

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

March 31, 2024

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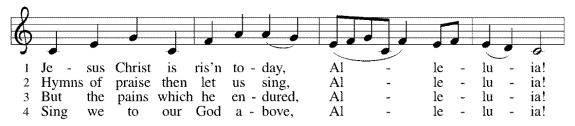
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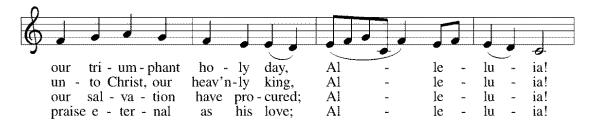
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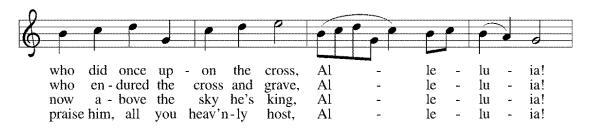
*CALL TO WORSHIP

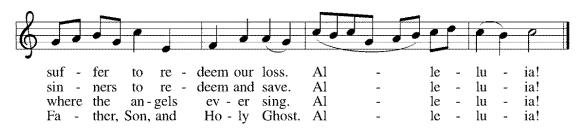
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: O Grave, where is your victory? C: O death, where is your sting?
- P: You, O death, are abolished! C: Christ is Risen!
- P: The demons are cast down! C: Christ is Risen!
- P: The angels rejoice! C: Christ is Risen!
- P: Life is set free! C: Christ is Risen!
- P: The tomb is emptied of its dead; C: Christ is Risen!
- P: For Christ having risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep!
- C: To Jesus Christ be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen! Alleluia!

*THE ENTRANCE HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (LBW 151)









*THE EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:



*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(10:45) SPECIAL MUSIC "Alive Again" (Noiz & Big Noiz)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

(SAT & 8:00) PSALMODY: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Spoken)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|]LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- ers rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

(10:45) PSALMODY: "Gratitude" Song of Zion

All my words fall short, I've got nothing new How could I express all my gratitude? I could sing these songs, as I often do But every song must end, and you never do

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again

Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah I've got one response, I've got just one move With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You (chorus)

So come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me Lift up your song, cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs

Get up and praise the Lord (chorus)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*VERSE



*GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you

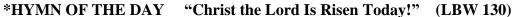
look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



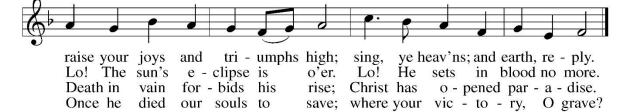
CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON





- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day!" All on earth with an gels say;
- 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat tle won. 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
- 4 Lives a gain our glo-rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

(8:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Frederick George Grimshaw Schwind

INTRODUCTION

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

PRESENTATION

I present Frederick George Grimshaw Schwind to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented *George* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for him instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? **R: I do.**

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C:And also with you.

P:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *George* who *is* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin as *George* is cleansed by this water and word. Bring him forth as an *inheritor* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

RENUNCIATION

- P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? R: I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? R: I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *R:* I renounce them.

PROFESSION (CREED)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BAPTISM

P: Frederick George Grimshaw, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *George*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **C:** Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P: Frederick George Grimshaw, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. R: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

P: Through Baptism God has made *this* new *brother a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world. C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

(SAT & 10:45) *NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

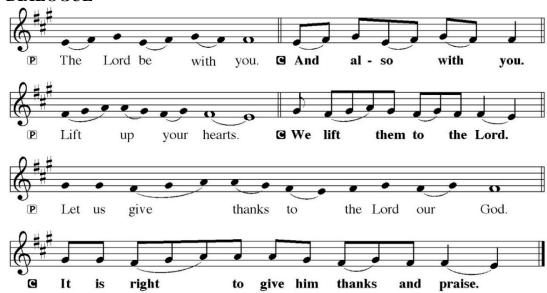
P: Let us pray for the whole people...according to their needs.

P: Merciful God. C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

*PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

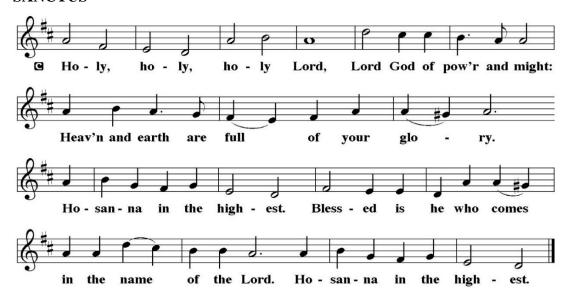
*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary......and join their unending hymn.

*SANCTUS



*THANKSGIVING

P: You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,

the people of your promise:

the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,

his ascension to the seat of power,

and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

C: 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

*INVITATION

P: Reveal yourself to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread;

C: As you once revealed yourself to your disciples.

*AGNUS DEI

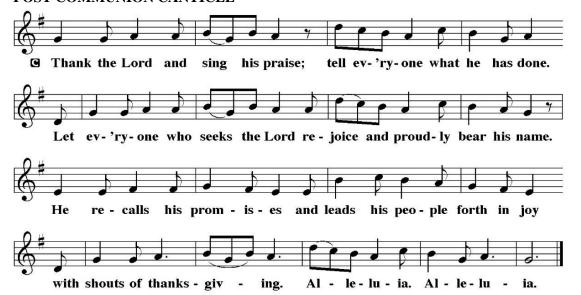


COMMUNION

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: 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

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. In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen





DISMISSAL: P: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen One. C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The Ministers:
Pastor:
Organists/Accompanists:
The People of Zion
David Bowman
Doug Rhodes
Gail Nedimyer

Choir Directors:

Noiz Ryan Custead

STAFF

Dir. of Faith Formation & OutreachRyan CusteadSexton/CustodianRick FairheadAdministrative AssistantJoni Hammaker

Daily Bible Reading April $21^{ST} \sim \text{April } 27^{TH}$

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

21. Exodus 16 22. Exodus 17

23. Exodus 18

24. Exodus 19

25. Exodus 20~21 26. Exodus 22~23

EASTER 2

ACTS 5:27~32

PSALM 118:14~29 (8) PSALM 150 (6) {ALTERNATE}

REVELATION 1:4-8 JOHN 20:19-31

This Week at Zion - 4/20/25 - 4/27/25

Sunday 4/20

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 9:30 a.m. Easter Bash (Fellowship Hall) 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

Monday 4/21

Happy Easter ~ Office Closed

Tuesday 4/22

6:00 p.m. Outreach Board Meeting

Wednesday 4/23

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

6:30 p.m. Wreath of Christ Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

Thursday 4/24

Union Street Entry Closed, Enter Through Library (Floor Refinishing)
7:00 p.m. CPC Meeting

Friday 4/25

Union Street Entry Closed, Enter Through Library (Floor Refinishing)

Saturday 4/26

8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social 6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 4/27

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 9:00 a.m. Noiz Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages) 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

A Note from the office...

Pastor Dave is available for Pastoral Care and Visitation Tuesday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Please call the church office (814-695-0091) or Pastor Dave at 814-330-8025 to schedule.



HELP US DELIVER EASTER FLOWERS (& DIRECTORIES)

SPRING FLOWERS FOR OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS are located on the table near the fellowship hall. They have name and address tags attached. Please stop by to see which one(s) you might be able to deliver and brighten someone's day! Also, take a Church Directory in case our homebound members have not received one. *Thank You* for your kindness.

NEW MEMBERS (Note Date Change)

If you are interested in becoming a member of Zion, please contact Pastor Dave at 814-330-8025 or bowdavidman@gmail.com. We will take in new members the **weekend of May 17-18**. We would love nothing more than to work with you as we worship and make God's grace tangible to our neighbors.

SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH

4/28 - The Serving Squad will be preparing Ham, Green Beans, & Potatoes. Donations of Ham, Canned Green Beans, & Canned Potatoes would be appreciated. Please return your donations to the Outreach Room by 4/27.



Other items that are needed by The Hope Drop-in Center are: Bananas, Mandarin Oranges, Desserts, Coffee, Sugar, Powdered Creamer. These items can be placed in the Outreach room as well.

As always, thank you for helping make God's grace tangible to those in need.





Easter Bash

Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 AM

This Easter Sunday, beginning at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, celebrate the resurrection with the Easter Bash. Enjoy a Pastry Bar along with intergenerational Easter themed games, activities, and prizes. Stop by and sneak a peek at our soon-to-be-completed kitchen, try your best to pin the tail on the bunny, and show us your egg rolling prowess.



Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.



Does the joy of Easter seem far away?

For those who have suffered a loss or who re going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but struggling on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Out Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. Their special training has equipped them to help you with your emotional and spiritual needs. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with you – a great comfort in difficult times. Find out about Stephen Ministry by contacting Pastor Dave or Stephen Leaders Karen Wagner 814-317-7722 and Connie Counsman 814-696-3832. We care!



Saturday, April 26th, 2025, Zion Church Fellowship Hall @ 2:00 p.m.

> Ice Cream and Games

Please contact Sam McClure, @ 814-695-6904 or @ mcclures283@gmail.com if you plan to attend



A new Zion youth and adult music group!

We are excited to announce "BIG NOIZ", a new musical group and opportunity open to anyone, 7th Grade and older. BIG NOIZ will be similar to our children's music group, "NOIZ" with opportunities to play handbells or chimes, sing, and more. Ryan Custead (Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach) will lead the group. Anyone is welcome to join, no previous musical knowledge or ability required! If you do not wish to sing, there will be opportunities to participate in other ways (bells, percussion, keyboards, etc.). We will also be learning some basic music theory, songwriting, and learning how music and faith work together. Adults and young adults are encouraged to join Ryan and Zion's youth Sunday school class for this new opportunity!

BIG NOIZ meets every **first and third Sunday**, September-May, **10:00-10:30am** in the upstairs music room (s).

Upcoming dates: March 16th, April 6th NO BIG NOIZ 4/20 (Easter Sunday), May 4th...

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

There will be one worship service on 5/18 at 9:30 a.m. followed immediately by the annual meeting. Saturday evening worship will be at 6:00 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on

> May 2, 2025 11:30 to 5:00



Please watch your bulletin for information regarding sign-up for an appointment to give blood or to donate your time or food items for the event.

"The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood."



Tickets for sale after each service April 19, 20, 26, & 27.
Visit table outside fellowship hall or call/text
Justine Clark to purchase (814-207-4931).





THRSDAY SPOT

HELP NEEDED! Volunteer as a chaperone for this new "after school" program sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium and the Blair Regional YMCA!

Our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead and other local church leaders are looking for volunteers to assist in chaperoning a new after school program at the Y. "Thursday Spot" is every Thursday, 3:00-5:00pm. As leaders get this new effort off the ground, we are looking for adults who feel led to serve local youth. The Spot includes snacks, games, optional light devotions, open gym, and space for youth to hang out. The Y experiences a large number of students who gather in the after school hours. This program will be an asset in forming positive relationships with youth in our community, promoting events and ministry, and more! "Thursday Spot" is open to all 7th Graders and Y members through 12th Grade. Chaperones are most importantly a set of eyes and ears, but there will also be opportunity to lead activities.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Ryan at (814) 695-0091 or at ryncust@gmail.com. All will need to have a Child Abuse Clearance and State Police Background Check on file with the church office. Chaperones will have an opportunity to sign up for as little or as many Thursdays as they wish.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

The Allegheny Synod will conduct its annual meeting October 31th & November 1, 2025. The CPC has selected **®Ryan Custead**, **@Gary Launtz**, **®Beth Lyon** and **®Christina Pavlock** to represent Zion.

Any active member of the congregation may provide further nominations. These nominees shall be active members of the congregation. We are asking that any individual nominations be submitted to the Congregational Planning Council (CPC) by May 4, 2025.

If there are additional nominees, the election of Synod Assembly delegates will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, May 18, 2025**. Election shall be by a plurality of the active members voting.

If there are no nominations beyond those provided by the Congregational Planning Council, an election will be deemed unnecessary, and the slate of nominees will be appointed.

In the event that it becomes impossible for a delegate to attend the Synod Assembly, the Congregational Planning Council shall have the authority to appoint an alternate.

