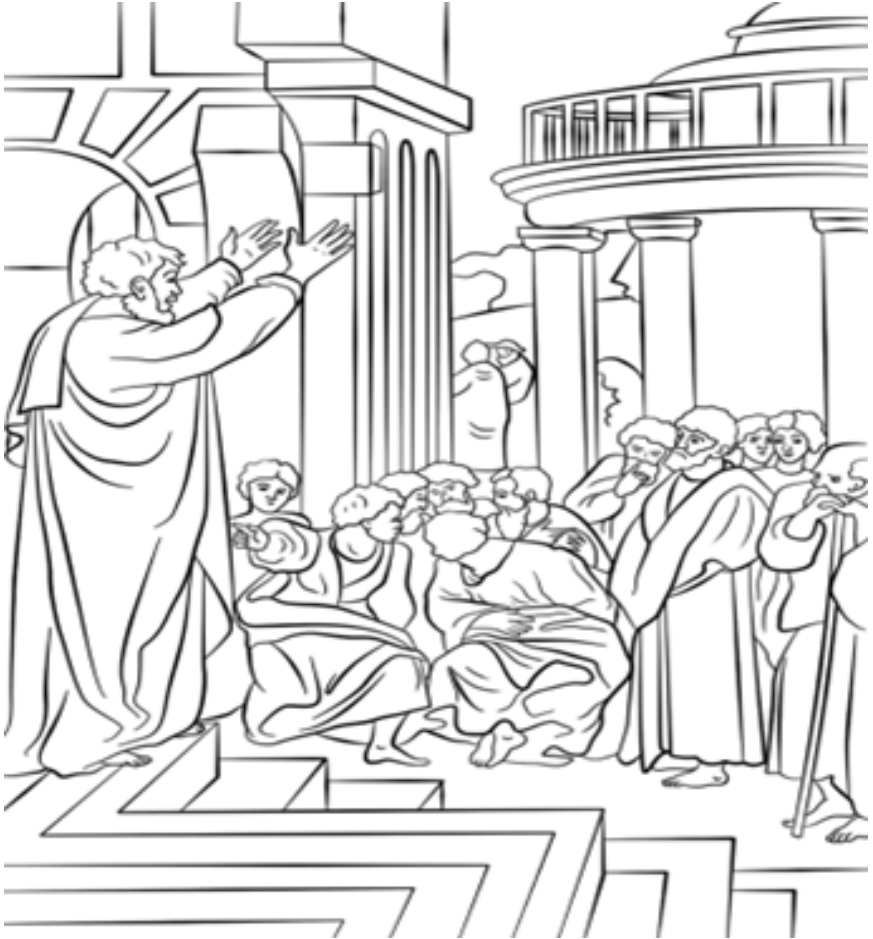


# ***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

**May 3, 2026**



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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 WORDS

GATHERING SONG ***All My Hope on God...*** ELW #757 Vs. 1,2,4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand*)

SONG OF PRAISE ***Now the Feast...*** ELW #167

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KID'S TIME (*please be seated*)

SONG OF PREP. **Halle, Halle...** **ELW #172** (*please stand*)

GOSPEL **John 1:16-18** Pew Bible NT, pg. 94

PREPARING FOR THE WORD (*please be seated*)

FOCUS TEXT **Acts 17:16-31** Pew Bible NT, pg. 143

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY **Holy God, We Praise...** **ELW #414**

(*please stand on last verse*)

## OFFERING

NICENE CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING SONG **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** **ELW #836**

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

## MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING **What Feast of Love is Offered...**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG **Lamb of God** **ELW, pg. 146**

COMMUNION SONG **Let All Mortal Flesh...** **ELW #490**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

## SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG **All Creatures, Worship...** **ELW #835** Vs. 1,3,6

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, Lois, Lenny, Chad, Mary Jane, Delila, Lorraine, Wilma

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

Barb, Sharon, Esther, Norma, Shawn, Sharon, Susan, Alyssa, Kari, Dalvin

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## ***ZION'S 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

Koinonia: Living Community

*Special & Noisy Offering:* Zion Scholarship Fund

*Special Activities:* Chords of Joy—May 3 @ 2:00 PM

Graduate Recognition—May 10

Table of Plenty—May 18 @ 5:30 PM

Fireside Fellowship—May 22 @ 7:00 PM

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**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>** In 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 3**

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM ELCA YG meeting  
2:00 PM Chords of Joy

### **MONDAY—May 4**

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:30 PM Missional Life meeting

### **WEDNESDAY—May 6**

1:30 PM Cardmakers  
8:00 PM AA

### **THURSDAY—May 7**

1:00 PM Quilters  
6:30 PM Thursdays Together

### **SUNDAY—May 10 Graduate Recognition Happy Mother's Day!**

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Faith Insights



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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

- Book Club May 12 @ 11:30 AM
- Education Meeting May 12 @ 6:30 PM
- Taco John's Fundraiser May 13 from 4:00-8:00 PM
- Table of Plenty meeting May 13 @ 6:00 PM
- Drive Up Donuts May 15 @ 7:30 AM
- Church Council May 17 @ 10:30 AM
- Table of Plenty May 18 @ 5:30 PM
- Worship Life meeting May 19 @ 5:30 PM
- Fireside Fellowship May 22 @ 7:00 PM
- VBS May 26-28

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## ***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**ENVELOPE WALL FUNDRAISER**— The mission trip participants are almost on their way to Nashville! Throughout the months of April and May, stop at the board in the narthex and pick an envelope off the wall to help offset an expense. Monetary donations in the envelopes can be left in the church office by Sunday, May 24. Thank you for your support!

**ZION CLOTHING STORE**—As we place an order for mission trip shirts, you are invited to also purchase Zion clothing! The online store will be open through May 5 with shirts and sweatshirts available. To order, please stop at the table in the narthex or scan the QR code.



**CHORDS OF JOY**— The third annual Chords of Joy event will be held **today 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.

**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 10. These books will be available for congregation members to sign and leave well-wishes for our graduates through today in the narthex. Please take a moment to share messages with our seniors!

**BUILD 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 “BUILD”. Summer kickoff dates are May 26-28, with evenings beginning at 5:30 PM. Registration forms will go home with you today and will be available in the office throughout the month of May, on our website, and on the Band App. VBS is open to youth in grades preK-5 and is open to all kids in the community.

**THURSDAYS TOGETHER**—This spring, the church will be open Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM for an opportunity for fellowship. This is meant to be a time for people to share their passions with others inside our congregation and invite those outside our church walls to join in the fun!

This month’s schedule (board/card games each week):

May 14: Messy Canvases

May 21: Faith and Films

**TABLE OF PLENTY MEETING**—There will be an appreciation and meeting for all Table of Plenty volunteers on Wednesday, May 13 @ 6:00 PM in Classrooms A&B. If you are unable to attend, please visit with Jena German.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Monica Tietz

**Lector:** Marcie Andersh

**Sound:** Steve Ottenbacher

**Van Driver:** Jerold Gehring

**PowerPoint:** Shelley Fischbach

**Greeters:** Lyle & Lois Chapin

**Ushers:** Lenny Tietz; Chase Hawkinson

**Communion Servers:** Marcie Andersh

**Organ:** Sonya Kempf

**Piano:** Rhonda Strouckel

**Coffee Hosts:** Rose Wiedrich; Wilma Zimmerman

**Altar Guild:** Sharlene Wanttie; Pam Seyer