

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

Greeters:

Ushers: Terry & Darlene Paulson

Communion: Jake & Laura Januszewski

Reader: Richard Gabe

Media Room: Willem Pesch, Ryan Pesch, Pam Dalman

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: 101

General Fund giving 4/7/24: \$ 4,855

Mortgage Fund giving 1/7/24: \$ 280

Monthly mortgage payment: \$ 3,850.79

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Zion Lutheran Church On Franklin Lake April 21, 2024



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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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

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Today's Scripture Readings

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10:11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

SPRING FLOWERBED CLEANUP SATURDAY, May 11th

9 a.m.

Volunteers needed to help clean up the flowerbeds around the sign and church. There will be someone here to help guide the process. Bring your own gloves.

