

Zion Lutheran Church

where Heaven touches Earth

Worship on Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, & Youth Group on Sundays at 9:30am

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, AD 2024,

Our Worship Service and Style

The goal of Church is not just fun, though we hope you enjoy our time together. God started the Church and He meets us here every time to encourage and build us up, so we are prepared for everything headed our way. (2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 10) God knows what is ahead for each of us and in Church He gets us ready.

This is why we don't have mood lighting, ambient music, or smoke machines. Our services are designed to be a heart to heart with God and with each other, authentic interactions, not a show. Our services center on sharing different gifts from God, including:

- Hearing and applying God's Word to our lives,
- Being inspired by Christian music from every era of the Church,
- Talking with God together,
- Supporting our ministry together, and
- Receiving all sorts of blessings given by God.

Through these gifts, Zion is where Heaven touches Earth.

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, the Lord gives us His Body and His Blood with the bread and the wine. Because receiving Communion together publicly declares that we are in full community with each another, if you would like to receive the Lord's Supper at Zion, please chat with Pastor before the service to find out what Scripture teaches and why we believe it.

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know. The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Parents of Little Ones:

Welcome to Zion and relax! God gives our children energy to explore the world and He loves it!

The activity and sounds of your children prove that the Church is where life happens.

As children wiggle, giggle, and talk during Church, they are learning how to worship and that God loves them just as they are.

How do you help them learn to worship? Well,

- come to worship each week,
- sit closer to the front so they can see more and be distracted less,
- explain why we do what we do when we are doing it,
- sing the songs and pray the prayers, because they learn how to worship by copying you, and
- if your little one needs a break, slip out when you need to, but please come back after a few minutes.

We are thankful you are here!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me."

—Matthew 19:14

Walking with God, Together

Prelude

Easter Greeting

This has been the popular Easter greeting for Christians since AD 400!

- P** Christ^a is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcoming One Another & Opening Prayer

- P** Let us pray together... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.^b

Please stand as you are able

Gift #1: Hearing that *Our Sins* are Forgiven

- P** The gifts of God come to us today in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Sign of the Cross^c may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:9*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

Please use these moments to have your own individual conversation with God.

- P** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus,

- C** **Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

^a “**Christ**” refers to Jesus and is the Greek word for the Hebrew word “Messiah,” both of which mean “the One anointed by God to save the world.”

^b “**Amen**” is at the end of almost all of our prayers and it means, “Please, let this be so!” or “I agree!”

^c Making **the Sign of the Cross** was a Church-wide practice by AD 150 as described by Tertullian, an ancient Church leader. Even Martin Luther said it is a good thing to do as we remember that we have put on Christ—*Romans 13, Galatians 3*

P Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Matthew 16:19, John 20:23

Please be seated

Gift #2: Our First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:12–26, from mid-April in AD 33

*In the Season of Easter, instead of our first reading coming from the Old Testament,
we sample the Book of Acts, the history of the Early Christian Church.*

The mission of the Church moves forward.

¹²The disciples of Jesus returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath^a day's journey away ¹³and, when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and His brothers.^b

¹⁵In those days, Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit^c spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry," ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out ¹⁹and it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language, "Akeldama," that is, "Field of Blood.") ²⁰for it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate and let there be no one to dwell in it,"

Psalm 69:25

"and,

"Let another take his office."

Psalm 109:8b

²¹"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John the Baptizer^d until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His Resurrection," ²³and they put forward two, Joseph called "Barsabbas," who was also called "Justus," and Matthias, ²⁴and they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this

^a Old Testament believers were commanded to keep the **Sabbath** by not working on Saturday—Exodus 20:8–11. New Testament believers are not forbidden to work on Saturday—Colossians 2:16–17, Romans 14:5–23—instead, we are called to treat each day as holy and to intentionally set aside time to spend with God.

^b "**Brothers**" here comes from "adelphos," a word in Greek, the original language of the New Testament, and it means "siblings," including both brothers and sisters.

^c This "**Holy Spirit**" is not just some sort of "spirituality" but is God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person in the Trinity that is God, who offers to dwell inside of us to give us hope, joy, faith, Heaven, and so much more.

^d **John the Baptizer** was a cousin of Jesus and an extremely famous preacher of repentance.

ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place,"²⁶ and they cast lots for them and the lot fell on Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.^a

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Each week, we share different parts of the Bible to give us the opportunity to regularly hear from parts of God's Word which we may not visit on our own. Our readings follow the "Revised Common Lectionary," a schedule of readings shared by 29.5% (97,800,000) of all Christians in America and 64.4% (1,417,638,000) of all Christians throughout the world, so the readings we hear today are heard in most congregations worldwide!

Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles^b

1 John 5:9–12, from around AD 90

God the Father's plan is to give life through Jesus, God the Son.

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son ¹¹and this is the testimony, that **God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.** ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

^a The "**Apostles**" are literally "sent ones," the original twelve followers of Jesus who were sent out to represent Him. As Christians, we are all "sent ones," sent out to bring Jesus to those around us.

^b An "**Epistle**" is a letter. This is from a letter John wrote to Christians throughout the world and to us as well.

Alleluia^a

From John 6:68

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and melodic, using quarter and eighth notes.

Gift #4: A Reading from the Holy Gospels^b

John 17:11b–19, from April 2, AD 33

Jesus prays for all His followers, including us, for unity with God and with each other.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹Jesus prayed, “Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction,^c that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ¹³but now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your Word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one.^d ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify^e them in the truth; **Your Word is truth.** ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world ¹⁹and for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

^a “**Alleluia**” is a word in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament, which means, “Praise Yahweh!” inviting us to do just that.

^b “**Gospel**” is an ancient word meaning “good news” and has come to mean a biography of Jesus.

^c “**The son of destruction**” refers to Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who betrayed Jesus.

^d “**The evil one**” refers to Satan, the devil, who loves to divide us.

^e “**Sanctify**” means to “make holy” which is something God does in all those who trust in Him.

Gift #5: Confessing the Faith Together

The Apostles' Creed has been shared throughout the entire Christian Church since around AD 350.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of *Heaven* and **Earth**.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into Hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into *Heaven* and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Gift #6: Exploring God's Word Together

- *Children's Chat*
- *Sermon*

Acts 1:12–26

Gift #7: A Moment with God

Please stand as you are able

Gift #8: Talking with God Together

In your own prayers as well, please also include:

International Tensions
Our Protectors
Un(der)employed & Overworked
Persecuted Christians
Our Shut-Ins
Those with Anxiety

Two Pre-Born Babies
Lynn Romo (upcoming procedure)
Vickie Osterloh (healing)
Carlene Kaufmann (healing)
Jaydin Johnson (recovery)
Lynne Hood (healing)
Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)

This Week's Zion Folks
Dottie Palisch
Jean Pack
Steve & Vickie Osterloh
Luke & Abbie Oliver

- P** Lord Jesus, Life in this world is always messy... To the delight of the Father,
C **Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.**

After each request, please join in with:

- P** ... Gracious Lord, that we would not be overwhelmed by the mess of this world, please,
C **Cover us with Your love and power.** *John 13:34, 15:12*

- P** Lord Jesus, please fix our eyes on You and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in *Heaven*,^a** *Taught by Jesus in Matthew 6:9–13*
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.

Please be seated

^a The words of this prayer come from Jesus Himself, as He taught His followers how to pray. We use older sounding words, such as “**art**” and “**Thy**,” because these are the same words which the English-speaking Church has used to pray this prayer since the Bible translation of William Tyndale in AD 1526. We could use updated words, but this is quite a precious heritage—that we have prayed these words throughout the English-speaking Church for 500 years!

Gift #9: Supporting the Sharing of God's Gifts

Your contributions make you a partner with God in sponsoring the ministry we get to do together, bringing the gifts of God to people where they are in the way they need them, here at Zion, in the St. Louis area, and around the world.



Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Our Offering

- P** Gracious Lord... Please graciously receive what we offer You and do wonderful things through it,
G **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Gift #10: The Lord's Supper

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know.

The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

Preface^a

- P** The Lord be with you.
G **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
G **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places thank You, holy Father, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into Heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore, with angels and with all Your people in *Heaven* and on **Earth**,
- G** **We laud^b and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You by saying and singing:**

^a The words of this part of our worship service are used throughout the world and, until just recently, have been used in almost all Christian worship services since around AD 200!

^b "**Laud**" means "to praise loudly and publicly."

Sanctus^a

from Isaiah 6 and Mark 11



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

^a "Sanctus" means "Holy" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520, when many congregations began to worship God in the locally spoken languages, such as German and English. In the Sanctus, the word "**Hosanna**" means "please save us" in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor 11

Pax Domini^a

John 20:21

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** Amen.

Please be seated

Attending Church each week in person boosts the immune system and decreases blood pressure. —Dr. Tanya Marie Luhrmann of Watkins University, cited in *The New York Times*, April 21, AD 2013.

Here is our usual Distribution Plan:

First, all those helping to serve the Lord's Supper will be served at the Rail.

Second, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Rail will be served at the Rail.

Third, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Baptismal Font will be served at the Font.

Finally, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper in their pew will be served in their pew.

^a "Pax Domini" means "The peace of the Lord" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520. This "The peace of the Lord be with you" greeting has been used daily and weekly throughout the Church since Jesus greeted His closest followers on the evening of the first Easter, April 5, AD 33—*John 20:21*.

Raindrops rolling off my brim, streetlights got the pavement glistening,
Touchdown, I fall into Your arms, right where I belong, Your everlasting arms.
And where would I be without You?



**I'd be packing my bags when I need to stay.
I'd be chasing every breeze that blows my way.
I'd be building my kingdom just to watch it fade away. It's true.
That's me without You... That's me without You...
That's me without You... Don't know where I'd be without You.**

Flashback, step into the scene: there's You and there's a very different me.
Touchdown, You had me at "Believe." You had me at "Believe." You did.
And where would I be without You?

Refrain

Whispering Where would I be? I was so deep,
So incomplete, 'til You rescued me. Yeah, You rescued me.

Singing You rescued me. You are mine; I am Yours.
You rescued me, and I am Yours forever.
You saved me, remade me.

Where would I be?
I'd be packing my bags when I need to stay.
I'd be chasing every breeze that blows my way.
I'd be building my kingdom just to watch it fade away. It's true.
That...

Refrain

That's me without You...
That's me without You...
That's me without You...
Don't know where I'd be without You.



If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

Why do churches usually have such high ceilings?

Traditional Church architecture has a very long history. There are two common floor plans among ancient church buildings. One is a long rectangle, like **Zion**, and the other is a cross shape, like **Concordia Seminary** here in St. Louis. In both designs, the ceilings are typically very high. Although there is a heating and cooling expense for all that empty space, there is a very good reason for those big beams over our heads.

In Genesis 6, God told Noah to build an **ark**, which is a very large **ship**. On that **ark**, God saved all the believers and at least two of every kind of animal from **the Flood**. Building on this and perhaps on Hebrews 11:7 as well, Christians began to see the Church as the **Ark of God**. Like those on the **ark** which Noah built, we are led and protected by God, the ultimate shelter against this very stormy world.

The highest Sanctuary ceiling in the world is the Cathedral of St. Peter of Beauvais in France which is 154 feet high, just three feet higher than St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The highest Sanctuary ceiling in the USA is the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City at 124 feet high.

Have you ever wondered why we have or do something that we do?
Let Pastor know you are wondering, so we may all learn why we do what we do!

Gift #12: Praising God Together "This Is the Feast"

Lutheran Service Book #155, from AD 1975

The words of this song are from the song the people in Heaven are now singing as seen in several places in the Book of Revelation.

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

When we have finished distributing the Lord's Supper, please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Gracious God, Heavenly Father, You give us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.
- C** **Please keep us firm in the Faith throughout our days of pilgrimage,**
- P** That, on the day of His return, we may, together with all Your saints,^a celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gift #14: The Blessing *This blessing has been spoken over God's people for **3,468 years!** (Numbers 6)*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation *This has been the popular **Easter** greeting for Christians since AD 400!*

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Please be seated

^a Throughout the Bible, "**saints**" means "holy ones." This word refers to all Christians because God's Word makes us holy.

This song is a beautiful combining of Jesus' words to us from after He rose from the dead.

We are singing this song for a few Sundays to help everyone learn it.

See My hands and look at My feet;
It's okay if it's hard to believe.
I have faith you will do greater things,
It's my time to go, but before I leave:

John 20:20, 27
John 20:29
John 14:12
Matthew 28:19–20

Go, tell the world about Me.
I was dead, but now I live.
I've gotta go now for a little while,
But "goodbye" is not the end.

Matthew 28:19–20
Revelation 1:18
John 14:19
Revelation 22:20

Don't forget the things that I taught you.
I've conquered death and I hold the keys.
Where I go you will go, too, someday,
But there's much to do here before you leave.

Matthew 28:20
Revelation 1:18
John 14:2–3
Luke 24:46–48

So, go, tell the world about Me.
I was dead, but now I live.
I've gotta go now for a little while,
But "goodbye" is not the end of the journey,
The end of the road. My Spirit is with you wherever you go.
You have a purpose and I have a plan,
I'll make you this promise—I'll come back again—

Matthew 28:19–20
Revelation 1:18
John 14:19
Revelation 22:20
John 14:26
Romans 8:28
Acts 1:11

But, until then, **go, tell the world about Me,**
For I was dead but now I live.
Oh, I've gotta go now for a little while,
Hey, but "goodbye" is not the end.

Matthew 28:19–20
Revelation 1:18
John 14:19
Revelation 22:20

Go tell them about Me.
I've gotta go... for a little while,
But "goodbye" is not the end.

Matthew 28:19–20
John 14:19
Revelation 22:20

If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.

Postlude

As we exit together, please take a few moments to chat with the people around you.
Just a few words to a person who is hurting will mean the world to them.
It's easy, it's loving, it's really needed, and it shows the love of God.

Need prayers?

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer support, please contact the *Church Office* at 314.739.6121. Prayer requests may also be made anonymously.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

TINA GOLCHERT **TODAY!**
ROLLAND WOODCOCK 🎂 Monday
JOHN KIMBROUGH 🎂 Monday
DOUG & KAREN BECK ❤️ Tuesday

*Are we missing a birthday or anniversary?
Please contact the Church Office to update
our records.*

At Your Service

Pastor Mark Femmel314.750.2432
Secretary: Kim Dent church@zionmh.org
Café Manager: Marlina Femmel
Preschool Director: Joni Wallace
Lead Musician: Tina Golchert
Facility Administrator: Claudia Amaya

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this morning's celebration happen!

During the Week:

Lawn Crew: Sammie Mauer, Ryan Lichtenegger, and Russ Fuchs
Bulletin Production: Russ Wurl, Larry & Nancy Nord, and Joyce Hicks
Altar Guild: Peggy Whiteman, Sylvia Granneman, Christi Femmel, and Kim Dent

For our 8:00am Worship Service:

Ushers: Russ Wurl, Harry Tyler, Larry Nord, Vicki Lichtenegger, and Justin Dertinger
Livestream Producer: Christi Femmel
Lord's Supper Assist: Neil Koenig, Elder for Last Names R-Z

Between Worship Services:

Fellowship Breakfast: Jesus Freaks
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER: Kim Dent
Confirmation Teacher: Ryan Lichtenegger
Jesus Freaks Teacher (our Youth Group): Marlina Femmel

For our 10:30am Worship Service:

Ushers: Denise Weber, Judy Schwend, Ashlee Kimbrough, Mike Johnson, and Doug Beck
Lord's Supper Assist: Rick Dent, Elder for Last Names J-K

The News This Week

Thank you to **JAY & HEATHER LANKFORD** for our Altar flowers this morning which have been offered up in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary on May 9th.

Thank you to *the Jesus Freaks* (our Youth Group) for hosting last night's **"The Chosen"** watch party, this morning's Fellowship Breakfast, and this coming Saturday's **"The Chosen"** watch party. Y'all are really running and blessing us in so many ways!

Thank you to **Immanuel Lutheran Church** in Olivette and to **Lighthouse Baptist Church** in Maryland Heights for having a fundraiser at *Higher Groundz* this past week. If **you** are part of an organization that is interested in hosting a fundraiser or appreciation event at *Higher Groundz* for an organization or another cause, chat with our *café manager*, **MARLINA FEMMEL** at 314.363.6185 or highergroundz@zionmh.org.

TODAY, 9:00am—Yummies for Moms (and her people too)—Since moms do so much for us all year long, *the Jesus Freaks* (our Youth Group) are hosting an epic Fellowship Breakfast today for **Mother's Day**. All proceeds will go toward our little people's retreat together to Branson this Summer.

This Saturday, 6:00pm—"The Chosen" at Zion—ANGEL Studios is making Season 4 of their phenomenal series, **"The Chosen,"** available to churches before it is available to stream at home. What a blessing! We are going to enjoy some more of Season 4 together this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a more comfortable chair, please bring one from home (but please make sure it has smooth, rubber, or plastic feet to help take care of our floor together). You can definitely bring drinks and refreshments, but *the Jesus Freaks* (our Youth Group) will have plenty available for sale.

Next Sunday, May 19, 9:30am—Introducing Reverend Doctor Pastor Mark Femmel—In addition to Fellowship Breakfast, we will have cake and ice cream to celebrate Pastor now being a "Doctor of Ministry in Church Health and Revitalization" and a box for cards will be provided. For more information or to help out, please contact **NANCY RUBANO-NORD** at 314.443.1097.

What's happening next? We just updated our calendar online at www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events, so if you're looking for a way to be a blessing, a way to strengthen your faith, or to get excited about the things we get to do as the *Church of God*, take a peek!

Pastor was on KFUO and you can listen in! One major highlight is unpacking what is really meant in the Bible about "fearing God." Here's a hint: God *does not* want us to be afraid of Him! The link is at www.kfu.org/2024/05/02/thy-strong-word-050224-proverbs-1419-35-the-hearts-condition (easier than typing that all in would be to click that link in our electronic bulletin which you can find on our website at www.zionmh.org/messages).

Automatic Giving—If you would like to skip the Sunday morning check writing and envelope licking, you can sign-up for automatic giving online. Go to our website at www.zionmh.org and click the "Donate" button. On the new page which opens, before making your donation, check the "Make this a monthly donation" box to skip the paperwork of checks and envelopes AND still partner with us.

You might be a Lutheran if... you know who Dietrich Bonhoeffer is. If you don't, check out https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietrich_Bonhoeffer.



The Happenings at and around Zion

For even more events, please check out www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events.

TODAY, May 12	8:00AM  Worship (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Seventh Sunday</i>	9:00AM	Mother's Day Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
of Easter	9:30AM	Bible Study: Wacky Church (1 Corinthians, Fellowship Hall)
&	9:30AM	Jesus Freaks: Esther (Youth, Church Office)
Mother's Day	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (Mid-Level Classroom)
	10:30AM  Worship (Sanctuary)	
Monday, May 13	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
	7:00PM	Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, May 14	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 15	7:00AM	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
National Police	9:00AM	Bible Study: The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall)
Memorial Day	10:00AM	Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45–7:15PM	Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
		
Thursday, May 16	All Day	The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 18	1:00PM	Preschool Popsicle Party (Outside, Weather Permitting)
	5:30PM	Doors open for "The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party (Fell. Hall)
	6:00PM	"The Chosen" Season 4 Watch Party Begins! (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday, May 19	8:00AM  Worship (Sanctuary)	
<i>The Eighth Sunday</i>	9:30AM	Pastor's Graduation Shindig (Fellowship Hall)
of Easter	9:30AM	Bible Study, Jesus Freaks, and SUNDAY SCHOOL on pause
	10:30AM  Worship (Sanctuary)	
Next Monday, May 20	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for the Bible Chat (NHC on Fee Fee Road)
Next Tuesday, May 21	9:35AM 	Pastor leading Chapel at Lutheran North (at Lutheran North)
<i>St. Constantine Day</i>	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00–6:00PM	Rotary Club Interviews (Fellowship Hall)
Next Wednesday, May 22	7:00AM	Rotary Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00AM	Bible Study: The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall)
	10:00AM	Domino Divas & Dudes (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45–7:15PM	Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
		
Next Thursday, May 23	All Day	The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays
	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 25	10:00AM	Stampin' Up with KIM DENT Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)