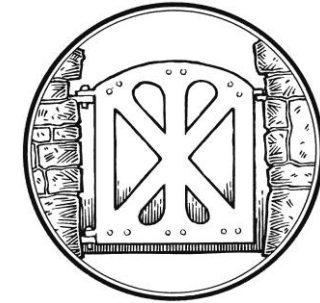


Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Altar Flowers

If you would like to help adorn the chancel with flowers for the Divine Service, signups are on the bulletin board in the Narthex! It's a beautiful way to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or a special occasion!

Payments may be made to Susan Colles.

Special Voters Meeting

There will be a Voters Meeting immediately following the Divine Service regarding changes to the church constitution. Copies of the proposed changes are available in the Narthex.

Fall Fest Meeting

There will be a Fall Fest meeting immediately following the Voters Meeting. Please stay to keep in touch with Fall Fest plans!

Memorial Service and Potluck

Our annual outdoor Memorial Service will be held next Sunday, May 3 at 10 AM. We will meet underneath the Pavillion for our prayer service. There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** in the morning. There will be a potluck immediately following the service.

Baby Shower

Save the Date for Rachel Ralston's baby shower on Saturday, May 30th. Time and place to be announced soon!

The path of discipleship is narrow, and it is fatally easy to miss one's way and stray from the path, even after years of discipleship. And it is hard to find. On either side of the narrow path deep chasms yawn. To be called to a life of extraordinary quality, to live up to it, and yet to be unconscious of it is indeed a narrow way. To confess and testify to the truth as it is in Jesus, and at the same time to love the enemies of that truth, his enemies and ours, and to love them with the infinite love of Jesus Christ, is indeed a narrow way. To believe the promise of Jesus that his followers shall possess the earth, and at the same time to face our enemies unarmed and defenseless, preferring to incur injustice rather than to do wrong ourselves, is indeed a narrow way. To see the weakness and wrong in others, and at the same time refrain from judging them; to deliver the gospel message without casting pearls before swine, is indeed a narrow way. The way is unutterably hard, and at every moment we are in danger of straying from it. If we regard this way as one we follow in obedience to an external command, if we are afraid of ourselves all the time, it is indeed an impossible way. But if we behold Jesus Christ going on before step by step, we shall not go astray. But if we worry about the dangers that beset us, if we gaze at the road instead of at him who goes before, we are already straying from the path. For he is himself the way, the narrow way and the strait gate. He, and he alone, is our journey's end. When we know that, we are able to proceed along the narrow way through the strait gate of the cross, and on to eternal life, and the very narrowness of the road will increase our certainty. The way which the Son of God trod on earth, and the way which we too must tread as citizens of two worlds, on the razor edge between this world and the kingdom of heaven, could hardly be a broad way. The narrow way is bound to be right.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

April 26, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Syria, Nigeria, Iraq, Maldives, Saudi Arabia

Partner Church:

Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Kathleen Kremers Jodie Rowe Keaton Fugate
Alynn Wells Dennis Rowe Danny Gallagher

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan Rick Shott

Anniversaries:

Brian & Laura Cotner – April 26th
Demian & Becky Schrock – April 29th

The Fruits of Our Faith – 04/19/2026

Offering: \$1,820 Food Pantry: \$15

Worship: 67

Adult Sunday School: 15 Children's Sunday School: 5

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Pastor: Rev. Joshua Ralston

Altar Guild: Kathryn Higgs, Pattie Ward

Organist: Susan Colles ✠ **Acolyte:** Ellie Kuretsch

Trustee: Aaron West ✠ **Elder:** Greg Kremers

Ushers: Aaron West, Justin Franco,
Craig Fugate, Joe Villalobos

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Guests: Please see Communion guidelines in the welcome sheet in the pew.

Introit

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

- P** I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life | for the sheep.
- C** **Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;***
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
- P** Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
- C** **For the Lord is a | great God,***
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- P** Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!
- C** **For he | is our God,***
and we are the people of his pasture, and
the sheep | of his hand.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life | for the sheep.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
- C** **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;**
he has put all things under his feet.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Epistle – I Peter 2:19-25 (p. 1204)

Holy Gospel – John 10:1-10 (p. 1065)

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