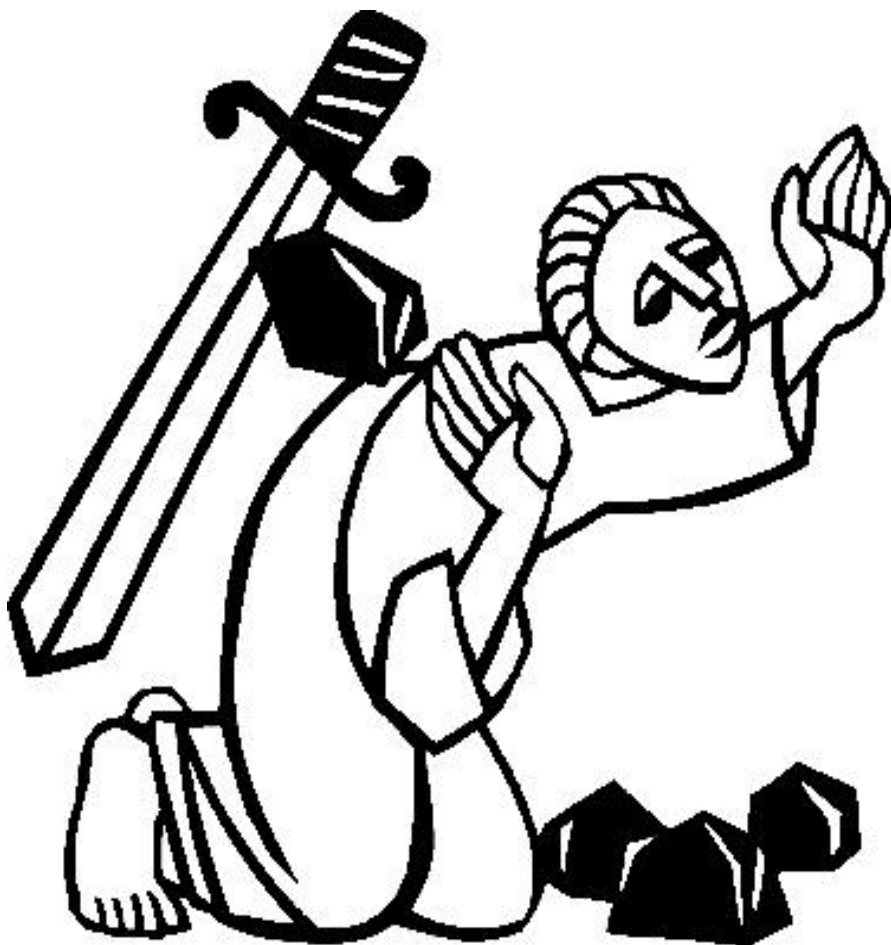


# ***THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER***

**May 4, 2025**



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## ***ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as  
champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit, and  
reaching out to those in need*

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## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Playground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

Your siblings in Christ,  
Zion Lutheran Church

## ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GATHERING**

GATHERING HYMN ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*** ELW #392 vs. 1,4,5

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand*)

KYRIE & THIS IS THE FEAST

**ELW, pg. 120**

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

SONG OF PREPARATION *(please stand)* **Alleluia ELW, pg. 124**

GOSPEL **Luke 23:33-34a, 46** Pew Bible NT, pg. 91

PREPARING FOR THE WORD *(please be seated)*

FOCUS TEXT **Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60** Pew Bible NT, pg. 128

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Hallelujah! Jesus Lives** **ELW #380**  
*(please stand on last verse)*

## OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

OFFERING HYMN **Create in Me a Clean Heart** **ELW #188**

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

## MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION HYMN **Lamb of God** **ELW, pg. 135**

COMMUNION HYMN **What a Friend We Have...** **ELW #742**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

SENDING HYMN **Christ is Alive! Let Christians...** **ELW #389**

SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***

**As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for:**  
Delbert Rohrbach, Lois Leicht, Lyle Johnsen, Janice Grieben,  
Magdalen Rohrbach

**And for those with long-term care needs:**

Alyssa Weber, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Esther  
Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Sharon Wagemann, Kari Brown, Sharon  
Paranto, Dal Golz

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## ***ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST***

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Jerold Gehring to wish everyone an early Happy Mother's Day.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

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## ***MAY STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS***

Theme for the month: Living Easter

*Church Ministry Focus:* Worship Life

*Special & Noisy Offering:* Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

*Missional Life Event:* Adopt-a-Grad support

*Special Activities:* Chords of Joy free concert event on May 4  
Graduate recognition on May 11  
What a Mess! VBS May 26-28

**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>** For support of Zion ministries please consider electronic giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



**Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church?** Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9038)**. It's simple and secure.

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## ***THIS WEEK AT ZION***

### **SUNDAY—May 4**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:15 AM Education meeting  
2:00 PM Chords of Joy

### **MONDAY—May 5**

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:30 PM Missional Life mtg  
7:00 PM GA meeting

### **TUESDAY—May 6**

10:00 AM Staff meeting

### **WEDNESDAY—May 7**

1:00 PM Cardmakers  
8:00 PM AA meeting

### **THURSDAY—May 8**

1:00 PM Quilters

### **SUNDAY—March 11**

#### **Graduate Recognition**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship with cake  
10:30 AM Altar Guild meeting

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

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| • Drive Up Donuts          | May 16 @ 7:30 AM    |
| • Table of Plenty          | May 19 @ 5:30 PM    |
| • Last Day of School event | May 20 @ 12:00 PM   |
| • Worship life meeting     | May 20 @ 5:30 PM    |
| • Council meeting          | May 21 @ 7:00 PM    |
| • Office Closed            | May 26              |
| • What a Mess! VBS         | May 26-28 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Men's Fellowship         | May 28 @ 8:00 PM    |
| • Finance meeting          | May 29 @ 9:30 AM    |

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## ***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**CHORDS OF JOY**—The second annual Chords of Joy: Hymn Sing event will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 PM in the Zion sanctuary. This free music event is open to the public and is a celebration concert to share the gift of music. Local musical artists will be performing and sharing their musical talents on a variety of instruments, playing everything from classical to contemporary music. Refreshments will be available during a brief intermission.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**— We will be recognizing the class of 2025 during worship on Sunday, May 11. High school seniors: letters were mailed home about this event. If you have not already been in contact with Saundra about the details, please reach out! Cake will be served during the fellowship time in their honor.

**ENVELOPE WALL FUNDRAISER—** The mission trip participants are almost on their way to Milwaukee! Help them finalize their fundraising by participating in the envelope wall fundraiser! Throughout the month of May, stop at the board in the narthex and pick an envelope off the wall to help offset an expense. Scattered throughout the envelopes are also cards for ingredients you can donate for meals the group will prepare while on the trip. Monetary donations in the envelopes can be left in the church office. Please return all food donations by Sunday, June 1. Thank you for your support!

**GRADUATE GIFTS—** We will be gifting our graduates a copy of “Oh the Places You’ll Go”, complete with Bible verses and messages on Sunday, May 11. These books will be available for congregation members to sign and leave well-wishes for our graduates on Sunday mornings April 27 and May 4 in the narthex.

**WHAT A MESS! VBS—** Make plans to join us for a time where youth can explore their faith through fun and interactive stories, games, crafts, snacks, and more! The theme of our sessions is “What a Mess!”. There will also be messy take-home kits for families to use for the summer! Summer kickoff dates are May 26-28 beginning at 5:30 PM. Registration forms are available in the office throughout the month, on our website, and on the Band App. VBS is open to all youth in grades preK-5.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT—** There will be a youth event on the last day of school—Tuesday, May 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM. Join us for a fun time of fellowship; lunch will be served! Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend! Van rides are available; please talk with Sandra.

#### **THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY’S SUPPORT TEAM**

**Worship Assistant:** Monica Tietz

**Lector:** Marcie Andersh

**Sound:** Steve Ottenbacher

**Van Driver:** Lester Harty

**PowerPoint:** Judy Albl

**Communion:** Marcie Andersh; Chase Hawkinson

**Ushers:** Lenny Tietz; Richard Martin

**Greeters:** Lyle & Lois Chapin; Loren & April Nehlich

**Organist:** Sonya Kempf

**Cantor:** Sandra Anderson

**Altar Guild:** Judy Albl; Trudy Anderson

**Coffee Hosts:** Mike and Kathy Brumbaugh