



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8 & 12, 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: Our ascended Lord is in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand and prays for his church.

This is the Seventh 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: Service of the Word

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Hymn Selections for this service were chosen by the confirmands.

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!

Preservice Music *(Sunday only):*

"Day by Day"

chosen by: Matthew Loos

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Duet: Miller Sordahl & Pastor Sitzman

chosen by: Lillian Sordahl

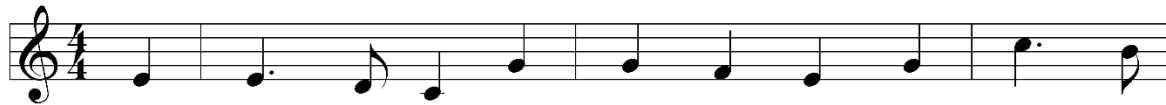
From the cover: You've probably seen the 'Luther Rose' at some point in your life. Here's Martin Luther's explanation of it:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

(Source: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)

JUSTIFICATION

382 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

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: 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.

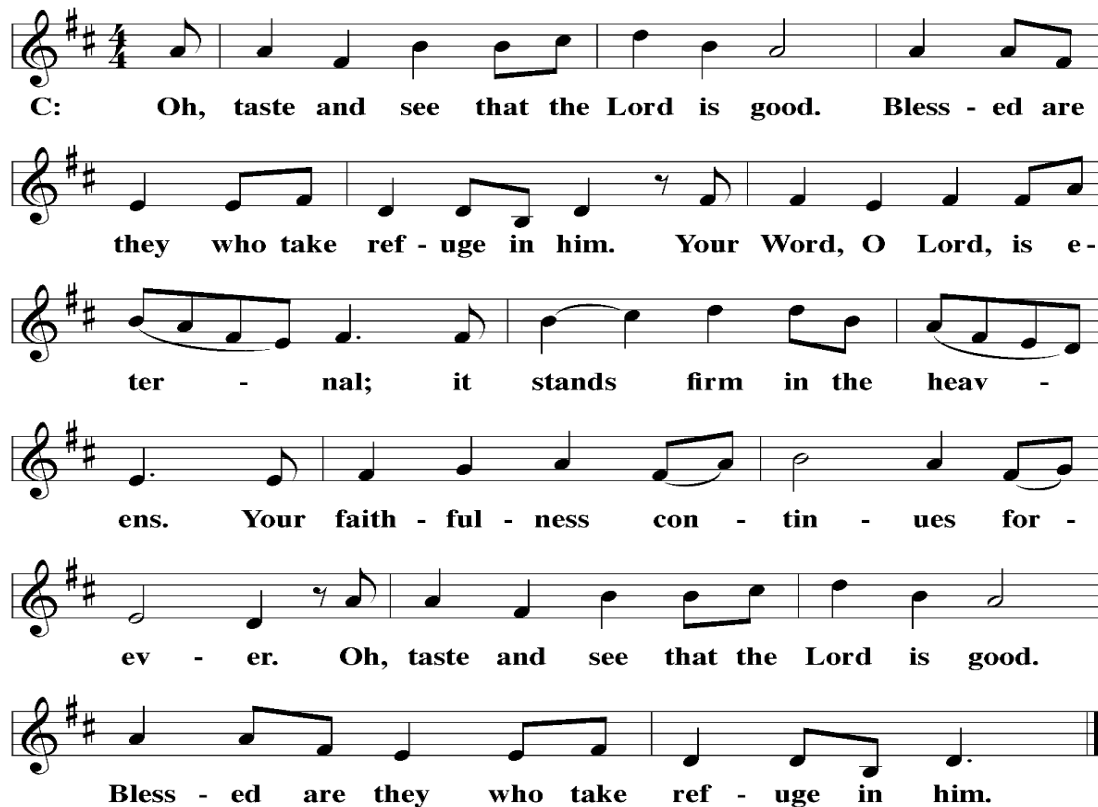
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, ¹⁶“Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry. ¹⁸“Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. ²⁰Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms: May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it. And, let someone else take his position. ²¹“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.” ²³They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” ²⁶Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles. (EHV)

Psalm 8

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I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,*

the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*

the Son of Man that you care for him?

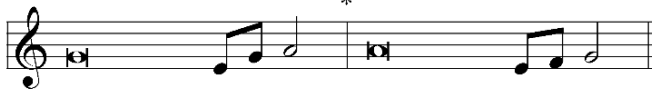
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I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*
you put everything under his feet.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

1 John 4:13-21

¹³ This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. ¹⁶ We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ 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,^[c] love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹ 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL:

John 17:11b-19

^{11b}Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³“But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷“Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth. (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

REDEEMER

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Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fic be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

Matthew 7:24–29

²⁴“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. ²⁵The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. ²⁶Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.” ²⁸When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

Build Your Life on the Rock

Youth Examination will take place during the Wednesday evening worship.

Youth Confirmation will take place during the worship service on Sunday. The Confirmands taking their vows are:

KJ Dunlap Kayley Grubb
Matthew Loos Bryce Mueller Lillian Sordahl

APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

THANKSGIVING

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.*

OFFERING MUSIC: *(Sunday Only)*

Zion Faculty Choir **“Standing on the Promises”** chosen by: KJ Dunlap

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

INVITATION

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Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.
 Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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 (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 597

“May God the Father of Our Lord”

CONFIRMATION

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May God the Father of Our Lord



1 May God the Fa - ther of our Lord, Who
2 In Je - sus Christ may you be blessed And
3 The Ho - ly Spir - it give you pow'r, The
4 May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And



called you by his ho - ly Word, Per -
brought to his e - ter - nal rest. The
strength of prayer in ev - 'ry hour, The
God the Spir - it, Three in One, Pre -



fect, es - tab - lish, set - tle you, Keep
work he has in you be - gun, He
wis - dom, knowl - edge, fear of God, That
serve you blame - less till in grace You



you through faith for - ev - er true.
will per - form till all is done.
lifts a - bove his chas - t'ning rod.
stand be - fore his ho - ly face.

Text: Dorothy I. Scharlemann, b. 1912.
Tune: TALLIS' CANON (LM) Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-85.

Officiants

Accompanist: Wednesday - Kayla Liechty

Sunday – Miller Sordahl

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Greg Sitzman: 734-309-7877; gsitzman@zionmonroe.org

Principal: Bryan Schneck: 907-331-7761; bschneck@zionmonroe.org

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.

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 (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 with Confirmation
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group
Monday	Office Closed – HCA Track Meet
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Church Council
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Confirmation
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
	1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

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 28TH
- 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

You're invited
to
Fun With Friends

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