



**The one
who loves Me
will be loved
by My Father**

~ John 14:21

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

Prelude

WELCOME

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

EASTER LITANY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

The grave is dark and never gives back.

But God is stronger than all of death!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

In Christ, sorrow gives way to joy.

The dead now rise to new life!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN “We Know That Christ Is Raised” ELW 449

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KIRIE

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20 (*spoken responsively*)

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and
water,

but you brought us out into a place¹ of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house¹ with burnt offerings
and will pay¹ you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised¹ with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the¹ smoke of
rams;**

I will give you ox-¹en and goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has¹ done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God¹ with my mouth,
and praised the Lord¹ with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil¹ in my heart,
the Lord would¹ not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth¹ God has heard me
and has attended to the sound¹ of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject-¹ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing¹ love from me.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

(vs. 1-4)

ELW 594

NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
(*vs. 4*) **ELW 367**

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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It is indeed right...

LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art ”

ELW 856

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

ELW 592

Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection
dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” **ELW 881**

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude:

Prayer List

For Health:	Bud J	Malynda A	For Safety:
Joyce G	Jessica A	Annamaria T	Andrew C
Cathy L	Charlotte D	Lee T	Todd S
Marion B	Jonathan A	David O	Michael C
Lily V	Curt R	Michael G	Tyler G
Holly N	Matthew S	Patricia C	Erik B
Lisa A	Joan A	Barbara S	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Dick C	Don R	Evan G
Aiden J	Karen R	Fred B	David P
Helen A	Pat J	Family of	
Matthew A	Alexis R	Daniel S	

SERVING TODAY

Sylvia LeShane - Lector
Kathy Richards - Worship Assistant
Donna Berndtson, Rick Borg, - Ushers/Greeters
Marie DeGraff - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist
Chris Darby - Guitar

Flowers on the Altar Today



Are in honor of all who provide
motherly care in our lives and
inspire us to care for one
another

Save the Date:

Italian Night



Zion Lutheran Church Italian Night 2026

Sunday, May 31st

Social Hour: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Coffee, Tea, Soft drinks included. Otherwise, BYOB

Adults and kids over 12: \$15

Kids 6-12: \$5

Kids under 6: FREE

Please note: We cannot accommodate takeout orders this year.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Please see Michelle to sign up, or see her at church to let her know you'll be there!

Woohoo!! We can't wait to see you!



Do you know that Zion supports over 20 different charities and organizations both locally and worldwide? Located in the narthex is a small tree with colored tags on it. Each tag represents an organization that we proudly

support. In order to continue this important aspect of our mission we need to keep our building in good condition.

Right now as you know, the **Birdies For Charity** event is going on where every dollar we contribute is **matched at 15%**. This is running **through June 28th**. Donations of as little as \$10 are welcome and appreciated. Please consider donating if you can. No amount is too small and every little bit will make a huge difference to our church, our community and the world. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Richards or Donna Berndtson.

Thank you and God bless



RaiseRight

RaiseRight Gift Cards

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill. See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for April, May and June** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.

Zion Lutheran Church presents:

Lancaster Show Trip and the Dutch Country

5 days and 4 nights

The trip departs 183 William Street at 8:00 am on Monday, Oct 26. and returns on Friday, Oct 30.

The cost is \$765 per person, double occupancy.

Please call Barbara Shaw at 860-262-3531 for more information and reservations.



Gifts to ELCA World Hunger from congregations and individuals in the New England Synod during Lent through Pentecost will be matched up to \$50,000.

For more information, resources or how to give , visit the Synod Website:

<https://nelutherans.org/faithinaction/worldhunger>

Great news! Zion has joined a residential solar promotion program called Solarize Faith. Through Solarize Faith, both congregants and Zion can receive the following financial incentives:

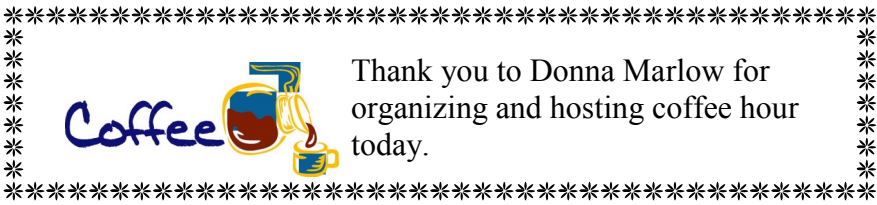
\$1,000 rebate to congregants (or any household that lists Zion for the referral) for solar installs

\$500 rebate to congregants for solar battery storage

ALSO

\$1000 to Zion for every solar or battery storage project that is successfully installed

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN) is partnering with installer Earthlight Technologies to offer the incentives. Get started by visiting their website at www.earthlighttech.com/solarize-faith. This incentive is available from May 1 to June 30, 2026. Kerry and Chris Darby are happy to answer questions during coffee hour, or feel free to reach out to kerrydarby@yahoo.com or 860-316-7921.



Memorial Day Parade

Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School and Sunny Hill Preschool are teaming up this year to march in Portland's Memorial Day Parade.

The parade starts at **2:00 pm on Sunday, May 24, rain or shine**. Parade participants will assemble at 1:30 pm on Victoria Road. The parade ends at Veterans' Memorial Park.

If you aren't walking with us, we hope you can come out to cheer us on!

Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

Today: May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. The Chosen

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Tuesday: **9:30 a.m.** Happy Handz

7:00 p.m. Fife & Drum

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:

May 17, 2026

Ascension of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

Guest Preacher - Peter Willse

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Next weeks readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Attendance: Last week - 59; Last year - 52

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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