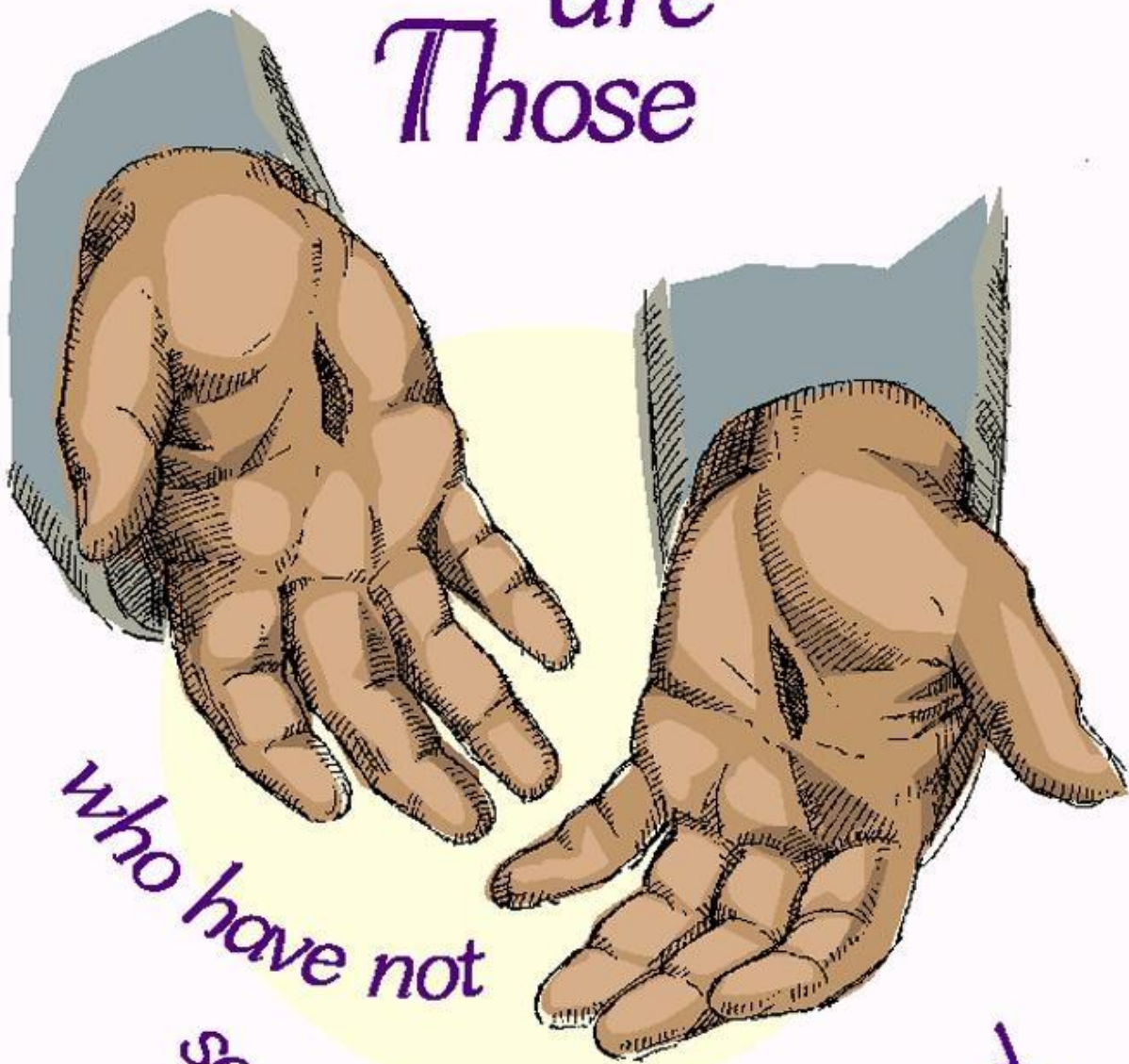


Blessed
are
Those



who have not
seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23 & 27, 2025

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: Jesus' resurrection gives us a new life filled with joy and peace.

This is the Second 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 Morning Praise

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES – We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

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!

EASTER

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This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.
 Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Dauids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



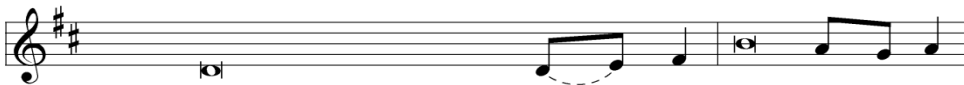
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



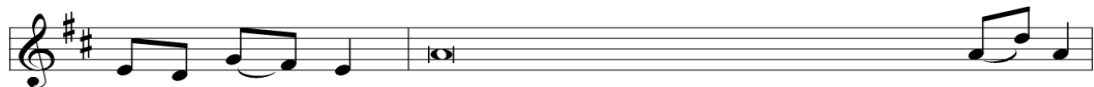
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



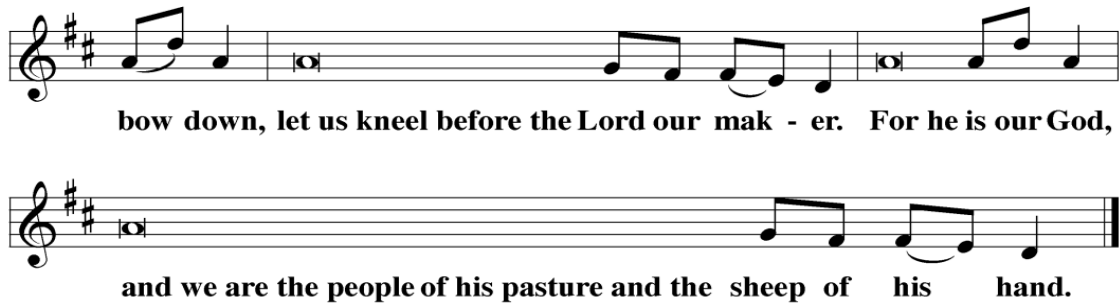
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:12, 17-32

¹² Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the apostles. With one mind, they all continued meeting in Solomon's Colonnade.

¹⁷ The high priest rose up, along with his associates (that is, the party of the Sadducees), because they were filled with envy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and keep on telling the people the whole message about this life." ²¹ After they heard this, they entered the temple courts at daybreak and began to teach. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin (that is, the whole council of elders of the people of Israel). Then they sent orders to the jail to have the apostles brought in. ²² But when the officers arrived, they did not find them in the prison. They returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" ²⁴ When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were puzzled about them, wondering what could have happened. ²⁵ Then someone came and reported to them, "Look! The men you put in prison are standing in the temple courts and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain went with the officers and brought the apostles in without force, because they were afraid that the people might stone them. ²⁷ After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin. The high priest asked them, ²⁸ "Did we not give you strict orders not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood down on us!" ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you arrested and killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his right hand as Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." (EHV)

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;*
apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.


**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

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen. ⁷ Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty. ⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, “Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.” ¹² I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. ¹⁴ His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. ¹⁵ His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— ¹⁸ the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)



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 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with

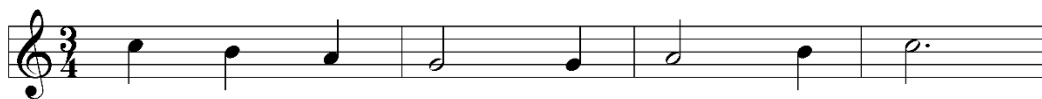
you!”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.”²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (EHV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 165 (vs. 1-5)*

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

EASTER

165 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
 And said, “Peace be un - to you here.”
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



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

If Christ Is Not Risen

HYMN: *CW 165* (vs. 6-9)

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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| 6 “Thomas, behold my side,” said he,
“My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me.”
Alleluia! | 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! |
| 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God,” he cried.
Alleluia! | 9 On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

OFFERING: *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.*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 153

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
 ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
 fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
 ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
 Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
 Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
 Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
 to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
 his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
 Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

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CALL MEETING—Pastor Andrew Leuhring has returned his call. We plan on going to the assignment committee for a pastor from the seminary. The call day at Martin Luther College is Thurs., May 22nd.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING: On Sunday, April 6th the Voter's decided to extend a call to Mrs. Hannah Breckon has been called to serve as our Preschool Director and teacher. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates the call.

OPEN FORUM/VOTER'S MEETING NOTES: Church Council will be meeting on **Thursday, April 24th** (a week later than usual due to Maundy Thursday). The Council meeting notes will not be available a week in advance for the Open Forum/Voter's Meeting for your review. However, the notes will be sent out via email on Friday, April 25th to give everyone the weekend to review. The **Open Forum/Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th.**

LADIES GROUP #2: Plan on meeting at the church on Wednesday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m. to do the assigned cleaning for our group. Thank you in advance to everyone who can come and help.

MLS Open House - May 2nd! Michigan Lutheran Seminary would like to invite you to our upcoming Open House! This Open House will take place from 3:00-5:00 PM on Friday, May 2nd. This is a great opportunity for 5th-8th grade students and their families to learn about the campus, academics, and extracurriculars at MLS! You'll have a chance to meet faculty, talk to parents and students, and take a tour of the campus! If you're interested or would like more information, contact us at admissions@mlsem.org or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 294.

ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING: Mark your calendars for the upcoming Rummage Sale on Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31. 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. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Open Forum
	11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Tues.-Wed.	Pastor Conference in Eaton Rapids
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	10:30 a.m. Caroling at Nursing Homes

April Volunteers

	April 2 & 6	April 9 & 13	April 17, 18 & 20	April 23 & 27	April 30 & May 4
Altar Guild			Nancy Chalupka		
Live Stream Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson
Ushers	<p><u>April 2</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>April 6</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>April 9</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling</p> <p><u>April 13</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling</p>	<p><u>April 17</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>April 18 @ 1:00</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>April 18 @ 7:00</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>April 20</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>April 23</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>April 27</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>April 30</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>May 4</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>
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