

Zion Lutheran Church

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

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Pastoral Letter

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ~ Isaiah 35:10



Beloved Saints,

The grace of Christ be with you all. Amen

At its May meeting, the Zion church council developed further plans for our reopening. Already we have begun holding daily services of Holy Communion in small groups, and they will continue. We encourage you to attend. Please call ahead to sign-up for a time so that we may be prepared for you (the next page has more information). In addition, the council selected the weekend of Sunday, June 28, as the date in which we will reopen for regular in-person services.

That date is later than some churches and earlier than others. It allows us time to work with the elders, ushers, altar guild, and others as we adopt precautions and prepare for your return. It also gives us the opportunity to see how things develop with COVID-19 in our state and make necessary adjustments. The church council will meet at least one more time before that weekend to review plans.

As the time approaches, we will send you more information about what to expect. Of course, the best way to prepare for worship is the way that God gives us: the way of daily repentance for our sins. To walk on this way we wear our best clothes, which are the clothes of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Dressed so richly in God's Holy Spirit, we are ready for anything.

Peace!

Pastor Gjerde

P.S. We're developing new plans for summer online offerings! There will be new Bible studies, children's activities, and some scheduling changes. **Watch pages 4-5 for new information!**

Liturgy

receiving the gifts

Sunday Broadcast 9 AM Live

WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM, www.wsau.com

Please see the order of service provided with this newsletter to follow the service coming this next Sunday.

Facebook Live Stream

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Matins: 10:00 AM, Wednesday

Vespers: 6:30 PM, Wednesday

Music at MIDDAY: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday and Thursday

Most videos are mirrored on our YouTube channel and website (www.zionlutheranwausau.com).

Daily Holy Communion *(in small groups)*

11:00 AM, Sunday

12:15 PM, Monday-Friday

- + *Please call ahead (715-848-7286) to sign up.*
- + *We are seeking to gather in small numbers to manage the suggestions for social distancing.*
- + *Holy Communion will be administered in accordance with guidelines provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the counsel of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and the experience of sister Lutheran congregations in similar contexts.*

Hymnals for You

Copies of the green Lutheran Book of Worship are available for you at Zion. Call the church office and we will arrange for “curbside carry-out” of a hymnal for your home.



Catechumenate

learning the gifts

Facebook Live Streams

Sundays: Bible Study, 10:15 AM

May 31: “God’s Ghost: Meeting the Holy Spirit”

Tuesdays: Table Talk, 9:00 AM.

All of June: “Splendor: The Church in True Color”

Join Zion’s pastors as they unpack from the Bible and Lutheran Confession what the Church is and could be.

Life Streams are recorded and posted on our website (www.zionlutheranwausau.com) and YouTube.

Children and Youth

Materials for teaching the faith to children are available at our website (www.zionlutheranwausau.com) under the “Education” tab.

Zion hosts a website geared towards youth at **www.faithlife.com/zlc-yg/activity**.

Word at the Middle of the Week

A video devotion is posted on Wednesday afternoon.

E-Devotion

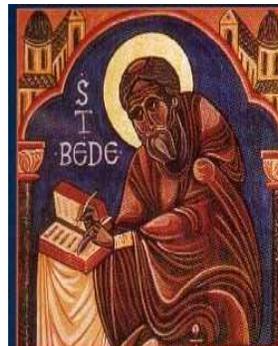
To receive a devotion each Wednesday by email, contact the church office or send an email to zion@zionlutheranwausau.com.

Remembering

examples of the faith in May

May 24: The Venerable Bede

Bede (A.D. 673-735) was the last of the early church fathers and the first to compile the history of the English church. Born in Northumbria, Bede was given by his parents to a monastery in Northern England at the age of seven. The most learned man of his time, he was a prolific writer of history, whose careful use of sources provided a model for historians in the Middle Ages.



Outreach and Mercy

sharing and being the gifts

Monthly Mission Emphases:

Lutheran CORE

Goal: \$2,000

The purpose of Lutheran CORE can be summed up in two words – *Network* and *Voice*. As a *network*, Lutheran CORE supports and connects Lutheran individuals and congregations who seek to live in accord with Biblical teachings and practices. As a *Prophetic Voice*, Lutheran CORE advocates for Biblical authority among churches of the Lutheran community.

The NEXUS Institute, Des Moines, Iowa

Goal: \$1,000

NEXUS exists to transform the landscape of the Lutheran Church through innovative and intentional development of young adults who want to be more involved in the nexus of faith, life, and the church. It hosts week-long programs for high school students who have completed their 9th grade year where the students engage in theological learning, leadership development, and vocational discernment. It operates through Grandview University.

Care Team

If you need assistance with running groceries or other light chores during this time of confinement, Zion's care team may be able to help. Call the church office and ask to speak with a pastor.

Praying

in our prayers this week

Persecuted Christians in: Burkina Faso, Mali, Sri Lanka

Sister Congregation: Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries: Elliot & Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators

Those who need our on-going prayers: Hilmar Baumann, Karen Baumann, Dave Bevington, Max Breon, Les Brolliar, Rich Cornell, Ruth Draeger, Carol Edelburg, Barbara Ellen, Dennis Falk, Rita Falk, Ben Fiedler, Lydia Hauge, Ken Heinzen, Avery Kluck, Annette Lach, Olivia Lang, Debra Mertes, Grace Mueller, Maggie Otto, Tina Parker, Barb Ramker, Trandy Revie, Krista Salas, David Skola,

Praying *(continued from previous page)*

Jody Slack, Lynn Welles, Mark Wendorff, Nancy, Jim, Delores, Richard, Zion's homebound members

Funeral Gladys Langenhahn fell asleep in Christ on May 17 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. A private graveside burial was held through Zion, to be followed by a public service at a later date.

A "Note" from Kantor

The Hymn of the Day for May 31 is "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,"- LBW 163; the Hymn of the Day for the Day of Pentecost. This hymn by Martin Luther was based on the Latin chant used as an antiphon for Vespers of the Vigil of Pentecost.

"At first glance, the hymn appears to consist of disconnected statements about the Holy Spirit. Yet these phrases are joined together by a common thread: Jesus Christ."

Stanza 1 - is a litany of praise for the Spirit's work which includes granting gifts to believers in Christ - namely forgiveness, life, and salvation through the Means of Grace. Also included is the imparting of the "fervent love" which is a fruit of the Spirit and a "plea for the Holy Spirit to grant unity to the Church on earth" through the "brightness of your light" [Christ.]

Stanza 2 - describes the work of the Spirit as "revealing and delivering Christ and His gifts." This reflects what Luther states in the Small Catechism, "the Holy Spirit keeps the whole Christian Church 'with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.'"

Stanza 3 - "names the Holy Spirit as **holy Fire**, which is reminiscent of the tongues of fire on Pentecost." The Holy Spirit strengthens and comforts the Christian throughout life until "his Baptism is finally brought to completion in death." (Romans 8:11). [*Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns: vol. 1:421-423*]

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Joy in Jesus,

News & Events

Attention Graduates!

If you have a son or daughter graduating this spring, please call the church office with the information. The Elders of Zion also want to stay in touch with them! Please include their email address with graduation information. Names will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving

In addition to mail and in-person giving, Zion offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience and provides ongoing donation consistency for our congregation. Call the church office if you are interested.

Women of Zion

Just a reminder, the Spring Salad Buffet at Zion has been canceled this year. But save those recipes for the return of the Salad Buffet in May, 2021! Also, the formal election of officers will be held in late summer-early fall this year. We hope everyone is staying safe and have a most blessed summer.

Part-time Position at GWCS

Greater Wausau Christian Services (GWCS) is currently looking to fill the part-time position of Administrative Assistant. If interested, please call their office at 715-842-5635 and leave a message if there is no answer. Or, you can e-mail them at gwcs@mail.com.

Portals of Prayer

The April—June Portals of Prayer are available by the church office reception area. Large print copies are also available. If you cannot come to church to get a copy, please call us and we will mail you one.

News & Events

Officer Volunteers Needed for Strassenfest

—Event Co-Chair: Strassenfest Chairs Dave and Lori Torkko, who brought growth and innovation through their event leadership for the past 5 years, are ready to pass the baton to another set of event chairs. We need an event co chair to partner with Lee Anderton, a longtime Strassenfest volunteer, who has committed to serve one half of the co-chair position.

—Event Treasurer: The event's longtime treasurer, Gloria Brauer, has moved out of state. We are seeking a volunteer to become the Strassenfest Treasurer. Please consider lending your accounting skills for this worthy fundraising event.

For questions or interest, please contact Dave or Lori Torkko at 715-216-3443 or dtorkko@pcpros.net. We'd like to fill these positions asap so planning can begin for Strassenfest 2020!

Memorials & Other Gifts Received

- **In memory of Elroy Tapper**, David Lee, Lauren Fasiang, Rachel Fasiang, William Pickering & Joy Tapper, Carol Campbell, Anne & Lamont Jacobson, Sharon & Roger Hanke, Pauline Chinnock, and other family and friends gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Elroy Tapper**, Terry & Annette Lach and Judy Cherwinka gave a gift to the Hansen/Property Improvement Fund.
- **In memory of Elroy Tapper**, Verda Bliese, Evelyn Fawley, Dindy & Steve Jansen, Beth Flory, and other family and friends gave a gift to the Altar Guild for a new Banner.
- **In memory of Marcia Gjerde**, Terry & Annette Lach gave a gift to the Hansen/Property Improvement Fund.
- **In memory of Marcia Gjerde**, Delores Wendorf and Doris Smith & Darlene Jaeger gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Marcia Gjerde**, Mark & Mary Wendorff gave a gift to the Music Fund.



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD


 People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.
 

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	___ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
 _raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, tambourine, lyre, pipe, cymbals.
 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Calendar

for the coming week

Sunday • May 24 (*Seventh Sunday of Easter*)

9:00 AM Worship, Live Radio Broadcast, WSAU 550 AM
10:15 AM Bible Study, Facebook
11:00 AM Holy Communion (call 715-848-7286 to sign-up)

Monday • May 25 (*St. Bede the Venerable*)

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion (call to sign-up)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Tuesday • May 26

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion (call to sign-up)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Wednesday • May 27

10:00 AM Matins, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion (call to sign-up)
6:30 PM Vespers, Facebook

Thursday • May 28

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion (call to sign-up)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Friday • May 29

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion (call to sign-up)
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Saturday • May 30 (*Vigil of Pentecost*)



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