

# Zion Lutheran Church

*Creating Community Through  
God's Love and Guidance*



**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation**

May 5, 2024

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

Preaching: Pastor Jake

Presiding: Pastor Mike

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

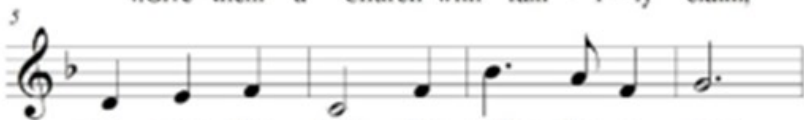
**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Welcome the Child”

**Welcome the Child**  
(Baptismal Hymn for a New Child)



1. Wel - come the child who comes to be blessed,  
2. Joy - bring - er God, new life is our joy!  
3. Bless them by wa - ter, Spir - it and sign,  
4. Give them a Church with fam - i - ly claim,



wel - come the faith that makes the re - quest,  
Gift them with hope no hurt can de - stroy,  
bring them to share the bread and the wine,  
close - ness to Christ, not on - ly in name,



ech - o the words that Je - sus would say:  
keep them clear - eyed to won - der and trust,  
draw them, like frond of fern leaf un - curled,  
make them a source of light and de - light,



"Bring them and nev - er turn them a - way!"  
find - ing a peo - ple gen - tle and just.  
o - pen to love and life in your world.  
blessed with God's Grace and Con - firm - ants' rite.

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MUSIC: Joy F. Patterson

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**PSALM 98 HYMN#731**

“Earth and All Stars!”

**SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting 8

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Jake

**HYMN OF THE DAY#732**

“Borning Cry”

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

pages 234-236

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**SOLOIST**

Dan Weiland  
“How Great Thou Art”  
arr. Lloyd Larson

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**


**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# PREFACE

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### COMMUNION

#### TOWER RINGERZ

"A Grand Celebration"  
by Derek K. Hakes

#### COMMUNION HYMN#526

"God is Here!"

### TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**



## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN#543**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing ”

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —  
thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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For Pastoral Emergencies contact the office.

## **Welcome!**

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Please ask an usher for a Large Print or Children's Bulletin.

## **Announcements**

Today is confirmation for 3 young ladies, Ava Dorn, Charlee Weiland & Miley Bee. Please keep them & their parents in your prayers as they affirm their baptism. Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service to celebrate the occasion.

The flowers are given in celebration of Zion's 2024 confirmation class.

The next events at Linwood Community (Fox Valley Lutheran Homes) are Thursday, May 16 at 2:00pm. The subject will be "What Was It Like to be a White House Photographer". One of their tenants will do a photo presentation about his years working as a White House photographer during President Lyndon B Johnson's administration. There is also an event on Monday, May 20th at 2:00pm. The subject will be "Dealing With Change in a Healthy Manner". Their wellness coordinator will be holding this event.

Celebrating 15 Years of Ringing! Join Encore! Handbell Ensemble with their spring concert series, "Our Favorite Things"! This program features a wide range of selections, as picked by our very own ringers! Selections include incredible original works for handbells, gorgeous tunes arranged for bells and chimes, as well as toe-tapping pops selections that will be sure to get you moving! The performances will be Friday, May 17th at 7pm at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Admission \$10 at door. Also there will be a concert on Saturday, May 18th at 7pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E Calumet St, Appleton, WI 54915. There will be a Freewill offering.

On June 8th is graduation recognition Sunday. If you would like your child to be included in this recognition, please give the office a call with their name and where they are graduating from. They can be graduating from high school or college. Please let us know by **June 1st** so they can be included in the bulletin.

Lynn has (2) \$25 Kwik Trip & (4) Festival gift cards available in the narthex for purchase today. There is a list in the narthex of all the places you can purchase gift cards from & Zion will benefit from your purchases.

We are looking for 1-2 congregation members to participate in the Good Futures Program. This program is used to help guide a church and its congregation in a path that is best for it's future. Please contact Kandie Wilz if you have any questions.

"The Affordable Housing Project has a final report from our partners, GLCI, clarifying objectives and scope for the project on the Zion campus. There are copies of this report at the back of the sanctuary for you to take with you and review. If you have any questions, please direct them to Gail Hunter."

On our website, [zionappleton.org](http://zionappleton.org), we have links to different articles about churches like ELCA Global Mission, Seeds of the parish & Concordia. Enjoy!

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Locker provides access to medical equipment without charge to the residents of the Fox Valley communities. They are always in need of new or used medical equipment. If you have any unused or unwanted medical equipment that is in good condition, please consider donating it to them. Hearing aid batteries can be donated at the locker, and people can come in when the locker is open and request free hearing aid batteries. Currently, there are 13, 312 and some 675 batteries. They have a volunteer that is willing to drop off batteries at the church. For more information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fvlml/home>.



# Pie & Ice Cream Social



Sunday June 23 10:30 am – 2 pm  
**Pie Donations Needed**

We'd love to have you donate a pie or two or ten to the 2024 Pie and Ice Cream Social at Linwood Community.

Any Flavor is appreciated! Share your pie baking talent and email Lynn Ann at [lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com](mailto:lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com) to let us know what tasty pie you are creating!

Please deliver pies to Linwood Community, 425 N Linwood Ave, Appleton on Saturday, June 22 between 9 am and 12 pm. Using the parking lot entrance by the flag pole. Access to Linwood Community will be by Packard, Franklin and College Avenue due to the paving of Linwood Ave.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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### Sunday, May 5

Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

**Worship Service 9:00 am**

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

### Sixth Sunday of Easter-Confirmation

Presiding: Pastor Mike Dimer

Preaching: Pastor Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Ministers: Deb Reis

Acolyte: Ava Dorn

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Jim Schley

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### Wednesday, May 8

Tower RingerZ Fellowship Hall Meeting 4:15pm

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### Sunday, May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

**Worship Service 9:00 am**

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

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### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Tammy Mossholder