

# Zion Lutheran Church



June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
Seventh 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](http://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.

## Opening Hymn – Christ the Eternal Lord

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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** Hear my cry, | O God,\*  
listen | to my prayer;

**C** for you have been my | refuge,\*  
a strong tower against the | enemy.

For you, O God, have | heard my vows;\*

you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.

Prolong the life | of the king;\*

may his years endure to all gener- | ations!  
 May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;\*  
 appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!  
 So will I ever sing praises | to your name,\*  
 as I perform my vows day | after day.  
 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] Hear my cry, | O God,\*  
 listen | to my prayer.

### Kyrie

[C] Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



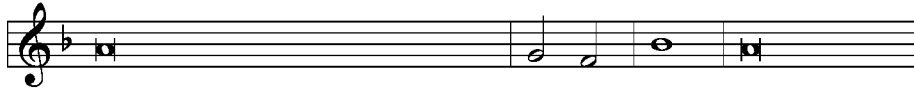
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



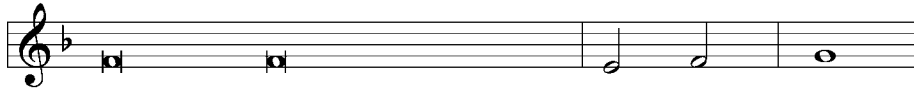
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading – Acts 1:12-26**

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Choir (8:00am)– Come We That Love the Lord**

**Grace Bell Choir (10:30am) – Be Still, My Soul**

**Epistle – Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn – Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Sermon

Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

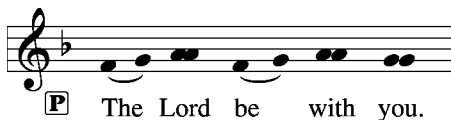
**P** ...Lord in your mercy.

**C** ...Hear our prayer.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- G** 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.**

### 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  $\text{†}$  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.”

### Pax Domini



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



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

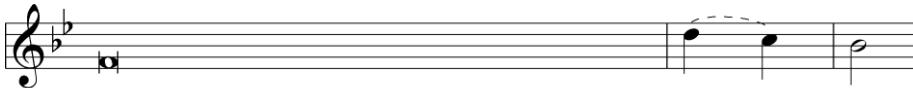
# Sharing of Peace

## Distribution

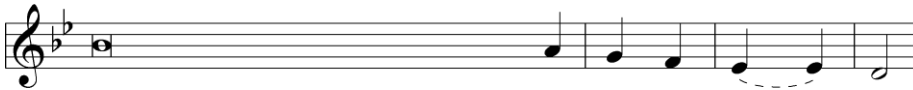
### Distribution Hymns

Son of God, Eternal Savior	#842
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	#619
O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee	#632

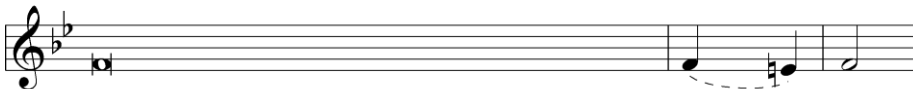
## Te Deum



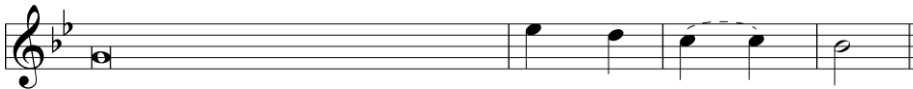
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



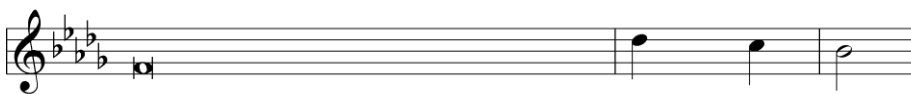
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



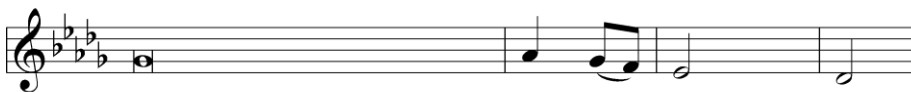
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



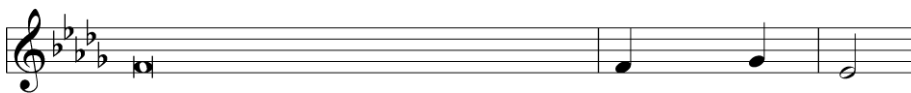
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



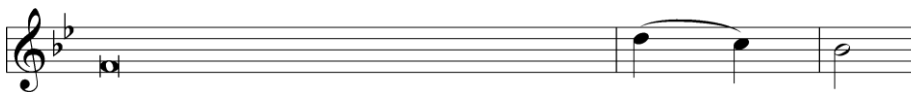
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



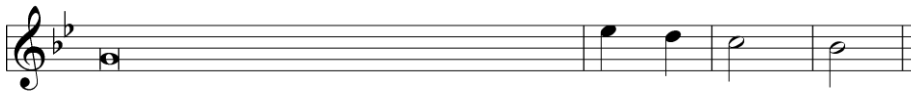
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.

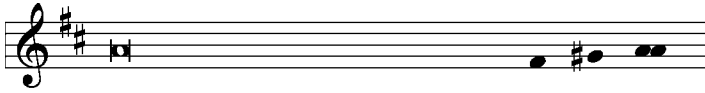


7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints

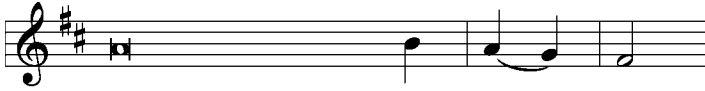


7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



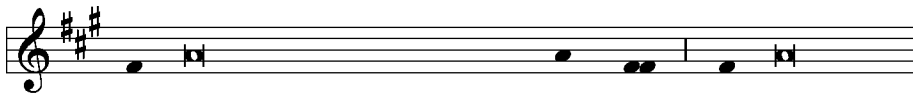
**A** Bless we the Lord.



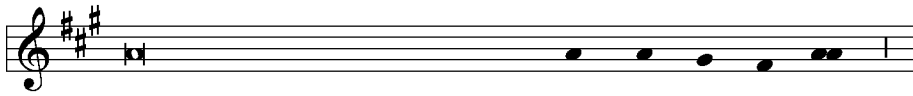
**C** Thanks be to God.



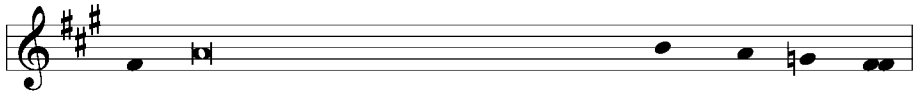
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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, 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 & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Sarah Grimenstein (8:00) Carly Garrubba (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Lee & Megan Glasser (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carly Bauer, Lydia Grimenstein Gene Koop, Ron Meier (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Mike Kozak, Ed Malachosky (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Bernice DeBoe, Elsie DallaPiazza, & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Sharon Bogdan & Christine Chilcott

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/26) – 131

Sunday Offering (5/26) - \$3,383.00

Online Offering - \$573.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>6/2</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>6/3</b>	7:00 PM – Confirmation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>6/4</b>	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>6/5</b>	7:00 PM – Midweek Service & Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>6/6</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>6/7</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>6/8</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>6/9</b> <b>Food Bank Collection</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Confirmand Questioning & Reception & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion – Confirmation Sunday 11:45 AM – VBS Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Megan Richards in Memory of her husband, Harry Richards and Elsie DallaPiazza in thanks for God's blessings.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her father, Frank Rilius.

**YOUTH GROUP...** Mark your calendar for our next two fundraisers. We will be selling candy apples on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be serving up Biscuits and Gravy again!

**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](mailto: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.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY** as we confirm 6 young adults. During the bible study hour the confirmands will be questioned. Followed by a cake reception. We encourage you to join us to support these young adults as they become adult members of our church.

**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!

*2 more fundraising opportunities are scheduled for June!*

**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL  
BE SELLING CANDY APPLES**



**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> JOIN US FOR BISCUITS AND GRAVY!**



# 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](mailto: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



### Why is there a rail in the front of the church?

That railing you see up near the altar is the altar rail. Some churches might even have a chancel rail a few steps away from the altar rail nearer to the congregation. **Does your church have both of these rails?**

### What are these rails used for?

The chancel rail divides the church into two important parts: the “nave,” which is the largest part of the church where the congregation sits; and the “chancel,” which is the part of the church where the altar is located. The altar rail separates the altar from the rest of the chancel. It used to be, back in the Middle Ages, these rails were important for separating the congregation from the pastor or priest. As our understanding of the Lord’s Supper changed, the rails began to be used for more practical purposes. They became helpful places for God’s people to kneel and receive His wonderful gifts. They are also used for confirmation, marriages, and other events in the church.



**Parents:** Before or after the service, direct your children’s attention to the chancel and altar rails. Allow them to walk up to the rails in order to get a better look. Encourage them to make the sign of the cross, kneel and pray. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy place.





## Women's Summer Book Club!

We will read 3 books this summer. You do not have to attend all the meetings to participate!

Location: Parsonage

Time: 7:00pm

A Sign up sheet is in the back of the church on the bulletin board.

June 11th — *Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

July 2nd — *He Restores My Soul* by Katie Schuermann

August 6th — *A Flame in the Dark* by Sarah Baughman

Book 1

Book 2

Book 3

