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**Welcome to ZION Lutheran Church**

**LCMC ~ Lutheran congregations in mission for Christ**

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### Our MISSION

*“SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS”*

### To Our Guests

### We are so glad that you have chosen to join us this morning! We pray that you will be refreshed and renewed as you come into God’s presence. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the pastor and to those seated around you. Once again, we warmly thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

#### **Those Assisting in Ministry Today**

**May 3, 2020 ~ fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Organist: Joseph extejt** **Greeters** : Ron Clark and All

**deacon:** Ben Schmidt **SCREEN:** Nick Baumgartner & Jacob Geske

**Altar Guild:**  Shirley Clark and JoAnn VanSteenkiste

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**LCMC ~ WHO WE ARE**

**Free in Christ + Accountable to One Another + Rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions + Committed to the Great Commission**

**May 3 – Fourth Sunday after Easter *(--LCMS website)***

**1 Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps**.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like – to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

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**Thoughts on the Readings today ~ The Common Thread**

How do sheep hear the voice of their shepherd? Likely not by constant bleating. Rather, they keep an ear toward the shepherd. Otherwise, they wander off into trouble. Moreover, without an ear to the shepherd, they will miss a meal. It is the shepherd who calls the sheep to good grazing spots and fresh water. He who thirsted, Gregory of Nazianzus said, exclaimed to the world, “Whoever thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” The suffering shepherd who hungered, still feeds his sheep. But they must hear him call, and come to the meal. This is one reason we must devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. ***(--Sola Publishing website)***

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***Go in Peace ~ Sharing the Love of Jesus!***

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Announcements

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

1. **For our congregation members;** that they may be committed to our mission of sharing the love of Jesus.
2. **Pastor and Jacob** **Geske**
3. For **LCMC Congregation and Missionaries around the world.**
4. **President Trump, national leaders and our country**. Our nation’s military, especially are loved ones:
5. **For those who are sick, recovering, or in need of God’s grace at this time**. We include in our prayers: Pastor Terry and Gail; Loretta and Wes VanDyke; Susan Gaylord; Betty Vesey; Barbara Clark; Arnold Clark, Jesse Harmon; Parker Reau; Sean Ruhl; Linda McGuirre; Julia Matzinger; Sandra Harmon, Linda Geske, John Rittner, Sandy Baumgartner, Alan Ahleman, Joann Koester, and Barbara Swope.

***Prayer List:****Please let us know when we can take the name off of the prayer list. Thank you!.*

**Our Stewardship ~** Weekly budget needs are $1,698.16: We appreciate any gifts that you can send in through the mail.

***Thank you so much for the gifts that you have blessed our ministry with through the mail or other means. They are so appreciated!***

**This Week at Zion** Includes: **Today** – No Bible Study at 9 am; Worship at 10 a.m. **Next Sunday** ~ Worship at 10 a.m.





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