

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Holy Spirit

MAY 21ST 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Mance Family in Honor of Aly Mance's graduation from American University Washington College of Law.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Sharon Bogdan in Memory of Josephine Collura.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from the LONG FAMILY. BOB: Psalm 32:8 NLT "The Lord say's 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'". TAMMY: Jeremiah 29:11 NIV "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." BRADYN: John 3:16 NIV "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." BRENNNA: Matthew 6:21 NIV "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"MIGHTY FORTRESS" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...is coming **June 19-23!** Please check out the display in the rear corner of the sanctuary. **GAME SUPPLIES NEEDED...** THANKS for your help!!

COOKOUT TODAY...LET'S EAT! Join us right after second service for food, fun, fellowship, music, game, and prizes! Freewill offering to help cover the burgers and dogs.

VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH for April is "Luther's Prayers." You can check it out of the Zion library!

BLESS THESE LIPS Session 5 TAKEAWAY... Telling others about Jesus is the most important thing we can do with our mouths.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Concordia South Hills. Please consider helping with games, serving coffee or just visiting. They are located at 1300 Bower Hill Road. Talk to Barb Fisher about this opportunity.

WELCOME CENTER! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

Have you ever wished that you were one of the disciples of Jesus? Of course, we are all disciples of Jesus by virtue of our baptism, but I'm speaking of the twelve, Jesus' original disciples. Many of us have wondered what it may have been like to walk with Jesus, to talk to Jesus in person, to watch him heal the blind and raise the dead. We may even think that our faith would be stronger if we had seen Jesus with our own eyes.

Would it have been better for us to see Jesus? Would our faith be stronger if we had watched him accomplish his wonderful deeds? Jesus himself gives us part of this answer in our Gospel lesson for today. While there are many ways we could go with the text for today, we are going to focus on the promise of the coming Holy Spirit. The same Spirit has been given to you and he remains your Helper, your Comforter, and your Preacher.

Vicar Joshua



ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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Opening Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns 525

☑ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

☑ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Introit

☑ Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

☑ **Forever, O | LORD, your word*
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.**

**Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;*
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.**

**By your appointment they | stand this day,*
for all things are your | servants.**

**If your law had not been | my delight,*
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.**

I will never forget your | precepts,*
 for by them you have giv- | en me life.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
 and a light | to my path.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

☑ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☑ Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 17: 16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

V The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn – Amazing Grace

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Sermon

Stephen Ministry Installation –

*Deborah Sterba
James R. Neill*

*Mary Lou Neill
Hsaio Jean Ma*

Prayer of the Church

☑ ...Lord in your mercy

☐ ...hear our prayer

☑ Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray

Lords Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Greeting of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- V** The grace of the Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida, Dale Ferry, Bruce Gain, Ron Lyons, George Kozak, Vince Miller, and Beatrice Decker.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Vicar:	Seminarian Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Kroeger & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Jim & Mary Lou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Lois Sauro & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein & Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Sharon Bogden, Christine Chilcott, Adele Goodge

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/14) – 190

Midweek Service Attendance (5/17) – 15

Sunday Offering (5/14) - \$4,988.00

Online Offering (5/8-5/12) - \$760.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of May 21st – May 28th

SUNDAY 5/21	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – All Church Picnic 5:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Dinner
MONDAY 5/22	
TUESDAY 5/23	6:30 PM – Sunday School / VBS Meeting 7:15 PM – Women’s Bible Study 8:30 PM – Zion Lion’s Softball Game
WEDNESDAY 5/24	7:00 PM –Midweek Service and Bible Study
THURSDAY 5/25	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ascension Day Service
FRIDAY 5/26	
SATURDAY 5/27	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 5/28	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship

We're Having a
COOKOUT!



ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT

All are welcome...members, guests, visitors, friends!

Music, games, and prizes!

Sunday, MAY 21, 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM

Zion pavilion and backyard (rain- Fellowship Hall)

PROVIDED: Burgers and hot dogs, water bottles and juice boxes, picnic tables

Please **BRING**: 1. a side dish or dessert to share

2. your own beverages 3. your own lawn chairs

FREEWILL OFFERING to help cover burgers and dogs. *Thanks!*

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX!!



GAME SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Please help! THANK YOU!

Container for donated items in rear of sanctuary.

- 10 Hula hoops (dollar store)
- 10 bean bags
- (A lot) large/small boxes
- Laundry basket (hopefully returnable)
- Dodge balls
- 100 ft. of Rope
- 10 empty tin cans -28 oz
- Nails
- Bells- with handles or desk bells
- 4 stools
- 3 Large Sponges
- 2 bags marshmallows
- 2 bags of pretzel sticks - the thin kind
- 2 bandanas

Questions? See Mary Ulm.

DONATE YOUR OLD & UNWANTED SHOES FOR THE PEACE LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER!



The Youth Group of Peace Lutheran Church in McMurray, PA is collecting new and gently worn PAIRS of shoes! Our goal is to collect 5,000 pairs of shoes by **Thursday, June 1st!**

Any kind of shoe will do - boots, high heels, sneakers, flip-flops, sports cleats, etc. All monies raised will go to the Youth Group fund for future use for trips and other activities. Please consider donating your used or unwanted shoes by placing them in the labeled bin in the Zion Lutheran Preschool lobby .

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at the Peace Lutheran Church office at (724)941-9441 or by emailing her at peacechurchsecretary@veriozn.net
Thank you for your support!!!

