

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Jesus Lead Thou On

Arr. Gordon Young

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Children of the Heavenly Father

Arr. Robert Lau

One License #18844

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. Wilbur Held

One License #WL620034-20

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King RED ELW #408
(Vs. 1 & 4)

**1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.**

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE—*This is the Feast*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

RED ELW page #140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and ever-living God,

you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 43:1-7a

God resides among the people forever

¹ Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. ² And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ³ The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. ⁴ As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵ the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

⁶ While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. ^{7a} He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 115

¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory;
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

² **Why should the nations say,
"Where then is their God?"**

³ Our God is in heaven;
whatever God wills, God does.

⁴ **Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

⁵ They have mouths, but they cannot speak;
eyes they have, but they cannot see;

⁶ **they have ears but they cannot hear;
noses, but they cannot smell;**

⁷ they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk;
they make no sound with their throat.

⁸ **Those who make them are like them,
and so are all who put their trust in them.**

⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD,
who is your help and your shield.

¹⁰ **O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD,
who is your help and your shield.**

¹¹ You that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD,
who is your help and your shield.

¹² **The LORD has been mindful of us, and will bless us;
the LORD will bless the house of Israel and the house of Aaron;**

¹³ those who fear the LORD will be blessed,
both small and great together.

¹⁴ **May the LORD increase you more and more,
you and your children after you.**

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

¹⁶ **Heaven is the heaven of the LORD,
but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.**

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor all those who go down into silence;

¹⁸ **but we will bless the LORD,
from this time forth forevermore. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil RED ELW #512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

Go Tell

Arr. Lois Redelfs Brokering
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Child of God

Arr. Rita Docter & Rhoda Myrvik

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Lead Me, Guide Me* RED ELW #768**

Refrain

**Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

- 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain***

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RECOGNITION 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 from high school is one of these milestones. Today we 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.

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.

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. Guide their steps. Hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church, 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.

Presentation of Gifts

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering RED ELW #692

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You:
We are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives they are Yours:
We are an offering.
All that we have, All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to You, We give to You
We lift our voices, We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You:
We are an offering
We are an offering**

Songwriters: Dwight Liles

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.**

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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 COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

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Beautiful Savior

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.**

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing RED ELW #543
(Vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Arr. Gordon Young
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Weekly Announcements



Please
be
Praying
for...

Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of May is designated to Feed My Starving Children.

Coffee Hour—The confirmation youth have indicated they would like to go to Confirmation Camp at Camp House in 2027. They are looking to raise money to attend Camp. The proceeds from Coffee Hour from March through June have been designated for Camp.

Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduates

Hannah Bartlette

Adyson Beneke

Jamie Kahlow

Mausten Krueger

Summer Carnival is coming!

Please consider signing up with your family or group to make our “Paving the Way” summer fundraiser a success! Suggested activities are on the poster, but be creative and think of what you would like to do! The sign up deadline is May 17.

From the Roses: Lyle Rud, who has been tending to us, is looking for someone to join him during this growing season to learn how to take good care of us. Contact Lyle Rud or talk to Pastor Gretchen if you are interested or have any questions.

Youth Retreat will be held May 22-23. The retreat is for youth in grades 6-12. We will start at 6:30pm Friday and go through 1:30pm Saturday. Sign up with Pastor Gretchen.

Clean Up Sunday—Thank you to everyone who helped with Clean Up Sunday last week. Many hands make light work...and make good food for potluck!

Board of Stewardship

Date	Weekly Operating Offerings	Weekly Operating Goal	Debt Retirement	ELCA Missions	Hunger Jar	Parking Lot	Confirmation Camp
5/3/2026	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 4,038.31	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 31.99	\$ 135.00	\$ 99.00

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Worship Assistants

May 10

Usher: Jane Scharpe, Dave Breyer
Carrie Bartlette, Alex Battcher
Greeter: Tim Michaelis
Acolyte: Jeremiah Vazquez
Reader: Mary Sylwester
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Tim Michaelis
Altar Guild: Bruce & Mary Kallhoff
Bread Maker: Dale Stern

May 17—Confirmation

Usher: Francis Rowe, Jan Wark
Wayne & Ann Werner
Greeter: Jim & Wendy Pederson
Acolyte: Adilyn Kamps
Reader: Laurie Stern
AV Team: Elton Hazelwood & Joe Prasad
Altar Guild: Lorraine Mielke,
Starla Schilling
Bread Maker: Dale Stern
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Hours for the week of May 10

Tuesday, May 12—12p-4p

Wednesday May 13—2:30p-5p

Thursday, May 14—11a-3p

by appointment

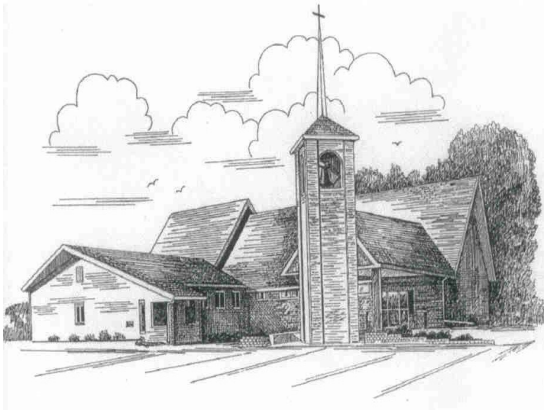
Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p

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This Week at Zion:

Sunday, May 10	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Graduation Sunday
	10:00a	Sunday School
Wednesday, May 13	6:00p	Committee Night
	7:00p	Church Council
Thursday, April 16	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Sunday, May 17	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Confirmation

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

