

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter                      May 11, 2025

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Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz  
**Every Week at Zions:** @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School  
*Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study*

*\*(Congregation please stand as able)*  
Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** ELW 385 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*  
*You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Music: Melchior Vulpinus, 1570-1615  
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## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live in the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

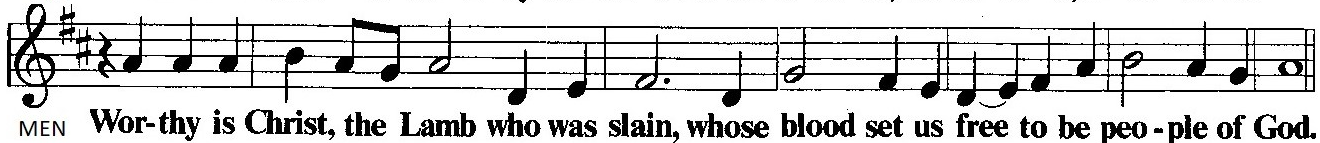
C: **make us one as you are one.**

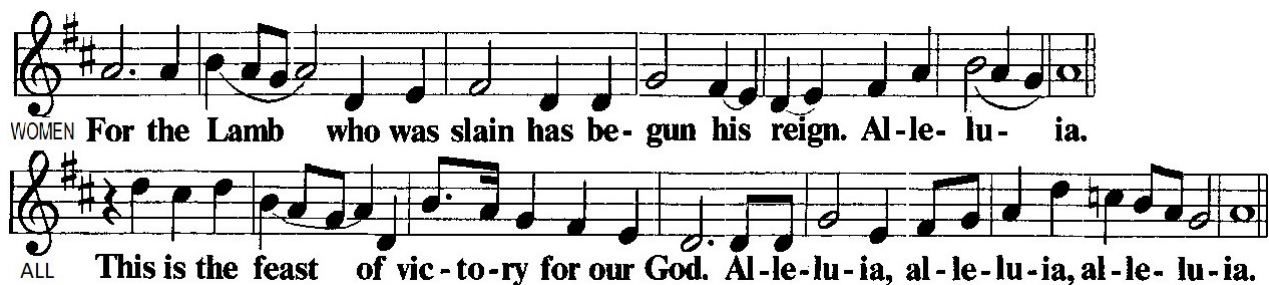
P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C: **Amen.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE





**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43 (pg. 894 in pew Bible)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 23 (pg. 435 in your pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**Congregation: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 999 in pew Bible)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

*After the reading:* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

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

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! (2x)

Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! (3x) Praise ye the Lord!

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL:** John 10:22-30 (pg. 873 in pew Bible)

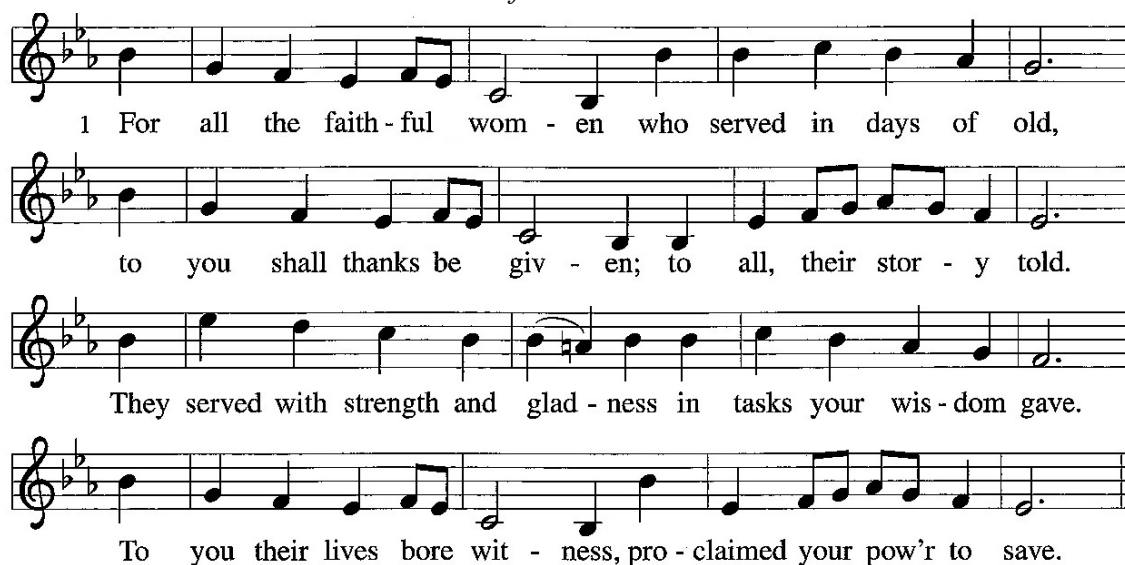
Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 10th Chapter. **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 419 *For All the Faithful Women*



2. Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.

Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

Send us, O Christ, your Body, where people cry in pain,  
and touch them with compassion to make them whole again.

3. O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,  
in whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,  
we offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise  
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

4. All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!  
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,  
we sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.

## OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

### **\*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 hearing, "Lord in your mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "We commend these and all our prayer to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior." respond: **Amen**)

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.      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, our regular electronic offering service, offering one-time and regular 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.

### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      C: **Amen.**

### \*HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING

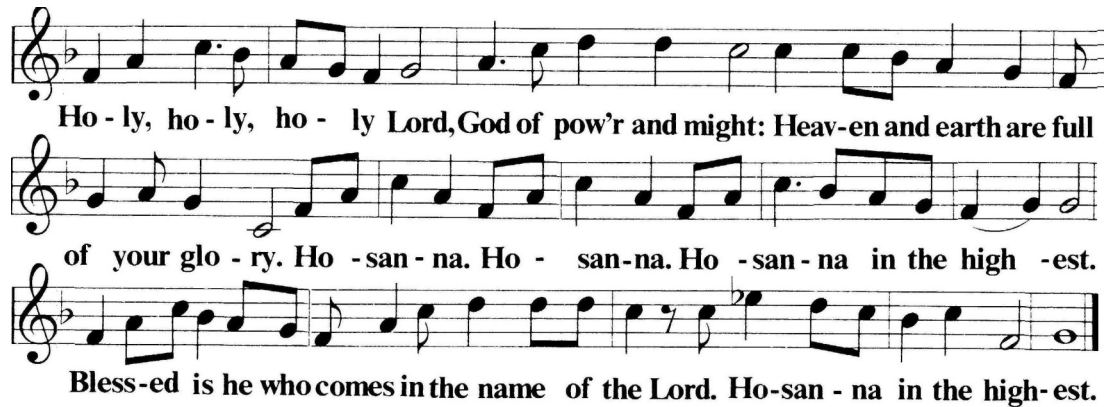
\*P: The Lord be with you    **C: And also with you.**

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 our 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, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**



**\*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER**

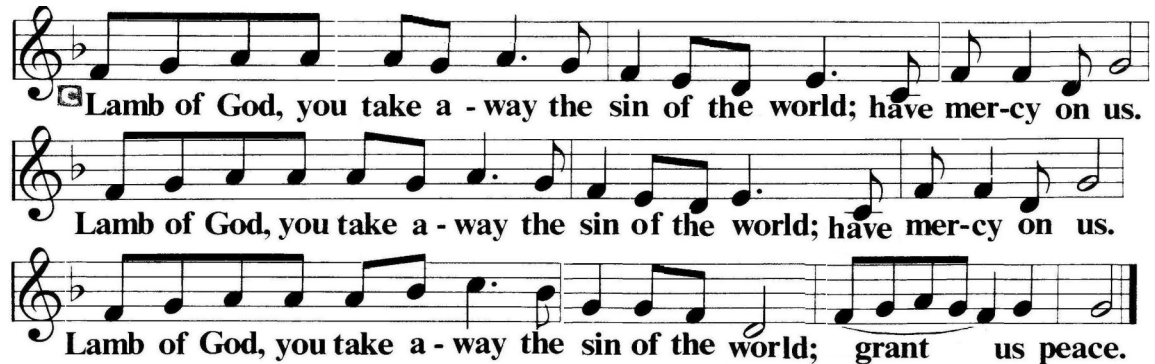
P: We pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 THE LORD'S TABLE**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**LAMB OF GOD**



*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 accommodation, 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."**

**COMMUNION HYMNS: #476 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

(green book)      #481 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us  
                                 #214 Come, Let Us Eat

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: ELW 854 Blessing and Honor**

*As the cross is processed to the rear of the sanctuary as we sing, you are invited to turn towards it, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.*

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our  
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,  
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and  
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the  
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his  
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we  
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Music: Matthias Keller, 1813–1875 AMERICAN HYMN 10 10 10 10 10

**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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 worshiping 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:** Bob, Karen, Jessica, Nicole, De Mohn, Jan, hurricane and fire victims and all victims of violence.



### **This Week at Zions:**

May 12, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting  
May 14, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting  
May 14, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal  
May 17, Saturday @ 4:00 pm DDS dance in social hall

### **Next Week at Zions:**

May 19, Monday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting  
May 21, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting  
May 21, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

**Zion's 8<sup>th</sup> annual DDS Dance** will be held in the social hall on May 17 from 4 until 7. ALL of the congregation is invited. The sign up sheet is on the board in the Gathering Area. Please sign up by Sunday, May 11. The theme this year is HALLOWEEN IN MAY. So please wear a Halloween costume! Dinner is included and the cost is \$3 per person. All the money goes back to DDS. There will be a photo booth so that you can take your own pictures. Also, anyone who would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen or with the DDS participants, please let Linda Wenrich or Elaine Ludwig know.

**June 1 is Graduate Sunday!** On this day we recognize, and ask God's blessing upon those who are graduating from high school. Graduates are asked to send a picture and short blurb about what's next to Pastor Caitlin by Sunday, May 25. Thank you!

**June 1 - Hobby/Talent Show:** Zion's will bring back their hobby/talent show on June 1, immediately following worship. A light lunch will be provided and we are asking attendees to bring a side dish or dessert. You are invited to perform on stage, display a hobby, or just come out to have a good time. Any questions, see Sharon Northridge. Please sign up on the large bulletin board! Hope to see you there!

**On Sunday June 8 we celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation!** As we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we also celebrate and ask God's blessing upon Gracie Bucks, Levi Bucks, Daryl Root, and Derek Wolfe, who will be affirming their baptism in the rite of Confirmation. The congregation is invited to wear red--symbolic of the Holy Spirit--and sign up for the luncheon after worship. A freewill contribution for lunch will be received, and all are welcome!

**May 21 will be the last community meal, Rejoicing Spirits worship service, and Wednesday night Bible study for this school year.** If you haven't yet checked out these ministries, it's a great time to try! For the meal, Zion's will provide pulled pork and pulled chicken, and everyone is invited to bring a dessert or side dish. Meal at 5:30 PM, Rejoicing Spirits at 6:15 PM, Bible study at 6:15 PM.

**Youth Service Camp coming to Zion's this summer!** Youth who have completed 6th through 12th grade are invited to participate in a week of service, learning (and fun) June 16 to 20, based at Zion's. At the end of the week, participants will receive money to use for a service project or to contribute to a non-profit of their choice (with thanks to the Touching Tomorrow Endowment!) More info and registration links on our website.

**Help needed for Youth Service Camp!** Of course, to make this great week of service learning possible, we need adult help! If you're able to provide a meal for our time together, donate a Thrivent Action Team card, help transport youth whose parents are working, or provide transportation for one of our afternoon activities *please let Pastor Caitlin know*. Thank you!

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Leah Wolfe	Linda Toth
Prayer	Grace Ludwig	Izaak McQuaide
Children's sermon	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Ed Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Kelly Rittle, Deb Long	Linda Wenrich, Judy Merkel
Greeter		
Acolyte	Levi Bucks	Gracie Bucks
Crucifer	Daryl Hess	Madison Hess
Altar Guild	Strattan/Wenrich	Merkel family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Noel Strattan
Ushers	Georgetta Wolfe, Rick Herr	Georgetta Wolfe, Jim Fowler

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin  
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