

Zion Lutheran Church



May 12th, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



P I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

C **He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;***
he brought David to shepherd his people, Israel his in- | heritance.*

With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;*
from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

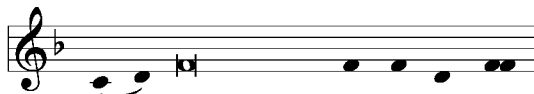
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

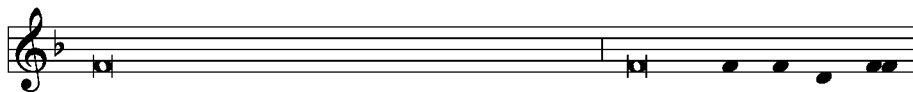
Kyrie



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.



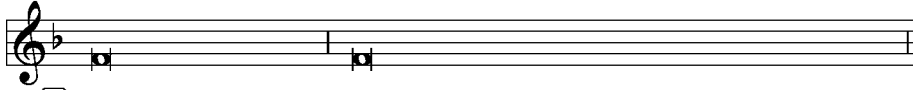
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



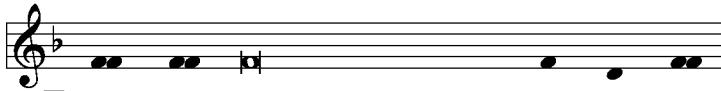
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading – Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the

kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Faith Bell Choir (8:00am) – Oh, How I Love Jesus

Grace Bell Choir (10:30am) – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Epistle – Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

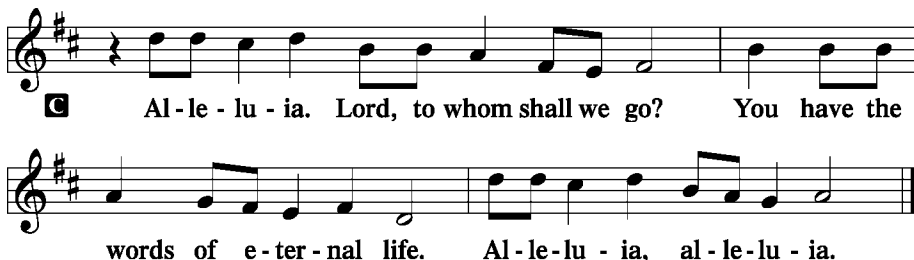
"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

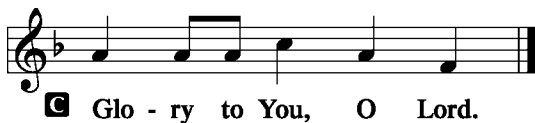
Alleluia and Verse



C 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.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P ...Let us pray to the Lord

C Lord have mercy.

Offering

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



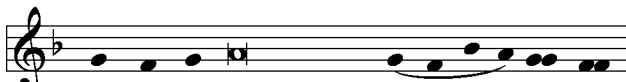
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



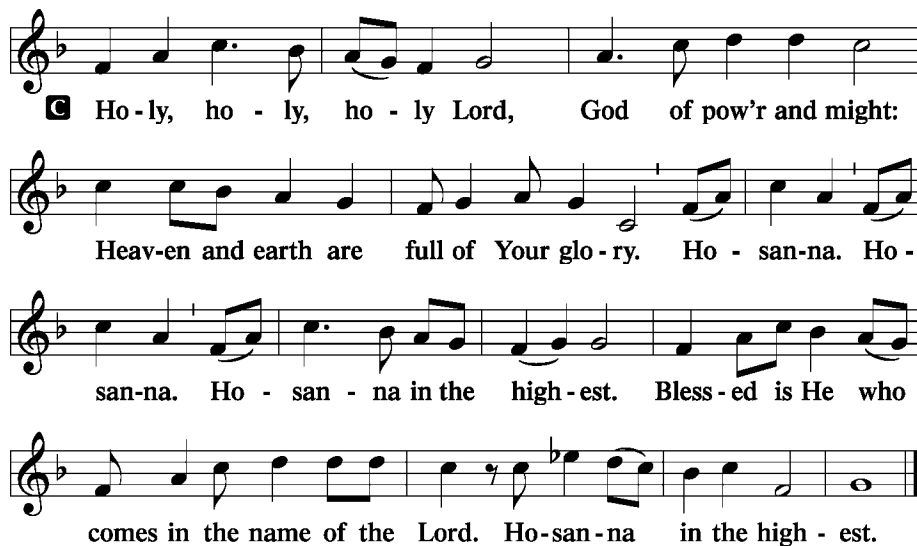
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

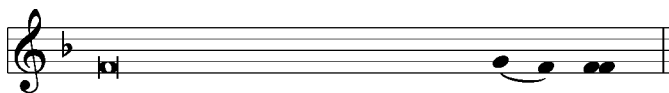
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's 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.**

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei



A Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Children of the Heav'nly Father #725

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread #625

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #621

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

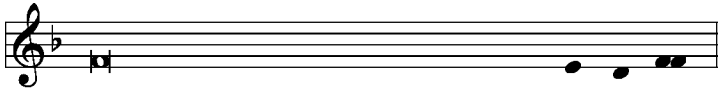
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg Dolores Preaux, Lillian DallaPiazza, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Lillian DallaPiazza, Joyce Wood, Nancy Spotti, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, Joshua Ulm, Tim Fitzgerald, Tom Richards and Tim Fitzgerald.

-**For our missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma.

-**For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky who is deployed in Afghanistan for 9 months and Jared Fitzgerald who is serving in Germany.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Bob Schmidt & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Jack Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Bill & Nancy Koester (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Michael Grimenstein, Dale Miller, Larry Zreliak (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Bob Bonacci, Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, & Diane Schmidt
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Susie Bishop

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/5) – 155
Wednesday Worship Attendance (5/8) - 19
Sunday Offering (5/5) - \$3,916.00
Online Offering - \$1,203.00

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

May 12th – May 19th

<p>SUNDAY 5/12 Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>
<p>MONDAY 5/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation 2nd Year</p>
<p>TUESDAY 5/14</p>	<p>6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 5/15</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service & Bible Study</p>
<p>THURSDAY 5/16</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 5/17</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 5/18</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 5/19</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:00 AM – Youth Group Pancake Breakfast 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Youth Group Meeting</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul & Terry Hayes in Celebration of Mother's Day and The Klemash Family in Honor of our Mothers and Grandmothers.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Lois Sauro in Memory of Loved Ones.

YOUTH GROUP... THANK YOU!!! The Youth Group has hit their goal of \$14,000 for the youth gathering this summer. Thank you for your generosity and prayers throughout the year.

COOKBOOKS... The newest Zion Cookbook is for sale!! Each book is \$15.00. All proceeds will go towards the kitchen fund. Cookbooks are available between services or by contacting the secretaries at 412-221-4776 or email secretary@zlb.org.

BANNER DONATIONS are still being accepted for our Lent and Advent banner sets. Please mark your check's memo line "banner fund" or write "banner fund" on an envelope for a cash donation.

JOYFULLY LUTHERAN... Matthew Harrison, the President of our Synod, has compiled a fascinating paper outlining the demographic and stewardship challenges our church body is facing today. A must-read for each of us! The JOY of the Gospel can overcome these challenges. Hard copies are available in the magazine rack in the church narthex.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made for your weekly offering. Go to our website and click on donate and then set up an account. This is an easy way to do your weekly offering when traveling.

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

Youth Group Fundraising!

THANK YOU!!!

The Youth Group has HIT their goal of \$14,000 for this summer's youth gathering trip! Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Tracker!



\$14,000 Raised

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24–28, 2019
9AM–NOON



BE A VOLUNTEER!

VBS IS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF **ALL** AGES!

ANYONE FROM 7TH GRADE THRU ADULT WHO IS INTERESTED IN SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH CHILDREN CAN HELP!!!

BE INVOLVED WITH KIDS.

- ⇒ CREW LEADERS AND HELPERS WALK AND TALK WITH KIDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
- ⇒ VBS NURSERY– GUIDE LITTLE ONES UNDER 3 YEARS OLD
- ⇒ OPENING AND CLOSING SKITS–ASSIST THE DIRECTOR DURING THE OPENING SKIT.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- ⇒ TAKE PICTURES! INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS, GROUP PHOTOS, ACTION SHOTS– A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE GOD AT WORK DURING THE VBS WEEK.
- ⇒ REGISTRATION TEAM–HELP WITH CHECK IN ON MONDAY MORNING.
- ⇒ MONETARY DONATION– CHECKS PAYABLE TO Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School

OUR GOAL IS TO FILL ALL VOLUNTEER POSITIONS BY APRIL 14TH.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY PLACING YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN THE BOX LABELED **ROAR VBS**. EMAIL SUNDAYSCHOOL@ZLCB.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.

2019 ROAR VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

_____ YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURSERY HELPER | <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTRATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPENING & CLOSING SKITS (ZION MEMBER ONLY) | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW LEADER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHER | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW HELPER |

YOUR NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____

I ALREADY OWN A GREY ZION T-SHIRT

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is that great big candle?

There are many candles in our church sanctuary. Some we light every Sunday. Some we only light on certain occasions. One candle is lit all year long! The tall candle that you see up front, possibly next to the Baptismal font or up in front next to the altar, is the Paschal Candle.

What is the Paschal Candle used for?

The Paschal Candle reminds us of Jesus' victory over death. Do you remember the story of the pillar of fire that led the Israelites at night in the wilderness after the Lord delivered them from slavery in Egypt? When Jesus died on the cross, He released us from the slavery of darkness and death due to our sin. Now, through our Baptism, we have been buried with Him in His death and we are now raised to new life through His resurrection! The Paschal Candle reminds us of this. Let that Gospel light shine!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, take your children up to look at the Paschal Candle. Point out the beautiful symbols on its surface that remind us of our Savior and what He has done for us. Remind them that "Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome." (*Lutheran Service Book*, 243)





We are excited to have Zion's newest church cookbook for sale!

Cost of the cook books is \$15.00

Books are for sale after services or contact the secretaries at secretary@zlcg.org/

412-221-4776

All proceeds go to the kitchen fund!

