

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024

*\*(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: ELW 391 *This Joyful Eastertide***

*You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.*

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

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

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

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our  
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress VRUECHTEN 67 67 and refrain

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**\*KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

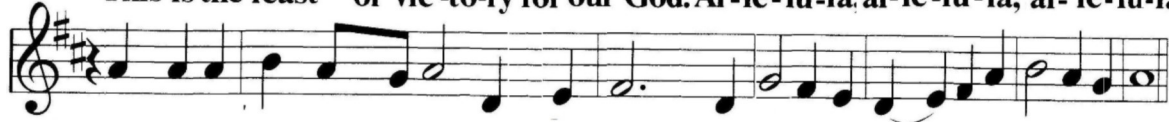
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



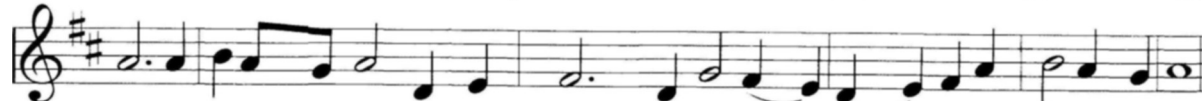
ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



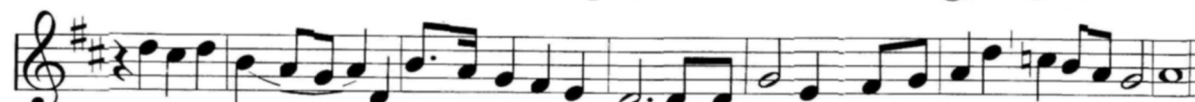
MEN Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



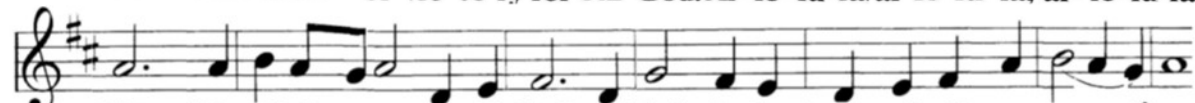
ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



WOMEN Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glory are his.



ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



MEN Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:



Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



WOMEN For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (pg. 885 in pew Bible)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two,

Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*After the Reading:* Leader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 1 (pg. 424 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**Congregation: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

Jesus rose for all the children, all the children of the world, every color, shape, and size, they are

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL:** John 17:1-21 (pg. 879 in pew Bible)

*Before reading:* P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 17th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

*After the reading:* P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 752 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (sing 3 times)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943 Music: Ken Medema Text and music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company CHILDREN PRAYING 98 99

**OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS**

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith, using the words of the 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (after, "Lord in your mercy," respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

(after final petition, "Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord", respond: **Amen.**)

**\*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

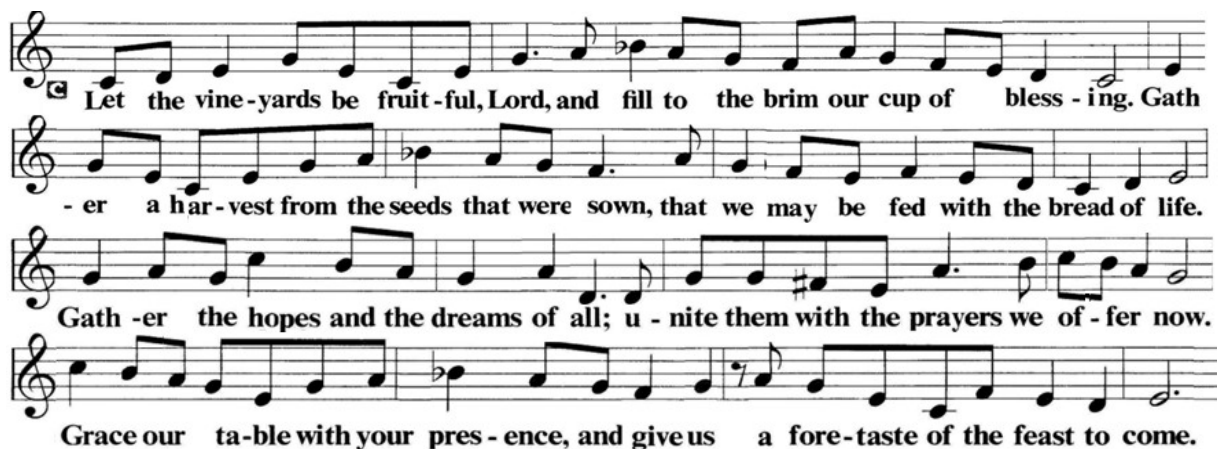
P: The peace of Christ be with you. C: **And also with you.**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. C: Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

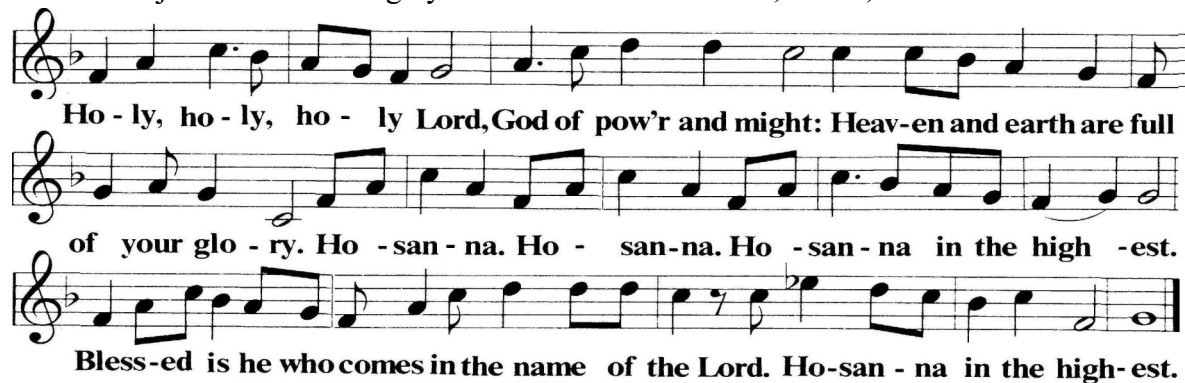
*Please stand as you are able.*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION and CONSECRATION**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance for me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. C: Amen.

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table.

*This is the Lord’s table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that , please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.*

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ’s spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

**\*LAMB OF GOD** *(Based on Gospel of John 1:29)*

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The first two staves are identical and contain the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The third staff contains the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

- DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** #692 *For All the Faithful Women*  
(blue book) #718 *Here in This Place*  
#797 *O God beyond All Praising*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!. **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** ELW 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* v. 1,3,& 4 (next page)

*As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.*

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893  
 Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

DIADEMATA  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.     C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**We're glad you're here!** Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

**This week we especially remember in our prayers:** Pam, Suzette Tomcavage, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine.

**Every Week at Zions:** Sundays @ 9:15 Sunday school for all ages; @ 10:30 Worship  
 Wednesdays @ 5:30 Community meal, @ 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits Worship, @ 6:50 Adult Bible Study



MUSICIAN: Max Ludwig	LECTOR: Leah Wolfe
VIDEOGRAPHER: James Cascarino	PRAYER: Deb Long
ACOLYTES: Levi & Gracie Bucks	CRUCIFER: Logan Livingston
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Terry Ludwig	GREETER:
COMM. ASSTS.: Ed & Elaine Ludwig	ZION'S PASTOR: Rev. Caitlin M. Kurtz
USHERS: Georgetta Wolfe, Linda Toth, Daryl Hess, Jim Fowler	

<b>NEXT WEEK</b>	Lector: Linda Toth	Prayer: Eva Frank
	Children Sermon: Pastor Caitlin	Acolytes: Derek Wolfe, Izaac McQuaide
	Crucifer: Rob McQuaide	Comm. Asst.: Linda Wenrich, Eva Frank
	Greeter: Stephanie Livingston	

**This Week at Zions:**

- May 13, Monday @ 6:30 Worship & Music Committee
- May 15, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
- May 15, Wednesday @10:30 am NL Ministerium meeting
- May 18 , Saturday @ 4:00 pm DDS dance

**Next Week at Zions:**

- May 19, Sunday @ 9:45 am Celebration breakfast for Jaxin Bush's confirmation
- May 19, Sunday @ 2:00 pm NL Ministerium worship & prayer at Memorial Lake
- May 21, Tuesday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting
- May 22, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
- May 23, Thursday @ 6:00 pm Preschool Graduation

**Zion's is hosting a dance for Developmental and Disability Services** on Saturday May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the social hall. The theme is HAWAII. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt. Food will be served. Cost is \$3. All are invited! Sign up sheet will be posted in the gathering area.

**We celebrate with Jaxin Bush and his family** as he affirms his faith in the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 19. You're invited to a celebratory time of fellowship and goodies prior to the service, begins at 9:45 AM.

**The Northern Lebanon Ministerium** is gathering for our first ever joint time of worship and prayer on Sunday, May 19 from 2-4 PM at Memorial Lake's "Upper Pavilion". You've heard Pastor Caitlin talk about this Spirit-led group over the past 18 months...please, come out and experience it for yourself! You'll have the opportunity to meet others who have been part of God's work in the Clothing Closet, Release Time, and Back to School Blessings, and join together in giving thanks to God for this new and robust ministry group.

**Other News from Zions:**

**REGISTER NOW: RIVER OF LIFE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - June 17-20 (Monday-Thursday), 6-8 PM at Jonestown UMC. VBS is open to children ages four through completed fifth grade. Register now on our website: [www.zionsjonestown.com](http://www.zionsjonestown.com).

**Did you know? In addition to the "Prayer List"** which is printed in the weekly bulletin and read allowed as part of the Prayers of Intercession, Zion's also has a "Prayer Chain" which operates via email. Prayer Chain emails are sent out as requested and generally includes prayer requests for members of our community and their immediate family members. If you would like to be added to the list of people who receive these email updates occasionally OR have someone you'd like to request prayers for via the Prayer Chain, please email Maryann Guldin ([ma.guldin@gmail.com](mailto:ma.guldin@gmail.com)). If you'd like someone's name included as part of the Prayer List on Sunday morning, please email Bonny ([zions@comcast.net](mailto:zions@comcast.net))

**2nd Annual Lebanon County Mental Health Awareness Festival:** Saturday, May 18, 10am-1pm, 718 Poplar St., Lebanon. Connect with local mental health providers and services. Wellness walk, Music therapy demo, Cuddles with goats, Art, Door prizes and More!

**Learn to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.** Zion's has a quilt-making group called "Peace Through Pieces" that meets MOST Wednesdays at 9 AM in the Social Hall to work on blankets for LWR and our preschool graduates. They always accept fabric donations and love to welcome newcomers! If you'd like to learn more, or want to confirm a meeting date, please contact Judy Merkel: 717 269 3532 or [johnjudymerkel@comcast.net](mailto:johnjudymerkel@comcast.net).

**Know someone going through a difficult time? Want to share a physical sign of God's love and care with them?** Zion's is blessed to have an abundance of prayer shawls and lap blankets right now, each hand crafted with love and prayers. If you would like to take one of these to a friend or family member who is struggling, please contact Jean Fowler ([jmfowler51@gmail.com](mailto:jmfowler51@gmail.com)) or 717 926 1240. This is one way we can remind people of God's constant, loving presence.

**Council Highlights:** April council highlights are available on the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

An **USHER sign-up** sheet has been posted on the large bulletin board in the gathering area. If you can share your gifts as an usher, please sign-up!

Zion's is looking for **GREETERS**. Please contact Noel Strattan if you are able to share your gifts in this way, or click the link on our weekly email.