

Remain in Love

#### ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

#### IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1 & 5, 2024

**WELCOME TO ZION**. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus**: The Savior's great love for us is the guiding principle in our lives, and this love unites us as we love one another.

This is the Sixth Sunday in the season of Easter. The fifty days of Easter constitute the oldest season of the Christian year. These fifty days correspond to the period of the Jewish year between the Passover and the Feast of Weeks. This season is most important season of the church year, because in it we celebrate the very reason for the hope that we have: the resurrection of our Lord and what it means for our lives now and eternally.

**LITURGY: Common Service** 

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#### **OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP**

**BATHROOMS** are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

**VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

**Prelude Music:** Rejoice the Lord is King Aria and Finale in F Major

Anna Laura Page George Frederick Handel

#### **CHRISTIAN LOVE**

#### Son of God, Eternal Savior 492 Son of God, nal Sav ior, e ter Come, 2 O Christ, and reign mong a us, geth 3 Bind us all one er as to 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, life Word Source of and truth and grace, made Peace: Hush King of love and Prince of the your fold. In Church's sa - cred Weak and So may for oth - ers live. Free - ly we flesh, Hon whose birth ors mong of strife Bid storm and pas sion; its health wealth -Sad poor and and у, у, have your gifts been grant ed; Free ly all You our head, our hu man race, el dis cease. By cru cords your pa joy ful, young and old. Is there want gold Yours may your ser vants give. the who, For will throned in glo ry, your own toil of -Bylent tient years ing, your si row? Make the or pain or sor us all and yours the sil ver, Yours the wealth of Fill plead: with love ev er us your and of pain, Quench our fe vered thirst for hours bur den share. Are there spir its crushed and We land and sea; but stew ards of your pit Heal our wrongs help need. y; and our plea sure; Stem self ish greed for gain. our ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care. boun ty Held in sol emn trust will

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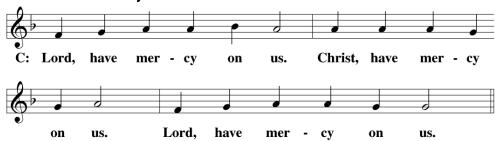
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



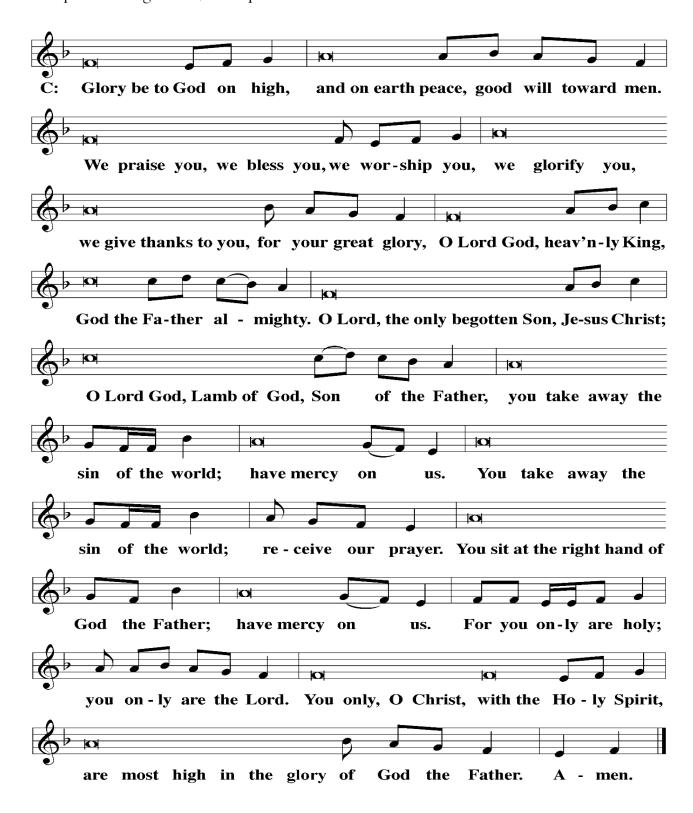


P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (\$\frac{1}{2}\$) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

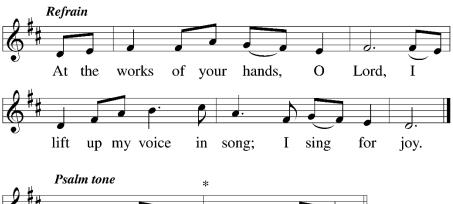


Be Seated

#### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:36-42

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!" <sup>39</sup> Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup> After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. (EHV)





I will sing of the LORD'S great love for<u>ev</u>er;\*

I will make your faithfulness known through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

I will declare that your love stands firm for<u>ev</u>er,\* that you established your faithfulness in heav<u>en</u> itself.

The heavens praise your won<u>ders</u>, O LORD,\* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the <u>ho</u>ly ones.

#### Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who <u>is</u> like you?\*
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur<u>rounds</u> you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac<u>claim</u> you,\* who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name <u>all</u> day long;\* they exult in your <u>right</u>eousness.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

#### Refrain

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<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

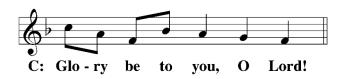
<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother. (EHV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23 cf. NIV)



#### **GOSPEL**



John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another. (EHV)



#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. JUSTIFICATION

## 377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
  I am your rock and castle.
  Your ransom I myself will be;
  For you I strive and wrestle.
  For I am yours, your friend divine,
  And evermore you shall be mine;
  The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
  All this I suffer for your good;
  Be steadfast and believing.
  Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
  My innocence shall bear your sin,
  And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
   The Holy Spirit sending
   And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
   My help to you extending.
   He will a source of comfort be,
   Teach you to know and follow me,
   And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

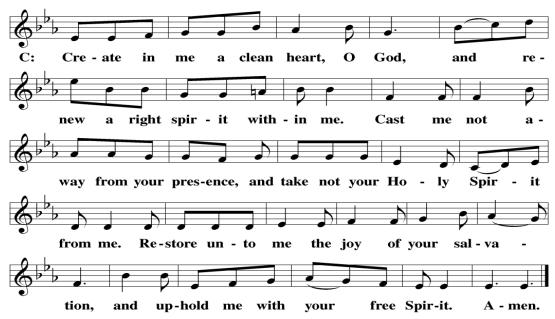
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#### **SERMON TITLE:**

#### Remain in Love

#### CREATE IN ME



**OFFERING:** (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

Offertory Music: Prayer James Bell

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 SACRAMENT

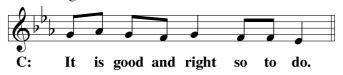
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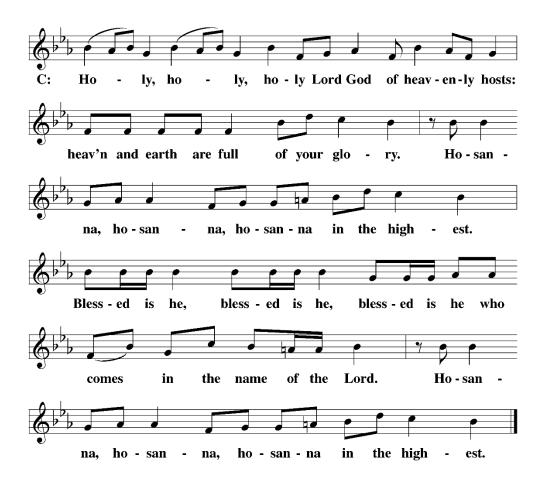
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

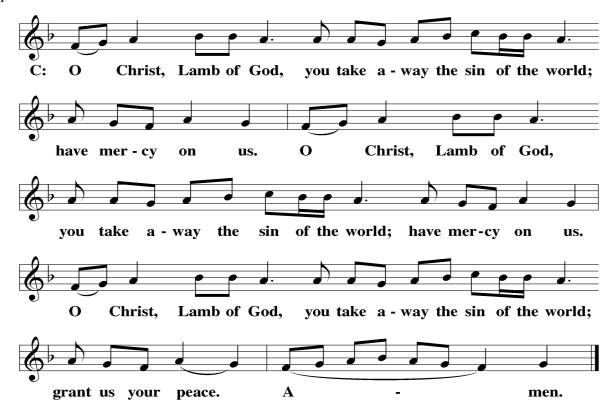
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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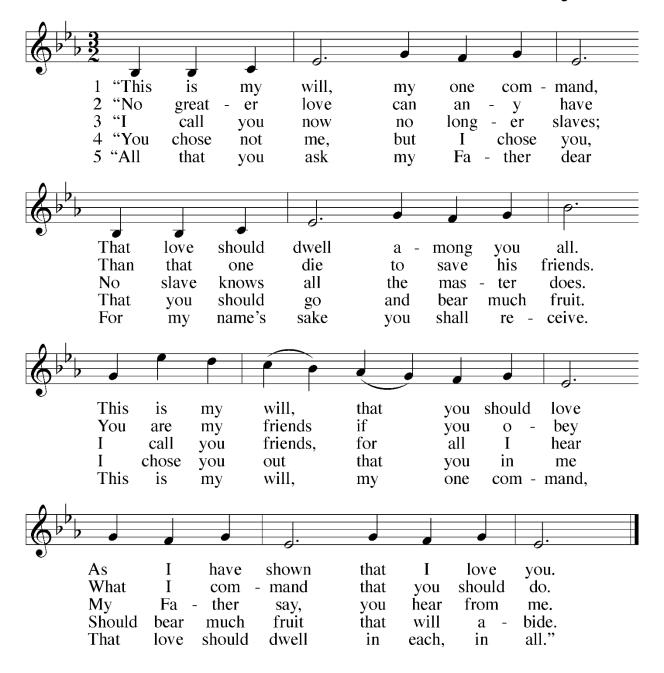
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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *CW 497 CWS 749* 

"This Is My Will"
"The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

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## This Is My Will

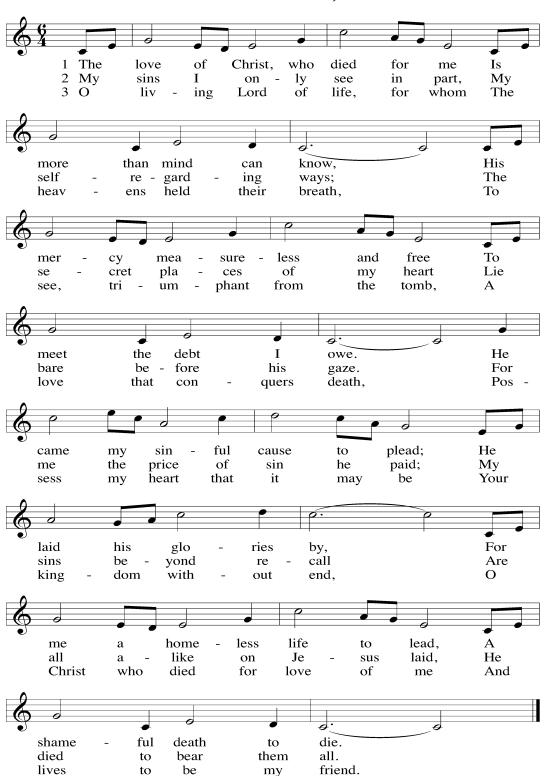


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Tune: SUANTRAI (LM) Gaelic melody, c. 19th century.

#### The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me **749**



This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, Winchester, VA, 1832

#### **THANKSGIVING**

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



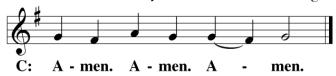
P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $(\mathbf{\hat{t}})$  give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 761

TRUST

**761 Christ Is With Me** 1 We were bur ied with him in to death, 2 Ι have now been graft - ed to the vine, 3 I cru - ci - fied have now been with Christ. That by God's he was raised glo as ry, Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer cy, long - er live; Christ lives no in me. We might walk in life made new by grace. Bear ing fruit bide in him: as Ι a -Now live faith in God's own Son, by Christ, Hav - ing died with shall live with we Fruit for - ev fresh, glo ri fy - er ing self One who loved me sogave him for Refrain him. Christ God. is with me me. O 'ry - where go. Nev er to

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Postlude Music: Praise Everlasting David Paxton

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Officiants Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Nate Fager

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**CALL UPDATE**—Pastor Frank Italiano Jr. has returned the call from Zion. We will be holding another call meeting soon. Please watch for further information.

**EXAMINATION WEDNESDAY:** This year we have 5 confirmands who will be having their examination on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The examination occurs in the regular Worship service. This is a great opportunity for you to refresh your knowledge of the Law and Gospel. It is also a time to support our youth as they continue with their spiritual journey. After examination we are planning on having an ice cream social for you to meet the confirmands and help make them feel welcomed into our congregation as confirmed members.

**ZION OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP:** Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 11** @ **9:00 a.m.** The Trustees have scheduled Zion's annual outside clean-up. This year they have plans to trim bushes, spread dirt or mulch, and plant grass seed. Many hands make swift work so please everyone who is able and willing to work come and join us.

**ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:** Mark your calendars for the upcoming Rummage Sale on Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1. The proceeds from the sale are going to replace the yellow curtains on the stage in the gymnasium. Lots of helping hands make the work a lot easier. Please see the West foyer for sign-up sheets for the different times that we need volunteers. There is a separate sign-up sheet for students who would like to get some extra volunteer hours in before school releases for this year. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY:** Zion Lutheran School's Board of Education is looking for someone with photography skills to help with upcoming promotional material. If this is something you are interested in please reach out to Board of Ed chairman, Erich Freiny at (734) 731-0008.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (<a href="www.MealTrain.com">www.MealTrain.com</a>) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

**ZION CALENDAR QR CODE:** Would you like to access the Zion Calendar anytime? We have made it available now with a QR code. The QR code will link you directly to the Zion Church and School Calendar. If you'd prefer to view it or add from a computer, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar">https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar</a>. You can add the Zion events to the calendar app you use by selecting the "+GoogleCalendar" link at the bottom right of the page.



**WELS CHURCH LOCATOR:** Will you be going on vacation this summer? Will you be gone on a Sunday? We have WELS and ELS churches all over the United States that would love to have you come and worship with them. To find one near your vacation spot, go to the WELS website (WELS.net) and click on the link for 'Find a Church/School' (at the top of the page) or just use the code below.



#### Coming up at Zion ....

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group

11:30 a.m. Friends In Faith Luncheon

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m. Board of Ed and Board of Elders Meetings

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Examination

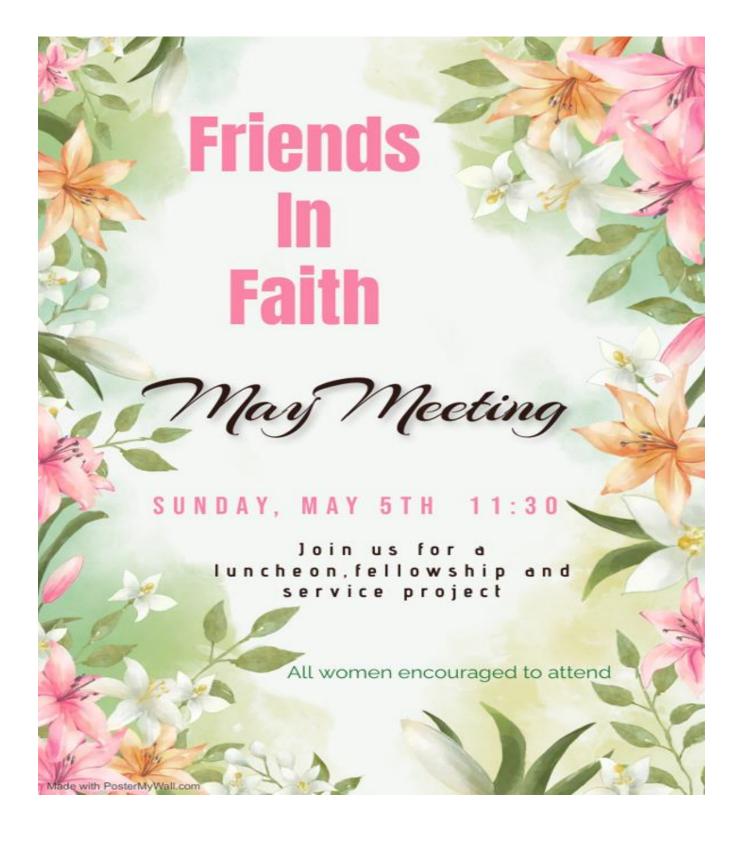
8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social to meet the confirmands

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Zion Piano Recital

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Zion Outdoor Clean-up

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Confirmation

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL'S



## May 31st and June 1st 8am-4pm

# Proceeds Benefit Zion Lutheran Church and School **Donation drop off**

- MAY 20-23: MON- THURS, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
  - DONATIONS PLACED IN SINGLE CAR GARAGE (PARKING LOT)
- MAY 24: FRIDAY, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
  - DONATIONS PLACED IN GYM
- MAY 26: SUNDAY drop off before church ONLY 9:00 AM
- May 28,29: TUE-WED, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
  - DONATIONS PLACED IN GYM
- May 30: THUR, 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM
  - DONATIONS PLACED IN GYM
- PLEASE DROP OFF LARGE ITEMS STARTING TUESDAY, MAY 28<sup>™</sup>
- WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT: MATTRESSES, TVs, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND NON-OPERATIONAL /BROKEN ITEMS
- CONTACT DEB HILL, THE OFFICE, OR BRYAN SCHNECK IF YOU NEED OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DROPPING OFF ITEMS

\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*

We need volunteers to help sort and set up all donations.

We are in need of help during the sale on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st, as well.

Thank you for your support!

To volunteer or to reach out with questions, please contact
Deb Hill 734-258-6507



Zion Lutheran's summer play group!

# Snacks Friends Crafts Kona Ice

When: June 11, July 23, and August 13 Time: 10 a.m.-12



\*Parents must remain with their kids.

## **May Volunteers**

	May 1 & 5	May 8 & 12	May 15 & 19	May 22 & 26	May 29 & June 2
Altar Guild		Joyce Collins &	Joyce Trowbridge		
Live Stream		3 7	3 )		
Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger
Ushers	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
	Ray Chandonnet	Tony Affholter	Dave Benge	Jake Burke	Mark Kipf
	Érich Freiny	Jeff Douglas	Alan Bober	Rich Heusman	Keith McBee
	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	Matthew Hill	Jeff Heusman	Joe Schmeling
	Zach Turner	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch	Juergen Koenig	Russ Vitale
			Jeremy Robinson	Matt McCormick	
	<u>May 5</u>		Jacob Robinson	Zach McCormick	<u>June 2</u>
	Ray Chandonnet	<u>May 12</u>	William Robinson		Mark Kipf
	Érich Freiny	Tony Affholter		<u>May 26</u>	Keith McBee
	Rob Krueger	Jeff Douglas	<u>May 19</u>	Jake Burke	Joe Schmeling
	Zach Turner	Mark Fuerstenberg	Dave Benge	Rich Heusman	Russ Vitale
		Ray Palmatier	Alan Bober	Jeff Heusman	
		,	Matthew Hill	Juergen Koenig	
			Joe Koch	Matt McCormick	
			Jeremy Robinson	Zach McCormick	
			Jacob Robinson		
			William Robinson		
Communion	<u>May 1</u>		<u>May 15</u>		<u>May 29</u>
Helpers	Mark Kipf		Ken Vagt		Ken Vagt
	<u>May 5</u>		<u> April 21</u>		<u>June 2</u>
	Jake Burke		Erich Freiny		Rob Krueger
	Jeff Huesman		Mark Kipf		Ray Palmatier