Second Sunday of Easter

Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Parish April 8, 2018 Rev. James Norton

Ludington & Fall Creek, Wisconsin Linda Wiese, Organist 715-514-5478

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**Service LSB #3 page 184 Hymns: 580, 475, 467, 464, 805**

**Today’s Bible Readings:**

**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

**Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

**Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Message: “What the Office of the Keys is all About” Text: John 20:19-31**

Zion choir sings: “And Can It Be”

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. Mindful of the loving, Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice *Closed Communion*. This means we normally invite to commune, only active communicant members of this congregation or other congregation of the *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* in good standing. **All Guests** are asked to speak with our pastor before the service, before coming to the Lord’s Table. If you have not spoken with our pastor, please do not come forward at this time. Please sign & register for communion on the pew pad. ***Gluten-free wafers*** *are available for communion. Please let Pastor or one of the elders know, if you need them.*

**[](https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://cliparting.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Open-praying-hands-clipart-free-clipart-images-2.jpeg&imgrefurl=http://cliparting.com/free-praying-hands-clipart-16122/&docid=rs-r4eeTBKHnHM&tbnid=OP5yCrJ53DgltM:&vet=1&w=1200&h=1268&bih=805&biw=1600&q=black%20and%20white%20praying%20hands&ved=0ahUKEwjg7bT30brRAhWL5YMKHUHuANEQMwhtKB4wHg&iact=mrc&uact=8)Please remember in your prayers:** Janet Weltzin**,** Selma Lane, Don Lane, Ron Wiese, Melvin Dehnke,Gerald Starck, Bev Curler, Deloris Honadel, Phyllis Mellen, Marlene Tessmer, Diane Goss, Isaac Siegel, Betty Woodford, Olivia & Aidan Schmidt. Shut-ins and members living in Care Facilities. *Our Seminary “Adopted” Student, Kevin Dykstra, & Halle Luedtke for her coming missions in North Dakota*.

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS                  HOMEBOUND

Augusta---Diane Goss--Zion                                 Brian Markham--Beth

               Geneva Smith--Beth.                            Carol Huff--Zion

                Eileen Hagedorn--Zion                          Julia Phillips--Beth

                Thelma Lane--Zion                                Amy Bergman--Zion

                Naomi Sudbrink--Beth.                          Ellie Grunewald-Beth.

                                                                           Don Berlin--Beth.

Grace-Woodlands, Eau Claire---Florence Korn-Beth. Neillsville-Dorothy Solberg-Beth.

Stanley---Robert Reppe-Zion Clear Water Care Center, Eau Claire-Dick Baker-Beth.

**Happy birthday this week to:**  Jessica Fye, Loretta McCann, Mitchell Lyons and Samantha Lyons.

**Halle Luedtke** will be doing mission work in North Dakota for 11 weeks this summer beginning May 28, thru the US ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. She needs help to pay her costs ($3300). You can make a donation to help her - read her letter to us in the newsletter. God bless her work there.

Jordan Mewhorter is the new organist at Zion. He plans to start on Sunday, April 15th. God bless him for his willingness to play for us. We are excited for him to join us.

**This Week’s Schedule:**

**Sunday April 8th**  9:00am Worship Service @ Zion

**[Communion]** 9:00am Bethlehem Sunday School

10:15am Zion Sunday School

10:30am Bethlehem Worship Service

6:30pm Youth Meeting @ Bethlehem

**Tuesday**  8:30am LWML Spring Rally @ St. Johns, Durand

**Wednesday** 5:00pm Confirmation

**Thursday**  Noon Bethlehem Ladies Aid/Potluck

**Sunday April 15th**  9:00am Worship Service @ Zion

***Mission Sunday*** 9:00am Bethlehem Sunday School

10:15am Zion Sunday School

10:30am Bethlehem Worship Service & Potluck Dinner

Thank you to Pastor Dwayne Lueck, the North Wisconsin District President, for being our guest speaker today. God bless you for all you do, and your work in our District.

Be sure to sign the Red Record of Fellowship Folder on the aisle side of your pew today.

Sincere thanks to Sam (Marilyn) Norton & Ken Kiesow for all their wonderful help with our Lent and Easter choirs, and to those who participated in our choirs or played trumpets for us. We truly appreciate you.

Ladies, this Tuesday, April 10th, is the date for the Zone 15 LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League) Spring Rally at St. Johns, Durand. Talk to Ladies Aid members to share rides.

The Adult Bible Study at Bethlehem has ended for this year and will resume again this Fall.

New helpers are needed on Zion’s prayer chain, as some have retired. Please prayerfully consider helping them pray for your fellow church members. If you are interested, contact Betty Woodford at 715 877-3225.

A Big THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Easter celebration special at Zion.  A special thank you to Dan and Brenda, Elton and Sue, Deb, Elaine, Deanna, the Sunday School teachers and children for the delicious meals.  Thank you to the combined choirs and the children for their songs to enhance our worship.  He is Risen and Alive in us!

Lunch at Zion this week is hosted by the council, with the offering going to the fuel fund.  Next week, lunch is hosted by the Mission Board.  All are invited to join us for the good food and fellowship.

Today, the Sunday School students studied the account of Peter and Cornelius from Acts 10, and how the Good News comes to us as it did to them. Talk about how in church we receive the Good News, that although we are judged unrighteous and deserving of death, God mercifully declares us holy, righteous, and innocent because of Christ. *“What does this mean for our daily lives?”*

April 21, 8am-?, Outside Yard Cleanup/Repairs @ Bethlehem. YOUR help is needed and appreciated. Bring rakes, shovels, maybe a wheelbarrow. Please make every effort to come & help.

St Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fall Creek invites all Senior Citizens to its annual Senior Citizens Dinner Wednesday, April 18, @ 12 noon. Call Arlene Grosskopf 715 877-3158, Vivian Tumm 715 877-2052, or Linda Holte 715 877-2485.

St. John’s Lutheran Church Cadott, Annual Charcoal Chicken Dinner April 8th - $10 & $12 tickets.

**Our Worship Response:**

Bethlehem Zion

Attendance:

Son-Rise @ Zion 63

Easter Services 69 61

Offerings $2605.00 $1522.00

Weekly Budget $1185.24 $1138.00

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

Next Sunday – Mission Sunday

April 21 – Bethlehem Ladies Aid Thrift, Bake, and Lunch Sales

April 21 – Bethlehem Spring Yard Cleanup

April 22 - Informational Meeting regarding the Parsonage @ Bethlehem following worship service

April 29 – Dinner for Confirmands, Miranda Dekan & Shane Pilgrim @ Bethlehem

May 6 – Confirmation @ Bethlehem

May 20 – Last day of Sunday School @ Bethlehem

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