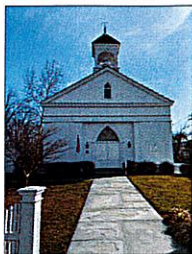


# May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for the livestream of the worship service.

The altar flowers are given by Kristen Esposito Rainer in memory of Ron Rupp.

### 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister — Josh Clark  
 Acolyte — Olivia Bryson  
 Greeters — Janet Hornich & Sandy Matsen  
 Ushers — Gerry Dehkes & Joe Iannacone  
 Altar Guild — Anita Zarate

### 11:00 a.m.

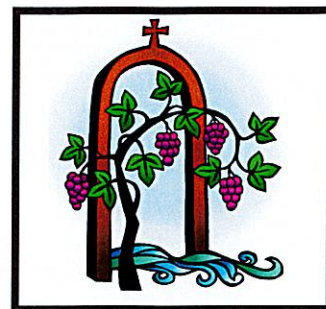
Assisting Minister — Brian Reilly  
 Acolyte — Caleb Schumann  
 Greeters — Joanne Rupp & Carolyn Schroeder  
 Ushers — Rick Schroeder & David Wintemute  
 Altar Guild — Lynn Fuller & Dorothy Wuest

### 8:30 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	<i>"Come, We That Love the Lord"</i>	ELW 625
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"</i>	ELW 708

### 11:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	<i>"Come, We That Love the Lord"</i>	ELW 625
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Come Down, O Love Divine"</i>	ELW 804
Sending Hymn	<i>"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"</i>	ELW 836



## April 28th Attendance

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
32	80



## Financial Summary YTD

### INCOME

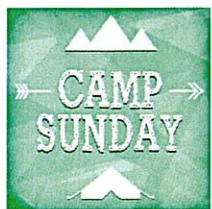
\$94,683

### EXPENSES

-\$107,091

### DIFFERENCE

-\$12,408



Are you a lifelong camper, your faith formed by yearly trips into the woods? Or perhaps you have never been to camp and wonder what all the fuss is about. Whatever your background, you are invited to experience the joy of outdoor ministry at Zion's Camp Sunday services next Sunday, May 12th at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. We will be led in worship by Anthony Briggs, Executive Director at Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center, as we shine a light on the things God is doing outside our walls. Please **wear your best camping clothes** as we gather in worship, song, and celebration!



Next Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the first of three **Endowment Sundays** for 2024. The other Endowment Sundays will be on Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a tribute to all mothers, please consider giving what you can to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please remember, too, that the church will accept non-cash contributions, toward the endowment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office or a member of the Endowment Committee. Envelopes marked "Endowment Fund" are currently available at the back of the church and will be handed out by the ushers next Sunday.



Give to Zion from your phone!

Scan the QR code to be directed to Tithely's electronic giving site.



Being baptized at this morning's 11:00 a.m. service is Harper James Campbell, daughter of James and Heather Campbell. Dennis & Dorothy Wuest are the proud grandparents.

## First Reading: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

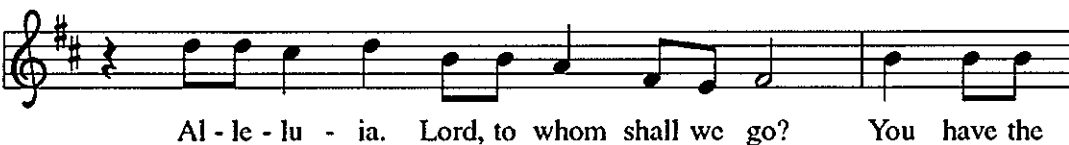
<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (11 a.m.)

*“O Magnify the Lord”*

John Purifoy

O magnify the Lord with me, exalt His name together! O magnify the Lord with me and praise His holy name!  
I sought the Lord, He answered me and delivered me from danger,  
O taste and see the Lord is good, Take refuge now in Him!  
O magnify the Lord with me, exalt His name together! O magnify the Lord with me and praise His holy name!  
I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall boast in the Lord.  
I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from fear. O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
O magnify the Lord with me, exalt His name together! O magnify the Lord with me and praise His holy name!  
O magnify, O magnify the Lord! Exalt His name and magnify the Lord!



On May 19th, Zion's youth, families, and mentors are invited to go **miniature golfing!** We'll gather on the third floor at the CEB at 12:15 for a pizza lunch and then head to Farmview Golf Center in Hackettstown for fun and fellowship! The cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office to let us know whether you can attend, and contact Jaime Van-  
Nostrand with any questions you may have.



FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN



The Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is coming to Zion on May 31st—June 1st. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact Rebecca Melick at rrmelick@gmail.com or 908-229-3744 with any questions you may have.

REGISTER HERE →



Sunday, June 2nd, is going to be packed with fun! First we will celebrate the young people of our congregation with a special **Youth Sunday** single service at 9:30 a.m. After worship everyone is invited down to the CEB where we will all work together to assemble shoebox-style gift packages for **Operation Christmas Child**. This event is open to people of all ages — a perfect opportunity for the whole family to work together and have some fun!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 24th - 28th

Registration forms can be found at the back of the sanctuary.