 14th. Representatives from Zion Lutheran will again be attending and discussing further considerations.

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴[In those days:] From Mount Hor the children of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

James 1:22-27

²²[Dearly Beloved:] Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

John 16:23b-30

²³[At that time Jesus said to His disciples:] Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

SERMON ON JOHN 16:23B-30



“BECAUSE GOD SAYS SO”

Prayer begins, continues, and ends with God.

Introduction – Why don’t you pray more?

John 16:23 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

Prayer’s Beginning – God’s Invitation

Psalm 50:15 “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

1 Thess. 5:17-18 “Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Isaiah 65:24 “Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.”

Matthew 6:6 “When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

Prayer's Beginning – God's List to Pray For

(Lord's Prayer) Matthew 6:9 "Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven..." (Prayer for forgiveness of sins, strength against temptation and evil, daily bread, holiness, faithfulness, etc.)

(Holy Spirit) Luke 11:13 "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(Wisdom) James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach..."

(The Sick) James 5:13-14 "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him..."

(Rulers) 1 Timothy 2:1-2 "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions."

(Enemies) Matthew 5:44 "Pray for those who persecute you."

(many more could be listed here...)

Prayer's Continuing – God's grace

Luke 18:1 "Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart."

Romans 8:26 "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

Prayer's Ending – (Amen)

2 Cor. 1:20-22 "For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus]. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

2 Timothy 4:18 "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Jude 24-25 "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

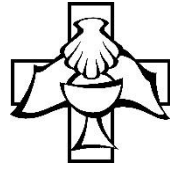
Psalms 121:4 "Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."



Prayer Top Ten (from Pastor Boehne's view)

1. Start with God's Word first, then pray. (Listen first, then talk.)
2. Keep a Prayer List (in phone or on paper) with an outline of your daily prayers and all the names of people you're praying for
3. Pray at the same times every day (habit is big!)
4. Pray periodically through the day (quick, short prayers as needed)
5. Say the Lord's Prayer every day
6. To learn to pray better, read the Psalms as much as possible
7. Pray with others (family, church, etc.)
8. Keep your devotion items in the same place all the time ready to go
9. If you get off track or out of the habit, simply start again and start again and start again
10. Remember that your prayers will never be "perfect". God listens because He loves you as His child in Jesus.

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INTROIT - Ps. 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b

Antiphon

P *[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name.

C **I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.**

P But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

C **Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast love from me!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Antiphon

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.