

Who Is God?

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday after Pentecost

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: We worship and adore the Holy Trinity not only because the Trinity is the one, true, and only God, but also because the Trinity is OUR God needing nothing and needing no one, all three Persons of the one God have loved us from eternity to eternity and eagerly sought our salvation. God revealed himself to us as the Trinity in Unity, not that we might rationally understand this doctrine, but rather that we might believe it and adore him.

This is the first Sunday after Pentecost. In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord; but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word. On this first Sunday in our readings we explore the mystery of the Triune God.

LITURGY: Morning Praise

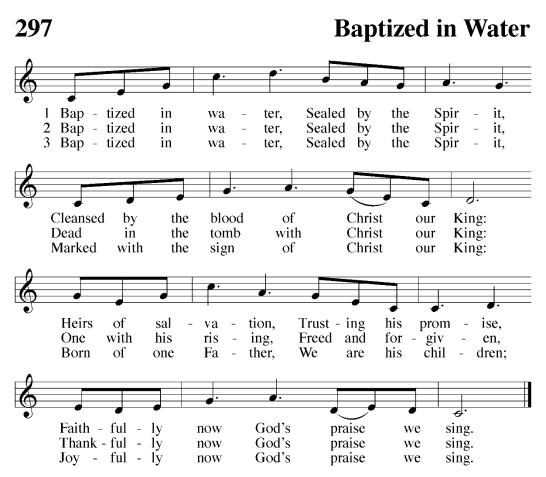
OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

- **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 handheld 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!

May 26, 2024

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BAPTISM



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 Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

STAND

P: The grace of our Lord ($^{\circ}$) 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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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 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. **C: Amen.**

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought *this child* to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (\mathbf{r}) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

Aiden James and Han Michael Prine, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Lainey Rose Langton, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

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EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

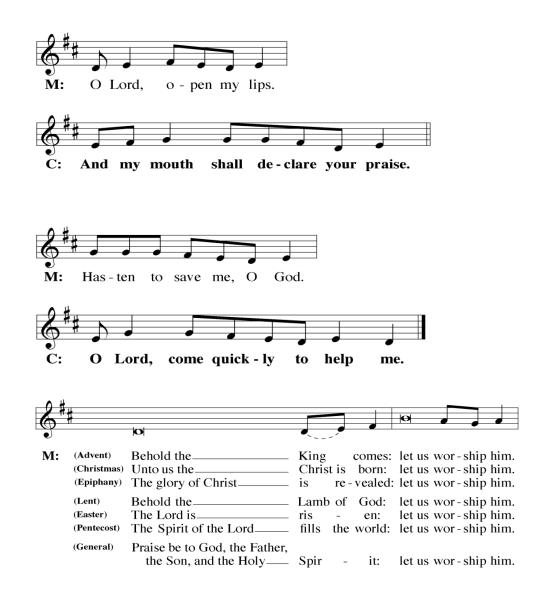
Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Aiden, James, and Lainey may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

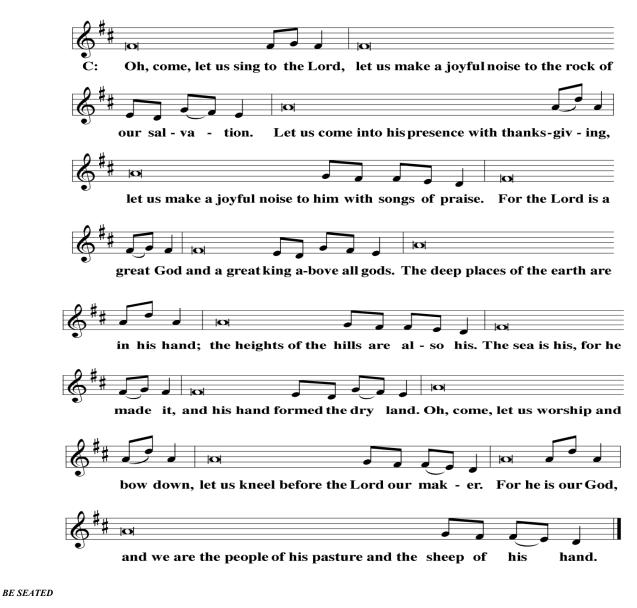
C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Wesson and Garrett and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that *he* may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³ One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! ⁴ The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." ⁸ Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!" (EHV)





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Praise God in his sanctu<u>ary</u>;*
praise him in his mighty <u>heav</u>ens.
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Praise him for his acts of <u>pow</u>er;* praise him for his surpassing <u>great</u>ness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the <u>trumpet</u>,* praise him with the <u>harp</u> and lyre,

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praise him with tambourine and <u>danc</u>ing,* praise him with <u>strings</u> and flute,
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praise him with the clash of <u>cym</u>bals,* praise him with resounding <u>cym</u>bals.

Refrain

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Let everything that has breath <u>praise</u> the LORD.*
Praise <u>the</u> LORD.
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Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

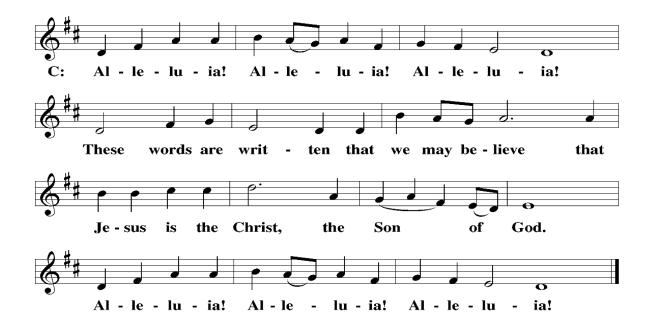
Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "*Abba*, Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole Earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (Isaiah 6:3b cf. NIV)



GOSPEL:

John 3:1-17

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸ The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus. ¹⁰ "You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? ¹¹ Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. ¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (EHV)

PENTECOST



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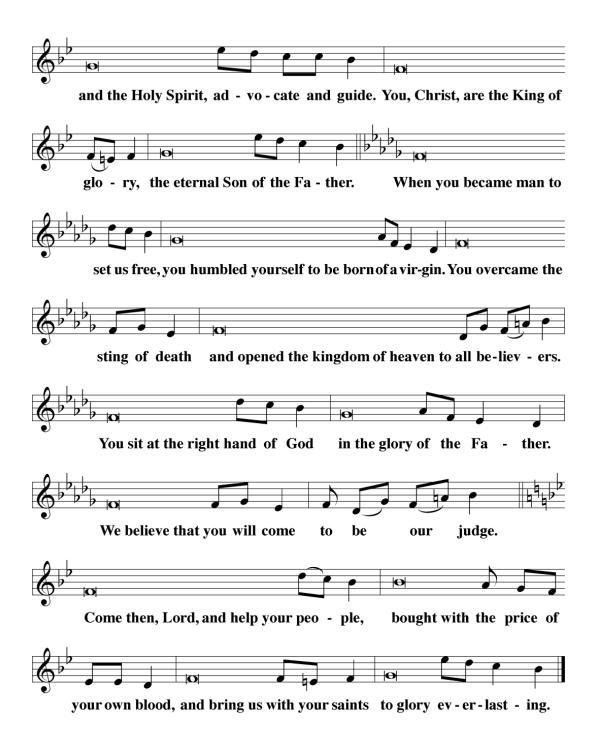
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SERMON TITLE:

WHO IS GOD?



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



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 by Dottie Bober "In Memoriam" by Lani Smith

LORD, HAVE MERCY



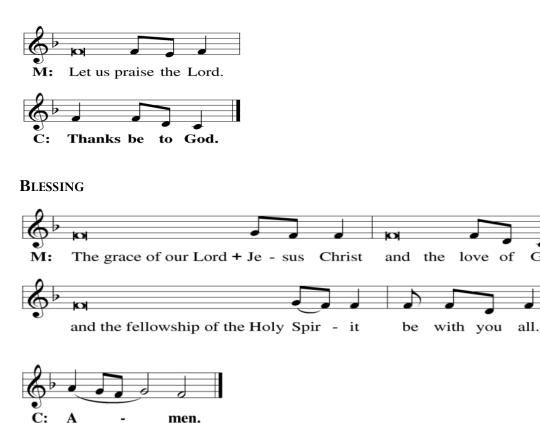
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 195

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



Processional Music by Ezekiel Sitzman

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Officiants Accompanist: Dottie Bober, Ezekiel Sitzman, & Stepfanie Sitzman Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman *All Church service and music items are printed under One License – A-717618.

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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.

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 (<u>www.MealTrain.com</u>) 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				
,	12:30 p.m. Farewell Potluck for the Fager family				
Monday	Office Closed				
Tuesday	Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. until noon for the summer				
-	5:00 Trustees Meeting				
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)				
Friday	8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale				
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale				
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service				
-	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study – NO Sunday School or Youth Group				
	(Adult Bible Study decided to continue to meet for the summer.)				

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

<u>https://tinyurl.com/ZionMonroeCalendar</u>. 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



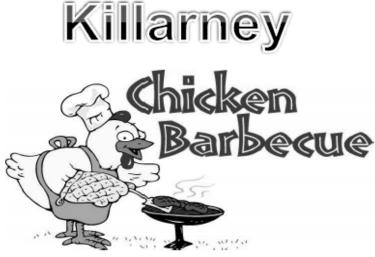
May 31st and June 1st 8am-4pm

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.





*Parents must remain with their kids.

Put it on your calendar!



Zion Music and Art Camp

featuring Branches Band

Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18 9 a.m. to Noon

Open to Preschool through Grade 5

Art Activities and Music with Branches Band, including participation in a Branches Band concert on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

Cost \$10 per participant

Look for more information and a sign-up

coming soon!





www.branchesband.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

186 Cole Road, Monroe, MI 48162 www.zionmonroe.org 734-242-1378

Zion Family! We are looking for youth (grade 6-8), teen and adult volunteers to help out with the camp! Please speak to Mr. Schneck if you are interested and available.



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

June Volunteers

	May 29 & June 2	June 5 & 9	June 12 & 16	June 19 & 23	June 26 & 30
Altar Guild		Jean Baumann &	Carol Pitcher		
Live Stream					
Helpers	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson
Ushers	<u>May 29</u>	June 5	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	June 26
	Mark Kipf	Ray Chandonnet	Tony Affholter	Dave Benge	Jake Burke
	Keith McBee	Erich Freiny	Jeff Douglas	Alan Bober	Rich Heusman
	Joe Schmeling	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	Matthew Hill	Jeff Heusman
	Russ Vitale	Zach Turner	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch	Juergen Koenig
				Jeremy Robinson	Matt McCormick
	<u>June 2</u>		<u>June 16</u>	Jacob Robinson	Zach McCormick
	Mark Kipf	<u>June 9</u>	Tony Affholter	William Robinson	
	Keith McBee	Ray Chandonnet	Jeff Douglas		<u>June 30</u>
	Joe Schmeling	Erich Freiny	Mark Fuerstenberg	<u>June 23</u>	Jake Burke
	Russ Vitale	Rob Krueger	Ray Palmatier	Dave Benge	Rich Heusman
		Zach Turner	-	Alan Bober	Jeff Heusman
				Matthew Hill	Juergen Koenig
				Joe Koch	Matt McCormick
				Jeremy Robinson	Zach McCormick
				Jacob Robinson	
				William Robinson	
Communion	<u>May 29</u>		<u>June 12</u>		
Helpers	Ken Vagt		Alan Bober		
	June 2		<u>June 16</u>		
	Rob Krueger		Jeremy Robinson		
	Ray Palmatier		Mark Kipf		