



Peace

be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost

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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 “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” ELW 399

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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (*spoken responsively*)

24 How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

25 **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**

living things both | small and great.

26 There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

27 **All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

28 You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

29 **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

30 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

31 **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

33 **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

34 May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

35^b **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

3^b No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to

another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please be seated

SERMON

Peter Willse, LLM

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” **ELW 401**

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.

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith (especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler) whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. 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

“Loving Spirit”
“The Day of Resurrection!”

ELW 397
ELW 361

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 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” **ELW 890**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

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

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!

Prayer List

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



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>



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

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.



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



Thank you to Carol and Barbara for organizing and hosting coffee hour today.

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.



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.



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.



Please Recycle Ink and Toner Cartridges Here.

There is a container to leave your used ink and toner cartridges for us to recycle.

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



Zion will be serving the Sunday meal at St Vincent DePaul on June 7th. There are a number of different ways congregation members can support this important outreach program.

Sign up sheets can be found in the narthex to: provide items for the meal, help prepare the meal (after church services on June 7th) and serve the meal on June 7th at 4:00.

Please reach out to Deb Gustafson (860-205-0157) if you have any questions.



With summer weather around the corner, our town's youth will soon be home and on school vacation and in need of snacks during time off. The **Worship & Music Committee** thought it would be a great idea to collect snack donations for the summer months to be donated to the Food Bank. We will be collecting **starting in June**. A few Ideas for items would be:

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| juice boxes or canned juices | packaged peanut butter & crackers |
| fruit in small containers | packaged cheese & crackers |
| applesauce in small containers | breakfast bars (Belvita, Kind or any brand) |
| boxed raisins | granola bars |
| microwavable popcorn | cookies |
| gummy fruit snacks | crackers |
| peanut butter | chips |
| pretzels | |

**RAFFLE
TICKET**

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Zion's Grace Guild is holding a **Basket Raffle** in conjunction with the **Italian Night Dinner on May 31** beginning at 4:00pm!

We will be holding a Basket Raffle with many wonderful, themed baskets prizes. This is a fundraiser to help fund Grace Guild's many activities.

Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase on Sunday May 24 and May 31 after church.

We are also excited to offer a **Silent Auction** featuring two **beautiful handmade quilts** made by our members, Sandy Chiasson and Elaine Cote.

Come enjoy great food, fellowship and fun while supporting our church community!



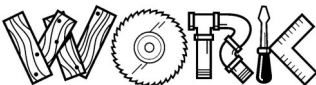
Memorial Day Parade

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



A Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13th** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Bring work

gloves, rakes, shovels, cleaners, ect. or any supplies to clean up the church for the summer.

Today: May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

1:30 p.m. Memorial Parade Participant line up

2:00 p.m. Memorial Day Parade

This Week:

Monday: Office Closed/No Preschool

6:00 p.m. N/A

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

Friday: Italian Night set up

7:00 p.m. N/A

Next Sunday:

May 31, 2026

The Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Next weeks readings: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Attendance: Last week - 37; Last year - 62

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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