

Welcome to those visiting for the first time.

Here's a little of what to expect:

Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays) -Please fill out a communion card found in the pew holder. All who have prayer concerns or questions, please note these on your communion card. If you are a visitor, please use the card to introduce yourself to us and know that you are always welcome at Zion.

We practice open communion at Zion. **White grape juice is available.** All who believe that Christ is present in the meal are invited forward. The ushers will guide you. We will be serving Holy Communion by stations.

As you come forward, please take the bread (**gluten-free wafers are available upon request**) from the pastor and then proceed to the next station to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward and desire communion, please inform the ushers, as they will advise the pastor, who will bring communion to you.

Hearing Aid Assistance –We have available Personal PA Listening receivers. They can be found in the narthex. Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

Busy Bags—Parents, if you have young children, we have activity bags available hanging in the narthex. Please use and return to the hooks when you are finished.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter: Chris Garrett

Ushers: Terry & Darlene Paulson

Reader: Terry Paulson

Media Room: Willem and Ryan Pesch, Ilene Trittin-Anderson

We are always in need of filling time slots for Lay Ministry services. If you find that you are available to usher, serve communion, greet or read, please find the sheet on the narthex table and sign up. Thank you!

Attendance last Sunday: 182

General Fund giving 4/14/24: \$3,081

Mortgage Fund giving 4/14/24: \$535

Monthly mortgage payment: \$3,850.79

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Zion Lutheran Church On Franklin Lake April 28, 2024



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This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Mission Statement:
*Zion Lutheran Church's mission is
to Gather, Grow, and Go
in Jesus Christ.*

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Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 8:26-40 (Please follow along on the slides.)

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

¹⁵ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

GATHER, GROW & GO

- **QUILTERS** ~ Tuesdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Coffee is at 10!
- **WOMEN'S DEVOTIONAL GROUP** ~ Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Cornfield Café.
- **MEN'S DEVOTIONAL GROUP** ~ Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Cornfield Café.
- **CHOIR** ~ Rehearsals Wednesday evenings at 6:30.
- **DINING OUT GROUP** ~ To be determined.
- **BOOK CLUB** ~ Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. The May book is *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **SPRINGTIME AT THE LAKES TABLETOP LUNCHEON** ~ Featuring Tim Eggebraaten, motivational speaker and entertainer. Saturday, May 18th. 10:30 a.m. Table viewing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lunch and entertainment. Tickets are \$20, which includes lunch, table theme gift, and entertainment. The Belles of St. Mary of the Lakes, 20996 Co. Hwy 20, Detroit Lakes.
- **SALAD LUNCHEON** ~ Tea for You & Tea for Me ~ Saturday, May 4th at 11 a.m. at Cormorant Lutheran Church, 14314 Co. Hwy 4, Lake Park. Free will offering.
- **HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER** May 4th, 5 - 9 p.m., Pelican Rapids VFW (follow detour signs). Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., silent auction 5:30-7:30 p.m. Music by Rick Adams 7-9 p.m. Advance tickets \$25, Tickets at the door \$30
- **LAKES AREA GARDENERS** ~ Monday, May 20th at 6 p.m. for annual meeting, potluck, and plant swap, hosted by Tom Elthon, 22 5th Ave. SW, Pelican Rapids.

Coming on Sunday, May 5th:

- Contemporary worship led by Zion Youth along with noisy offering.
- Recognition of high school seniors (senior quilt day) during worship.
- **Ditch cleanup** (weather permitting) after fellowship. Bring your own gloves and appropriate clothing/shoes. Pizza at the church following the cleanup.

Salad Luncheon/Style Show Meeting ~ after worship today. Meet in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping, please join us!



Ring in Spring!
Salad Luncheon & Style Show
 Saturday, June 1, 2024 ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Salads, bread, dessert
 Silent auction and door prizes
 Styles from Karen's Korner, The Lavish Loon, and Elm Street Boutique.
 All are welcome!

Welcome to all who come to worship God. We **GATHER** this morning to give Him thanks and praise, to ask His help and guidance, to pray for those in need, to hear His word and to seek strength to **GROW** and **GO** serve Him when we leave.

Visitors, we're made especially joyful in your presence and welcome you to worship with us again. If you have no church home, we invite you to become part of our family at Zion Lutheran Church on Franklin Lake.

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 Choir Director: Candace Roesch
 Choir Accompanist: Jo Kantrud

Next Week's Readings

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Pastor Anna Monke-Gervais

Organist: Lori McCauley

**indicates stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MEET & GREET**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Now the Green Blade Rises" v. 1-3

LBW #148

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GREETING

KYRIE (*In peace, let us pray...*)

HYMN OF PRAISE

(Glory to God in the highest...)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

Peggy Akers, Greg Hayes, Jim Burri, Candace Roesch

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READINGS *Acts 8:26-40*

Psalm 22:25-31 (read responsively)

1 John 4:7-21

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Glory to you..."*

***GOSPEL** *John 15:1-8*

***GOSPEL RESPONSE** *"Praise to you..."*

SERMON

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***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"There in God's Garden" v. 1-3

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *"River in Judea"*

Peggy Akers, Greg Hayes, Jim Burri, Candace Roesch

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN**

"Let All Things Now Living" v. 1-2

***DISMISSAL**

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