

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church
Hollidaysburg, PA
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“Proclaiming Jesus Christ and
inviting people into life in his
name; a life of worship, learning,
fellowship, giving and witness.”

*Denotes when the congregation should stand

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and
in thanks for our Zion community by Mike & Laura Jones.

NOTES ON LITURGY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE/MEDITATION

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

***THE ENTRANCE HYMN:** “*The Day of Resurrection!*” (ELW 361)



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

***THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

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

***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.**

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P: Let us pray. **C:** Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,

suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 30 (Spoken)

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.

⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance.**

⁵ God’s wrath is short; God’s favor¹ lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.

⁶ **While I felt se-¹cure, I said,
“I shall never¹ be disturbed.**

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.

⁸ **I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,**

⁹ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper.”**

¹¹ You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.

¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

***VERSE “Christ Is Arisen” Vs. 1 (LBW 136)**

1 Christ is arisen
from the grave’s dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our comfort true will be.
Alleluia!

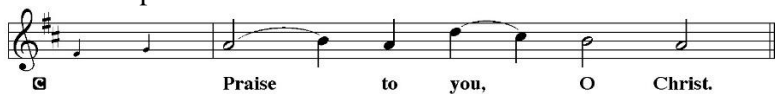
*GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



*VERSE “Christ Is Arisen” Vs. 2 & 3 (LBW 136 - Reprise)

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| 2 | Were Christ not arisen, | we praise the Father of our Lord. |
| | then death were still our prison. | Alleluia! |
| | Now, with him to life restored, | |

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” (LBW 144)**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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

*SANCTUS

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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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



☞ 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.

COMMUNION

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

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

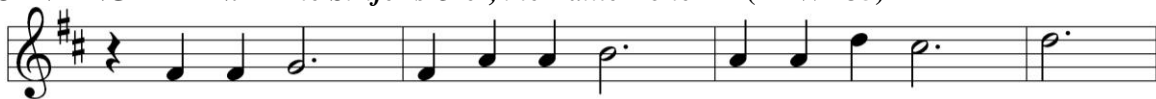
*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

*SENDING HYMN: “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (LBW 135)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death’s sting



vic - tor’s tri - umph won! Now be the
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry
heav’n’s high por - tals fell. Let hymns of
free your ser - vants too, that we may



song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL: P: Alleluia! Go in Peace. Rejoice and be glad. **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

The Ministers:	The People of Zion
Pastor:	David Bowman
Organists/Accompanists:	Doug Rhodes Gail Nedimyer
Choir Directors:	
Noiz	Ryan Custead
STAFF	
Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach	Ryan Custead
Sexton/Custodian	Rick Fairhead
Administrative Assistant	Joni Hammaker

DAILY BIBLE READING
May 5TH ~ May 11TH

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

5. Exodus 29
6. Exodus 30
7. Exodus 31
8. Exodus 32
9. Exodus 33
10. Exodus 34
11. EASTER 4
ACTS 9:36-43
PSALM 23 (1)
REVELATION 7:9-17
JOHN 10:22-30

This Week at Zion – 5/4/25 – 5/11/25

Sunday 5/4 Sequanota Work Day
8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service
9:00 a.m. Noiz Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)
10:00 a.m. Big Noiz Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

Monday 5/5
Serving Squad

Tuesday 5/6
5:30 p.m. Girl's Night Out

Wednesday 5/7
9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

4:30 p.m. FaithFormers
Thursday 5/8
10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

Friday 5/9

Saturday 5/10
8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 5/11
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.

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

5/19 - The Serving Squad will be preparing Chicken Alfredo. Donations of Alfredo Sauce, Pasta: Penne or Rotini, Mozzarella Cheese, & Parmesan Cheese would be appreciated. Please return your donations to the Outreach Room by 5/18.



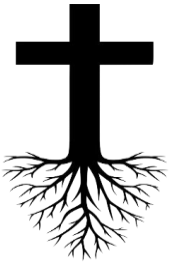
Other items that are needed by The Hope Drop-in Center are: Bananas, Mandarin Oranges, Desserts, Coffee, Sugar, Powdered Creamer. These items can be placed in the Outreach room as well.

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

Memorial Camper Fund

Leave no camper behind!

Established in honor of Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and those who have led young people in faith.



Faith Riders is establishing a special fund to support Zion's continued youth camping and retreat ministries. Camping programs at Sequanota and other Christian camps have had an indelible impact on young people's lives for generations. Zion is a strong supporter and partner of church camping. Historically, Zion has sent large numbers of kids to camp each year, and it is a blessing to continue in this effort. In a rapidly changing world, church camping remains a viable and proven effort of ministry. Young people find faith, self confidence, teamwork, positive relationships and much more at camp. The "Memorial Camp Fund" will ensure that youth continue to have access to these tools and gifts. The fund will also help Zion continue to increase the number of campers we send to camp amidst rising costs.

*Specifically, the fund will allow Zion to send kids to camp who may not have the resources to contribute financially. It will also allow our families to contribute and pay for camp as they are able. **Faith Riders, Zion members, and anyone** is invited to support our camping and retreat ministries by making contributions to this fund.* The "Memorial Camper Fund" is established in honor of the faithfulness with which Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and other saints before us have invested in our youth. Give to the fund in your offering or in the church office by marking your contribution as "Memorial Camper Fund".

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. Psalm 127:3



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1st-5th

5:15-8:15pm

@ Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street
Hollidaysburg

Begins with dinner!

Games, lessons, crafts, songs, FREE!

Preschool-6th Grade
 Register at 695-0091
 or online at zionhollidaysburg.org





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 HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

THURSDAY 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.

Pentecost Geraniums

Orders due Sunday, June 1st

If you would like to place a geranium in the sanctuary in memory or honor of loved ones, or in thanks for blessings, please fill in the form below and return it to the church office. **The cost per plant is \$6.50.**

(The pots will be 5.5" this year as opposed to 6.5")

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I would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_ geranium plants

\_\_\_\_ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form and payment to the church office.** PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Graduate Recognition Sunday

Zion will be recognizing our High School and college graduates for 2025 on **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be a special coffee hour for graduates following the 10:45 service. We will have gifts at the coffee hour for all of our High School graduates.

Congrats to the class of 2025!

## Outdoor Property Work Day & Geranium Planting

**Saturday, May 24  
@ 9:00 a.m.**

Removing shrubs on Union  
Street in brick planter

**What to bring:** Work Gloves, Shovels, Pick-up  
Trucks & chains for pulling

**Monday, June 9  
@ 1:00 p.m.**

Help Plant Pentecost Geraniums

**What to bring:** Gloves & Trowels

**Questions:** Contact Chuck Kormanski  
814-880-6411

**We can really use your help!!**



*Class*  
**2025**

**CALLING  
ALL 2025  
GRADUATES**

Be part of our  
Zion Graduates  
Bulletin Board

**We want to highlight your achievement!**

Complete this form with your photo and submit to the church office,  
or email everything to: [news@zionholidaysburg.org](mailto:news@zionholidaysburg.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating from \_\_\_\_\_

What's Next? \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget to include a photo!

Deadline for submissions: May 15th

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES**

The Allegheny Synod will conduct its annual meeting October 31<sup>th</sup> & November 1, 2025. The CPC has selected ①**Ryan Custead**, ②**Gary Launtz**, ③**Beth Lyon** and ④**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.