Zion Lutheran Church



May 1st, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter



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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

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

If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.



- 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

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.

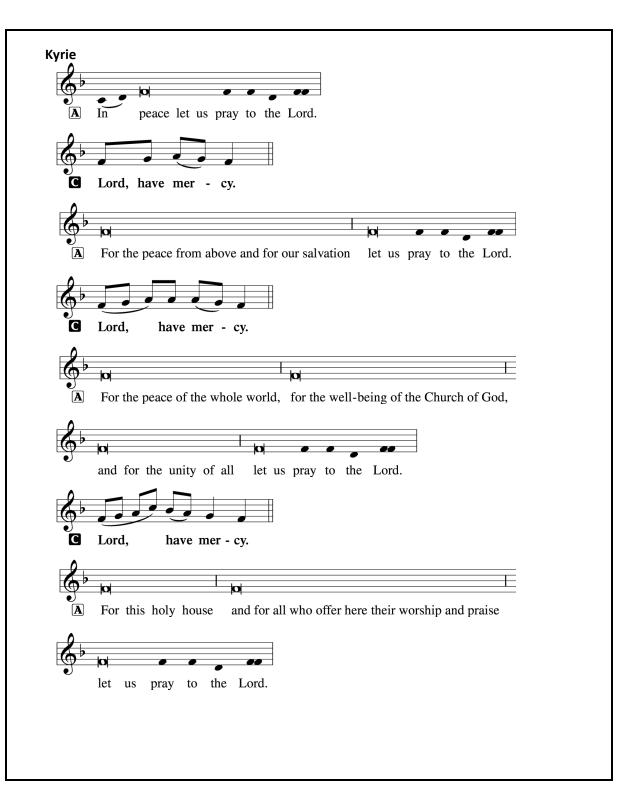
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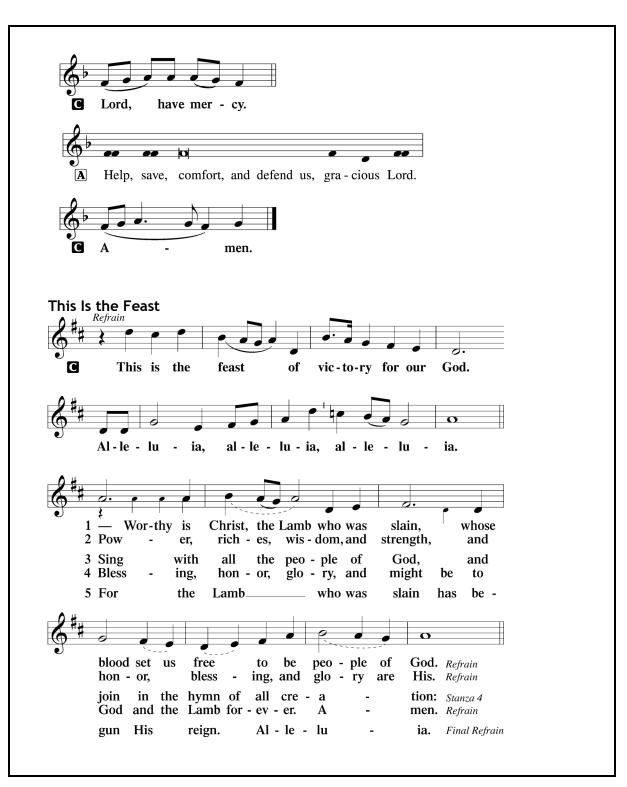
The Service of the Word

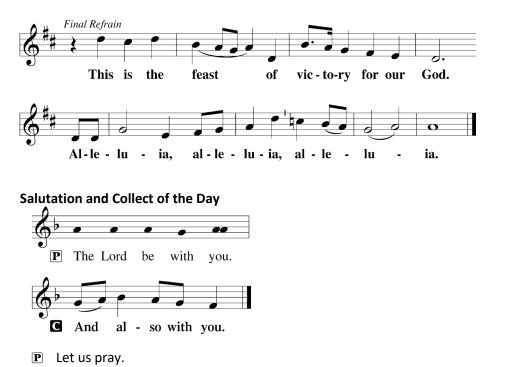
Introit -- Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10



- P All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD, and all your saints shall | bless you!
- C One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,
 - and shall declare your | mighty acts.
 - On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,
 - and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
 - They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds, and I will declare your | greatness.
 - They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
 - The LORD is | good to all,
 - and his mercy is over all that | he has made.
 - 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.
- All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD, and all your saints shall | bless you!







O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading – Acts 9:1–22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Uho are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,

hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Faith Bell Choir – Christ the Lord is Risen Today (8 am) Quartet – (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading – Revelation 5:1–14

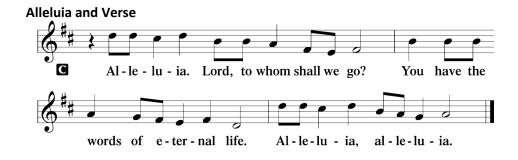
And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."



Hymn of the Day – With High Delight Let Us Unite #483 1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life. prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring 3 Let То Christ our Lord \mathbf{o} ju - bi - la tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear vour part, all sub-du ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie; ad - o - ra tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed _ $\overline{}$ Sing Je - sus Christ, То sal - va tion. our set us "And yours shall His death has been death's un - do ing. ev - 'ry na To ev - 'ry land, tion. So shall His free For - ev er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set Good ends tion. news to save ev - 'ry na His life for gave us. life re - new ing. All and full con - so - la free. iov tion.

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Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

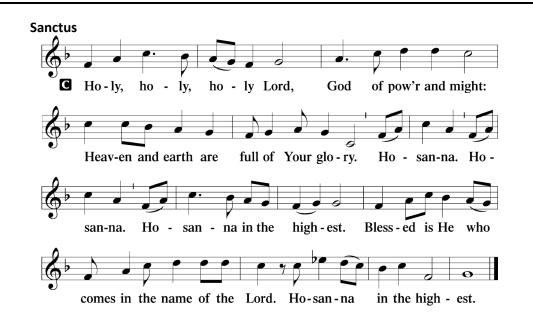
- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** ... Lord have mercy.



Service of the Sacrament



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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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 ⅓ 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."

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

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

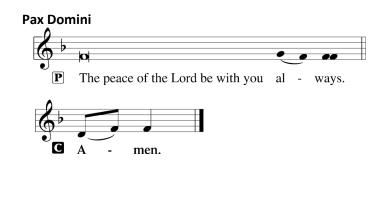
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

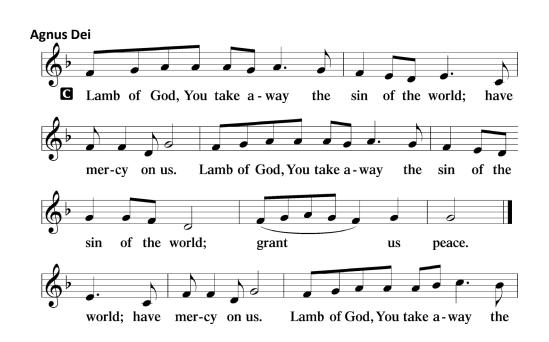
Lord's Prayer

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.





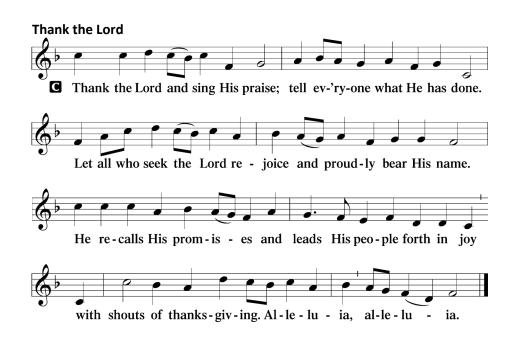
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Choir – Resurrection (8 am)

Distribution Hymns

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy	#774
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	#622
I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives	#468

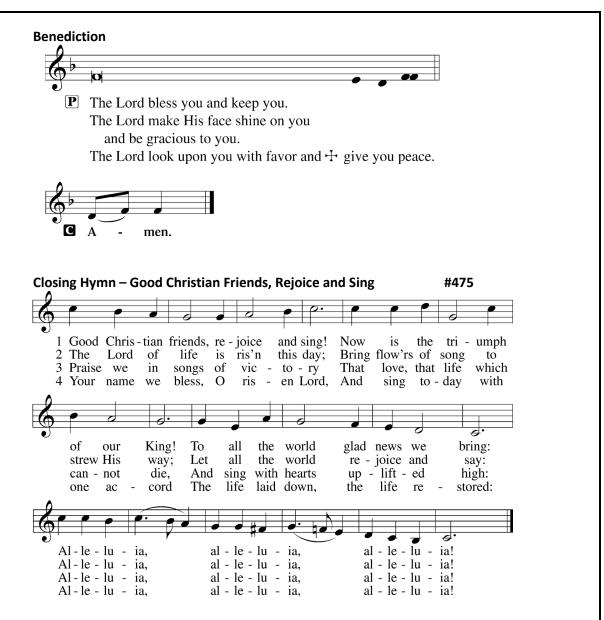


Post-Communion Collect

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.





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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-Healing for: Tom Carthy, Christopher Buhler, Jacque Oelschlager, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Barb Fisher, Dale Hesse, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Jennifer Meyer, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rose, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, Eva Bukovitz, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

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

The World:

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

<u>Our Nation:</u>

-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
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Jim Neill, Bob Schmidt
The Acolyte:	Lindsey Liberatore (8:00) Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)
The Ushers:	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Janet & Larry Zreliak (8:00) Bob Bonacci, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paula Jones in memory of Harry Jones, and by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of the Triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Pastor & Tevia Grimenstein in memory of Karen Spence.

PARENTS ... Children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the themes for that week's worship



service in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church, or take them home to use later!

If your young child becomes fussy during Worship, a Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available in the

lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/24) – 48 (8 am); 74 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Attendance (4/27) – 12 (2 pm); 8 (7 pm) Sunday Plate Offerings (4/24) – \$3772 Online Offering – \$11,905 Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

	This Week at Zion
SUN 5/1	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship
MON 5/2	6:00 PM – 1 st year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM – 2 nd year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUE 5/3	7:00 PM – Board of Education Meeting
WED 5/4	2:00 PM – Worship & Bible Study 7:00 PM – Worship & Bible Study
THU 5/5	
FRI 5/6	
SAT 5/7	
SUN 5/8	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship

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Join Us!

<u>This Week in Sunday School</u> A recap of today's SS teaching for Zion parents & students

BIBLE VERSE

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak in "other tongues," their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" in their own languages (vv. 2, 11). Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—How did the Holy Spirit show His presence at Pentecost?
- At Mealtime—The Holy Spirit was at work on the night of Pentecost. How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? How do you know He is at work in your church?
- Something to Do—Red is the color the Church wears on Pentecost. Enjoy some delicious red strawberries or a red fruit smoothie. How does the Holy Spirit enrich your life?
- Before Bed—A big noise filled the house where the disciples were staying in Jerusalem on Pentecost. What big noises have you heard recently? What caused the noise?





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Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg

No entry fee Open to all kids 14 and under Free refreshments Prizes all day Bait provided by Concordia Participants must have an adult chaperone Bring your own fishing pole and lawn chair

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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we worship on Sunday?

Do you remember on what day Jesus rose from the dead? On what day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus? If you guessed Sunday, you are right! The Early Church gathered on Sunday because it directed our attention to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Many other miraculous events in the early Christian Church, such as Pentecost, happened on Sunday.

When did Christians begin gathering together for worship on Sundays?

We know from the Bible that during Paul's lifetime Christians met on Sunday to hear God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Though Christians in different regions of the world sometimes worshipped on different days, by A.D. 325 most Christians worshipped on Sunday because they considered it "the Lord's Day." Wow, what a great tradition we share with our Christian ancestors!



Parents: In the Early Church, Christians used different terms for their day of worship such as "First Day" or "Eighth Day." The label "the Lord's Day" stands out as the most significant title chosen by the Church. Direct your children to the significance in having a particular day set aside for receiving God's wonderful gifts through Word and Sacrament.

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