

Zion Lutheran Church

Hidewood Township, SD – 9 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Watertown, SD – 11 a.m.

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Fifth Sunday of the Easter season – April 24, 2016
Organists: Melanie Dumann, Rebecca Larson, Naomi Fuerstenau
Zion: 9 a.m.; Sunday School afterwards
Trinity: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; worship service at 11 a.m.

Welcome!

“I know that my Redeemer lives!” Job 19:25

To prepare you for worship... read / ponder on Hymn 510

ORDER for WORSHIP

The bell calls us for worship

Opening Prayer

P: O merciful Lord, You desire worshipers who will honor You in spirit and in truth. Send Your Spirit to cleanse us from dead works to serve You in righteousness and holiness and to honor Your great and saving name for

giving us Jesus, who is the expression of Your special, eternal love unto salvation to everyone who believes. Amen.

Opening Hymn – 733

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C [spoken]: Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C [spoken]: Amen.

ALL SING: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. 1. Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King. 2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within. 3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised us Your Holy Spirit, that He should convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. We beseech You, enlighten our hearts, that we may confess our sins, through faith in Christ obtain everlasting righteousness, and in all our trials and temptations retain this consolation, that Christ is Lord over the devil and death and all things, and that He will graciously deliver us out of all our afflictions, and make us forever partakers of eternal salvation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C [spoken]: Amen.

First Reading – New Testament Epistle – Revelation 21: 1-6

Through John's vision we are shown the glory of the new creation Jesus promises and comforts us with His assurance that there He will personally comfort His faithful servants.

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor

crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Second Reading – New Testament Gospel – John 13: 31-35

Jesus prepares His disciples for His coming departure, and calls on them to live in love while they await His return. Even though they will see Him in the depths of His humility, they are to be assured that the Father glorifies Him.

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: So far with the Scripture readings – blessed are those who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

ALL SING: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 198

Sermon Text – Acts 13: 44-52

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us: *‘I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’*” 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 507

The Offering is collected/brought forward

Responsive Offering Prayer:

*P: O risen Savior, grant us hearts to yield You
Gladly, freely, of Your own;*

**C: With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone**

*P: Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe*

**C: That more happy and more blessed
‘Tis to give than to receive! Amen.**

P: Prayer

ALL: 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.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His peace.

C [spoken]: Amen.

Closing Hymn 505

CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. worship service; then SS

TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. SS (and 0-3 SS!); 11 a.m. service

>> Trinity bell choir rehearses briefly after church

>> PROJECTS PRESENTATION at Trinity after church
(for more see below)

MON >> Pastoral Study Conference – 9 a.m. Hecla, SD

>> At Trinity – School Board meeting – 7 p.m.

TUE >> Brookings Bible Study – 7 p.m. at the Tramp’s home

WED >> 6 p.m. choir rehearsal at Trinity

>> 7 p.m. Trinity Bible Study hour

THU-SAT >> Krauses will be at ILC/Eau Claire for Visitors’ Day

NEXT SUNDAY >> TRINITY – 9 a.m. service; 9:45 a.m. SS

NOTE: There is no 0-3 SS at Trinity next Sunday!
ZION – 11 a.m. service

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> 05/05 Ascension Day worship service at Trinity, 7 p.m.

>> 05/15 Examination/Confirmation Sunday at Trinity

>> 05/15 Trinity Lutheran School Graduation ceremony after church

>> 05/20 ILC Class Day ceremony, closing concert

>> 05/21 ILC Graduation Day

>> 05/31-06/02 West Central Delegate Conference, Jamestown, ND

>> 06/23-26 CLC Delegate Convention, ILC, Eau Claire, WI

TODAY AT TRINITY – PROJECTS PRESENTATION!! *Teacher Collette Krause reports...* “Immediately after church you are welcomed to

stay for Trinity School's Presentation Day. The students will exhibit a research paper and display. Their art projects will also be on display. Please join us for refreshments also. Thank you for your support all year!”

IN OUR PRAYERS – MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

>> *Pastor Todd Ohlmann sent out the following...* Please include prayers for our brothers and sisters of the Zomi Lutheran Church of Myanmar (ZLCM). A 6.9 magnitude earthquake recently hit the western regions of Myanmar where several ZLCM congregations are located. Pastor Kham reported that among the congregations of the ZLCM, three members were killed, seven were hospitalized, and five homes were severely damaged. When the HCLC-Nepal heard about the earthquake in Myanmar, Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti called and requested that some of the remaining funds from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund be sent to the ZLCM as soon as possible to assist them in their time of need. Money was sent from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund to the ZLCM this past week and no special offering will be needed at this time. In addition to the recent earthquake, there has also been recent flooding and wind storms in western Myanmar. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the ZLCM as they struggle to recover, continue to pray for members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession in Nepal as they work to rebuild, and give thanks and praise to the Lord for compassionate and willing hearts that are led by our Savior’s love to help our fellow Christians in times of need.

>> We ask God’s blessings on Audra Wiste and Gene Klepnev who will be married on Saturday in the Twin Cities!

>> We ask God’s blessings on Noah, infant son of Kasey Kaasa, who was baptized yesterday afternoon in a private ceremony at Trinity!

SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER! *Maybe your pastor is the only one who really needs this reminder... but I’ll share it with you anyway!* Next Sunday our service schedules at Zion and Trinity switch for the next 12 months! Trinity will have the early service at 9 a.m. with Sunday School afterwards, while Zion will have the late service at 11 a.m.

PROFESSOR JOHN PFEIFFER RETIREMENT GIFT A cash gift is being collected synod-wide to give to Prof. Pfeiffer at the graduation ceremony at ILC on May 21. Trinity voters have approved a special collection here to go towards Pfeiffer’s gift. The collection box will remain

in the back of church through Sunday May 15, when the donations will be totaled and a check sent to ILC. *Concerning Prof. Pfeiffer's ministry...* Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1967, he served in the pastoral ministry until November 1994 when he began his service at Immanuel. Prof. Pfeiffer's time at Immanuel includes 21 years of teaching as a professor and 15 years of administration as ILC President.

CLC CALL NEWS

>> Undecided calls:

Pastor Roland Gurgel, Spring, TX, to Detroit, MI

Pastor Dave Pfeiffer, Batavia, IL, to West Columbia, SC

Seminary Graduate Ben Libby to Tacoma, WA

Seminary Graduate Joe Naumann to Eden Prairie, MN

Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven, FL, to Spokane Valley, WA

Pastor Luke Bernthal, Valentine NE/White River/Mission SD to Mankato, MN

>> Returned call:

Pastor Neal Radichel, Fond du Lac, WI to Grand Rapids, MI

OTHER SYNOD NEWS

>> Missionary Ude Resignation – *Pastor Todd Ohlmann sends the following clarification...* After serving in foreign mission fields for over 8 years, Missionary Ude was led to resign his call as our full-time missionary to India and visiting missionary to several African countries. This decision was made after much prayer and months of discussion with the Board of Missions. His resignation was based on how the extensive travel and uncertain schedule required of his call would take him away from his God-given responsibilities as husband and father. Shortly after he formally announced his decision to resign to the Board of Missions, his daughter Kaylee became very ill and has since required several brain surgeries and extensive treatment in Marshfield, WI. Missionary Ude made an emergency return to the U.S. and will remain until he feels the time is appropriate for him to return to India to tie up some loose ends along with packing and shipping their belongings back home. The nature of Kaylee's medical condition will require expert medical oversight and probably more surgeries over the next few years. Missionary Ude will continue working on Board of Missions projects and correspondence and will receive salary and benefits until the end of 2016 unless he is led to accept another divine

call or decides to pursue secular employment. The Board of Missions is extremely thankful to the Lord for Missionary Ude's many gifts and faithful service to the mission fields where he and his wife Vanessa have selflessly served for the sake of our Savior's kingdom. With prayers for their daughter Kaylee's health, and knowing that our God is good, gracious, and full of mercy, we are confident that He has a great plan for their family, to give them a future and a hope through our Savior's death and resurrection.

>> Eichstadt installation – Pastor Wayne Eichstadt will be installed as the pastor in Spokane Valley, WA, (Gethsemane Lutheran) on Sunday, May 22. Pastor/Visitor David Reim will conduct the service.

DAN FLEISCHER ARTICLES *As Pastor Fleischer writes them, Pastor Krause will continue making them available via e-mail, with a few in printed form on the back table at church. Those of you with internet access will be able to take advantage of what Pastor Fleischer writes below...*

"Brethren and friends, I have enjoyed this 'retirement ministry,' and am pleased that many find the articles helpful. ... Hereafter, if you find the articles helpful, you can also find them at <https://standingfastintheword.wordpress.com> Please share this link with others who might be interested, or with those you think might profit. Thank you. You will also find access to articles in the book, "Standing on the Wall (A witness of faith in a dying world)". This has been edited a bit since the production of the hard copy. Also available are the two booklets: "The Lord's Prayer" and "Seven Words from the Cross (And an eighth word from the empty tomb)". The latter two are also available in hard copy..."

CARING FOR GOD'S SERVANTS One of the blessings that comes from the ascended Savior is the gift of teachers for our Immanuel campus. One gift (Prof. John Pfeiffer) is moving on even as another gift (Prof. Paul Naumann) is getting ready to move in. Providing housing is one way we care for these gifts to our fellowship. The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) has compiled a list of projects that need to be done while the professorage is vacant. We are looking for volunteer help immediately before or after Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you (in teams or individuals). Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/vinyl, installing a new kitchen,

painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. If you are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/tiefels@hotmail.com).

NEW ILC TOUR CHOIR CDs AVAILABLE! A newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College, is available. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The first CD primarily reflects the themes of Advent and Christmas, the second the themes of Lent and Easter. The cost per 2-CD set is \$16 (or two sets for \$30). 25 percent of the songs (10 of 40) have not appeared on previously produced CDs. 75 percent (the remaining 30 of the 40) have been distributed previously.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK TABLE AND BULLETIN BOARDS!

There are a goodly assortment of things you will find there!

THANK YOU!

>> Do you have something you are thankful for at Zion/Trinity? Let Pastor Krause know, and he will be happy to include it here in the bulletin!

ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17:

Zion Sunday: – Trinity Sunday: 42 Trin SS: 3 SDSU BC: – Golden: 13 Jenkins: 27 Trinity Wed pm BC: 21

LAST WEEK’S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (04/17/16):

Envelopes: \$1,711.00 Loose: \$115.00 Total deposited: \$1,826.00
Included in that total: \$25.00 for the Building Fund

TRINITY SERVICE SERVANTS THIS COMING WEEK:

Greeters:	April 24	Dave/Rosie Klatt
	May 1	Lois Fuerstenau
Ushers:	April 24	Marty/Ethan Dummann
	May 1	Paul/Chris Mertz

MAKING THINGS AVAILABLE For this week’s bulletin, I decided that the 4 pages from the CLC Coordinating Council was too important to leave out; so the devotions will be on the back table. I will try to include the latest CLC Financial Report in next week’s bulletin.

ITEMS FROM TRINITY’S VOTERS’ MEETING LAST SUNDAY

1) The voters have approved having a pre-school at Trinity in the fall! The pre-school has currently been approved for one year. The voters also expressed the desire to have the pre-school open to the public, to be used as an evangelism tool, with an enrollment “cap” to be suggested by the School Board. Currently the School Board is working up further recommendations for the voters.

2) Gordon Krause (and the Krause family) will be on this summer for taking care of the church property (mowing the lawn, in particular). It was agreed to pay \$55 per mowing.

3) The church picnic date and place are set! We will be having a joint service and meal with Zion at the park on Sunday June 19. The service time will be 10:30 a.m. with the meal and games afterwards.

4) Paul Reinschmidt and Pastor Krause will be making more special offering envelopes available in the rack on the back table – for CLC Special Funds and also for our Christian Education fund (which goes toward ILC school costs for our Trinity members).

5) We will be looking into being sure the speakers in the fellowship hall and back classroom are correctly wired to the church system.

6) Pastor Krause and the elders will be finalizing the conference delegates for the Jamestown and Eau Claire summer meetings.

7) After discussion regarding the importance of and the ongoing need of our Christian Education Fund, it was decided to transfer \$2000.00 from the general fund into the Christian Education Fund, and for Pastor Krause to regularly promote contributions to this fund.

8) Pastor Krause “may” be away on May 22 because of graduation, and the Krause family will be taking vacation time this summer; the voters approved his doing so, and making arrangements for services when he is gone.

9) If you are interested in having a copy of the treasurers’ reports and Pastor Krause’s report, please talk to the pastor.