

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter                      June 1, 2025

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Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz  
**Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship,**  
Sunday School and Wednesday activities are on hiatus for the summer.

*\*(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*GATHERING HYMN: ELW 522** *As We Gather at Your Table*

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

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

IN BABILONE

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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. 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

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 glo-ry 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:

MEN 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.



**\*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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11 (*pg. 884 in pew Bible*)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 93 (*pg. 478 in your pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

**Congregation: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;**

L: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

**C: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.**

L: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

**C: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.**

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:15-23 (*pg. 949 in pew Bible*)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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:** Luke 24:44-53 (pg. 861 in pew Bible)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter. **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV 756 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
preach the Word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,





and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and the  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*Refrain*  
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## BLESSING OF GRADUATES

P: Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

*Graduates may be introduced.*

P: At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from holy scripture:

Psalm 71:1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Psalm 71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 71: 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

P: Dear graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Members and friends of these graduates, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future? **C: We will.**

P: Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise? **C: We will.**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe. May the Lord guide your every step. May you always know of our unending love for you. **C: 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.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

### 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.

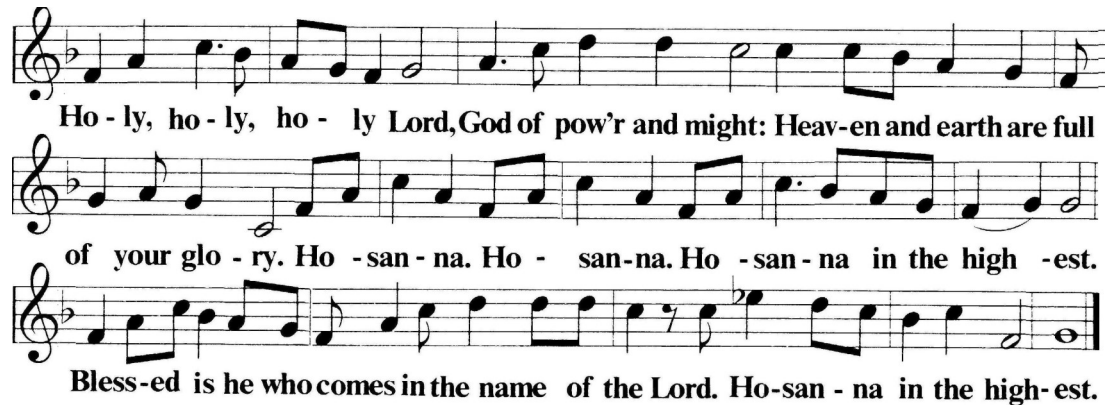
**P:** Lift up your hearts.     **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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**

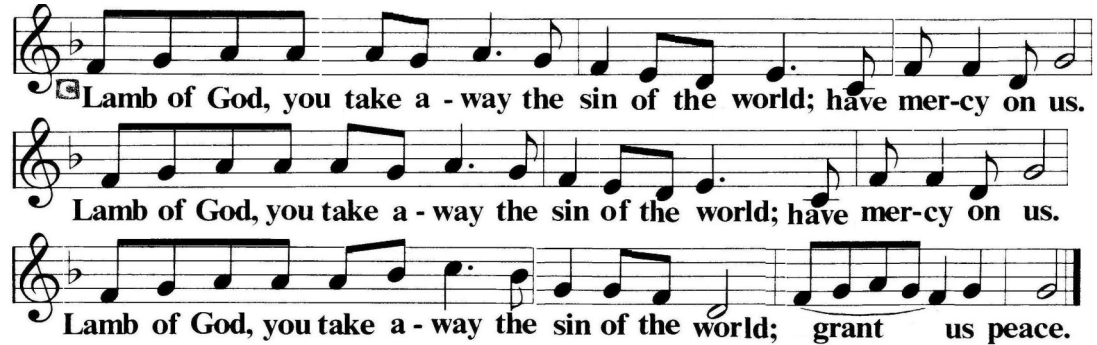
**P:** We pray as Jesus taught us:

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:** #770 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

(blue book)

#801 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*, #710 *One Bread, One Body*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND SENDING OF COMMUNION**

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.**

P: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**C: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**\*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 543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*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 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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# **\*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 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:** Joan Gerhart, Karen, Bob, Jessica, Nicole, De Mohn, and all victims of disaster and violence.

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

June 4, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

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

June 11, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

**TODAY - Hobby/Talent Show:** immediately following worship. A light lunch will be provided. You are invited to perform on stage, display a hobby, or just come out to have a good time. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up, we'd still LOVE to have you stop by!

**Today, Free movie, *Honor Begins At Home - Courageous*,** sponsored by Thrivent at the Allen Theatre in Annville at 2:00 pm.

**Next 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!

**Babies and Bibles is hitting the road this summer!** Our next gathering will be Saturday, June 28 at Coleman Memorial Park, beginning at 9 AM. Children birth through five, plus siblings and adults, are welcome to join for fun on the playground, snacks, songs, and a Bible story. *Canceled in event of rain.* Save the date for an August gathering on Saturday August 23.

**Jonestown UMC invites children in kindergarten through 5th grade to Vacation Bible School,** June 16-19 from 5:30-7:30 PM. There's a link on our homepage to register. Volunteers are also welcome as we learn to *Trust Jesus in a wild world!*

**Zion's Lutheran Summer Concert Series,** coordinated by Joel Guldin, will welcome two groups to the Jonestown Park Band Shell this summer. The first is the M and J Brass Quintet on Sunday June 8 at 3 PM, and the second is the Washington Band of Annville on Sunday July 20 at 3 PM. Both concerts are sponsored by Thrivent, and all are welcome!

**Zion's Worship and Music Team wants to hear from you!** They are collecting feedback from Lent and Easter worship opportunities, and seeking camp song and hymn requests for worship this summer. Please use the link in your weekly email, or this QR code to submit feedback and requests. Camp songs for Camp Sunday (August 10) and other hymn requests can also be submitted on a piece of paper in the offering plate.



**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	Elaine Ludwig	Stephanie Speicher
Prayer	Kristin Hoffer	Michele McQuaide
Children's sermon	Stephanie Livingston	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Kelly Rittle, Judy Merkel	Linda Toth Judy Merkel
Greeter	Elaine Ludwig	
Acolyte	Derek Wolfe	Michael Wolfe
Crucifer	Rob McQuaide	Joanna Guldin-Noll
Altar Guild	Noel Strattan	Merkel family
Elevette	Tom Frey	Steve Bucks
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