

Life is not life without God

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

The Day of Pentecost

May 15 & 19, 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 life of the Church is empowered by the Spirit of God.

God instructed his Old Testament people to celebrate the beginning of the gathering of the harvest with a special festival called the Feast of Weeks. The year Jesus died, was buried, and rose, this festival lined up with the fiftieth day after Easter. On that fiftieth day, God sent the promised Counselor. We now call this day "Pentecost" (The Greek word for "fifty"). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs who spread the seed of the Church; the Word. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of His resurrection to the world.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

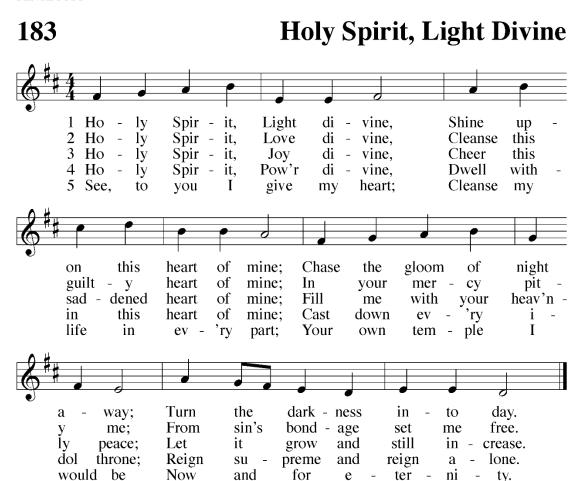
BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

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!

OPENING HYMN: CW 183

PENTECOST



Text: Andrew Reed, 1787-1862, abr., alt.

Tune: Song 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (*) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

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 servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

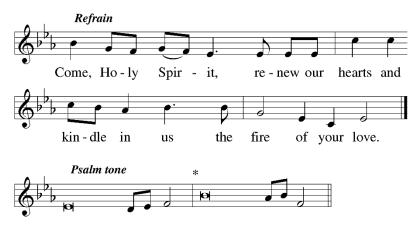


THE WORD

First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ² He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'" 5 This is what the LORD God says to these bones. I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD. ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸ As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army. 11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' 12 Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD." (EHV)

PSALM 51B pg. 87



O Lord, open <u>my</u> lips,*
and my mouth will de<u>clare</u> your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would <u>bring</u> it;* you do not take pleasure in burnt <u>of</u>ferings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken <u>spir</u>it;*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will <u>not</u> despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure <u>heart</u>, O God,* and renew a steadfast spirit with<u>in</u> me.

Do not cast me from your <u>pres</u>ence* or take your Holy Spirit <u>from</u> me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal<u>va</u>tion,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus<u>tain</u> me.

Then I will teach transgressors <u>your</u> ways,* and sinners will turn <u>back</u> to you.

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.

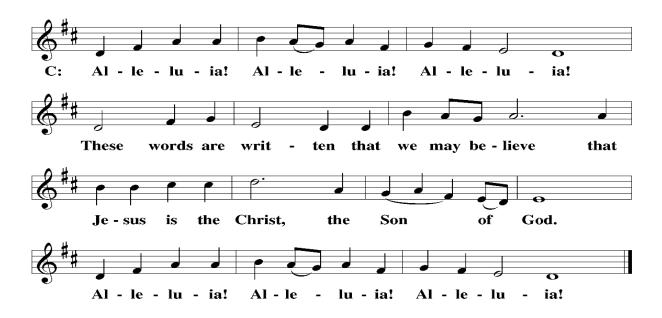
Refrain

SECOND LESSON ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. ⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine." 14Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. (from the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)



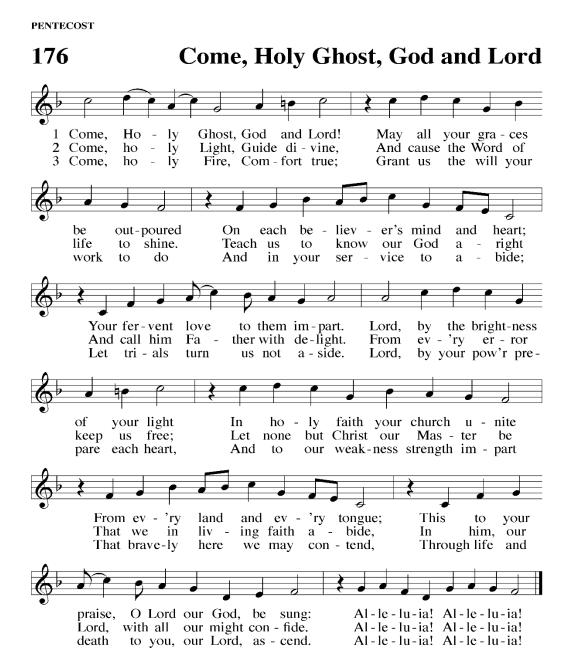
GOSPEL: John 14:25-27

²⁵"I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. ²⁷"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 176

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

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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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and

to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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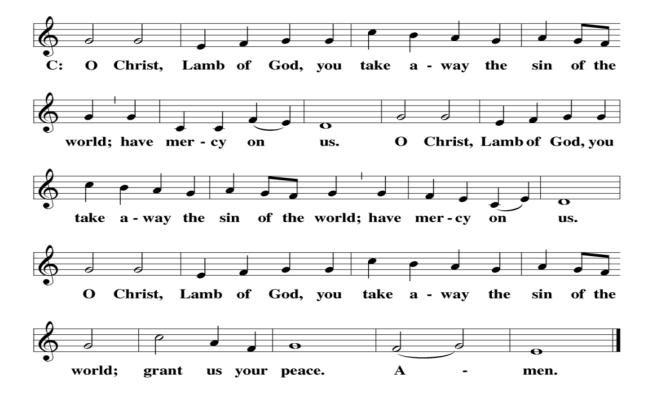
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



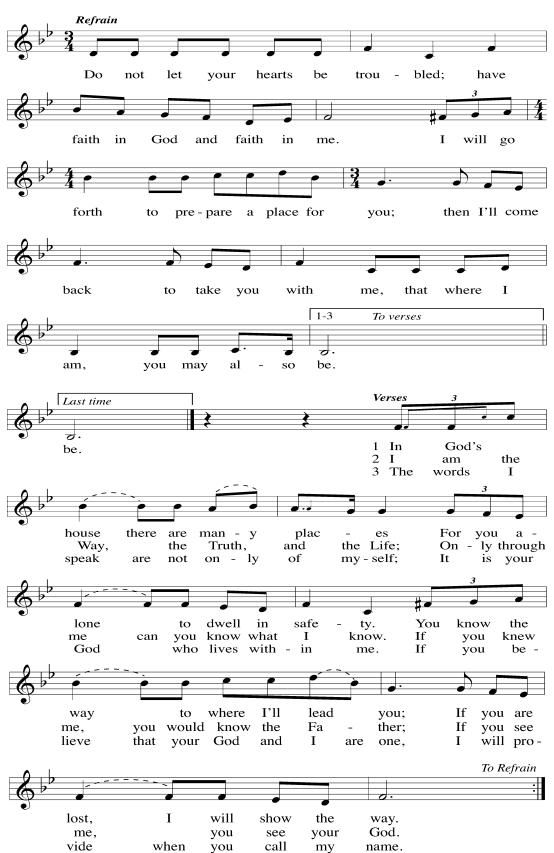
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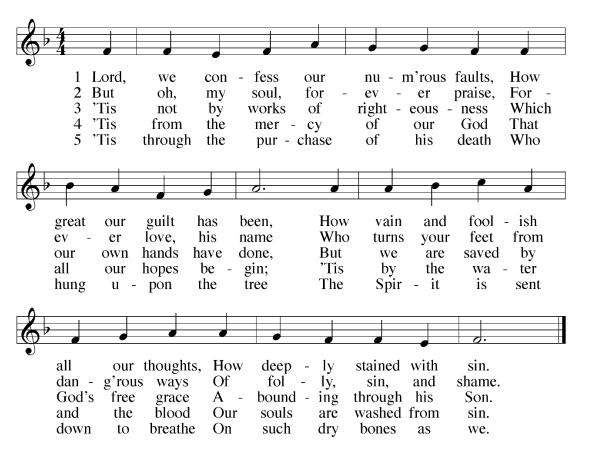
"Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled"
"Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults"

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled 759



Text: John 14:1-3,6,7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957
Tune: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (88 11 99 99 99)
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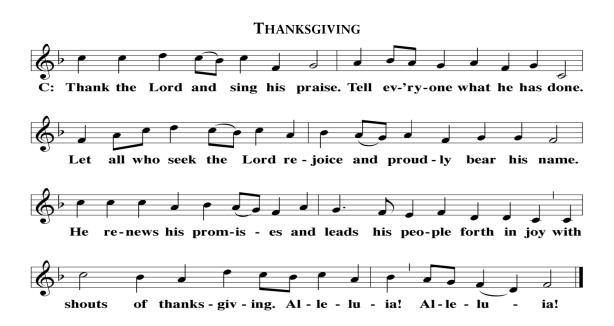
398 Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults



6 Raised from the dead, we live anew; And, justified by grace, We shall appear in glory, too, And see our Father's face.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: St. Flavian (CM) The Whole Booke of Psalmes, London, 1562, alt.



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

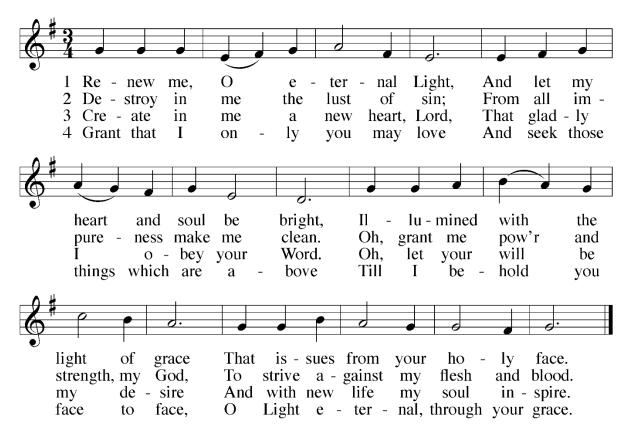
The Lord look on you with favor and $(\mathbf{\$})$ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 471 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

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Renew Me, O Eternal Light



Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—Pastor Frank Italiano Jr. has returned the call from Zion. St Paul's Lutheran Church has requested that Zion and St. Paul's share a pastor. The Zion church leadership is developing a plan for what a 50% pastor might look like for the ministry of Zion. That plan will be presented to the Zion voters at a future special voters meeting.

FAREWELL POTLUCK: On Sunday, May 26th at 12:30 p.m., Zion is having a Farewell Potluck for Pastor Fager, Jennifer, Camden and Levi. Board of Service & Fellowship will provide the meat for the meal, we ask that everyone who is coming please bring your favorite dish to share. Please come to celebrate the Fager family and thank them for all the blessings that they have given to Zion over the years. There is a sign-up sheet in the West Foyer which will help us in planning the event.

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.

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 (www.MealTrain.com) 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.

Coming up at Zion

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

 $10\!:\!30$ a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group

1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Preschool Graduations

Zion School Picnic – Early Dismissal

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Zion Graduation and Awards Night Friday 10:00 a.m. Zion School Dismissal for Summer

Office hours change to summer hours 8-noon.

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

12:30 p.m. Farewell Potluck for the Fager 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 https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar. 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.



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™
- 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

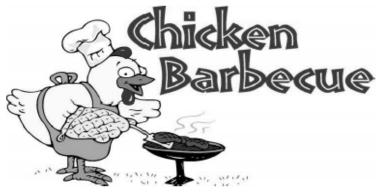
* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *

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





Come on out to the Irish Hills for the Memorial Day weekend barbeque dinner!

Hosted by: St. John Lutheran Church, Riga

When: Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 12--3 pm

Where: under the **main pavilion at Killarney Lutheran Camp,** 1200 Chisholm Rd, Onsted, MI 49265.

Half chicken (\$11) and 1/4 chicken dinners (\$9), as well as a hot dog plate (\$4) will be available. Or a free-will offering above these prices can be made, with the proceeds going to help fund campground projects.

Come and join us.





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.



Come join us for 3 Special Camping/Bible Study Weekends at Camp Killarney

J.O.Y. Jesus first, Others second, Yourself third

Family Oriented Bible Study for ages 3yrs and up

July 12-14, 2024 register by June 21, 2024 or

August 9-11, 2024 register by July 25, 2024

Camp for the weekend or join us for the day.

Friday Social; Saturday program and activities (lunch and dinner provided); Sunday wrap up

Scan QR code for more information and to register.



Always Thankful

18 years and older individuals will look at the 7 gifts God wants us always to be thankful for.

July 19-21, 2024 Register by July 3, 2024

Camp for the weekend or join us for the day.

Friday Social; Saturday program and activities (lunch and dinner provided); Sunday wrap up

Scan QR code for more information and to register.



Questions: Connie Tisch (517)740-8193 or cztisch@gmail.com

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			, ,		
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
	Erich 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
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