

Zion Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:30 p.m. May 4, 2024
9:00 a.m. May 5, 2024

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.

Worship details: In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RINGING OF BELL

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!
C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!
C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!
C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

GREETING

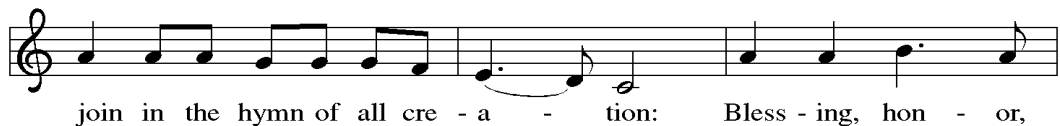
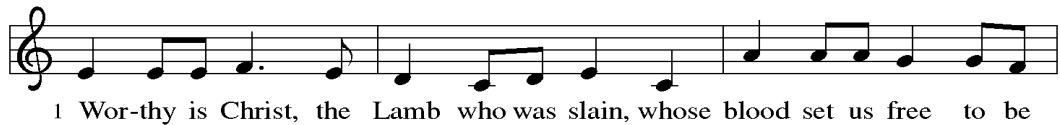
P Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Acts 10:44-48 *While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *(read responsively)*

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

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the

earth have seen the victory of our God.

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

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

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

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

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

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-6 *God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 15:9-17 *On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

P The holy gospel according to John. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Julie Higgs

HYMN:

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

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NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Each petition ends with: God of grace. Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Sit

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P God has given us new and everlasting life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us always offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

ELW (red book) # 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

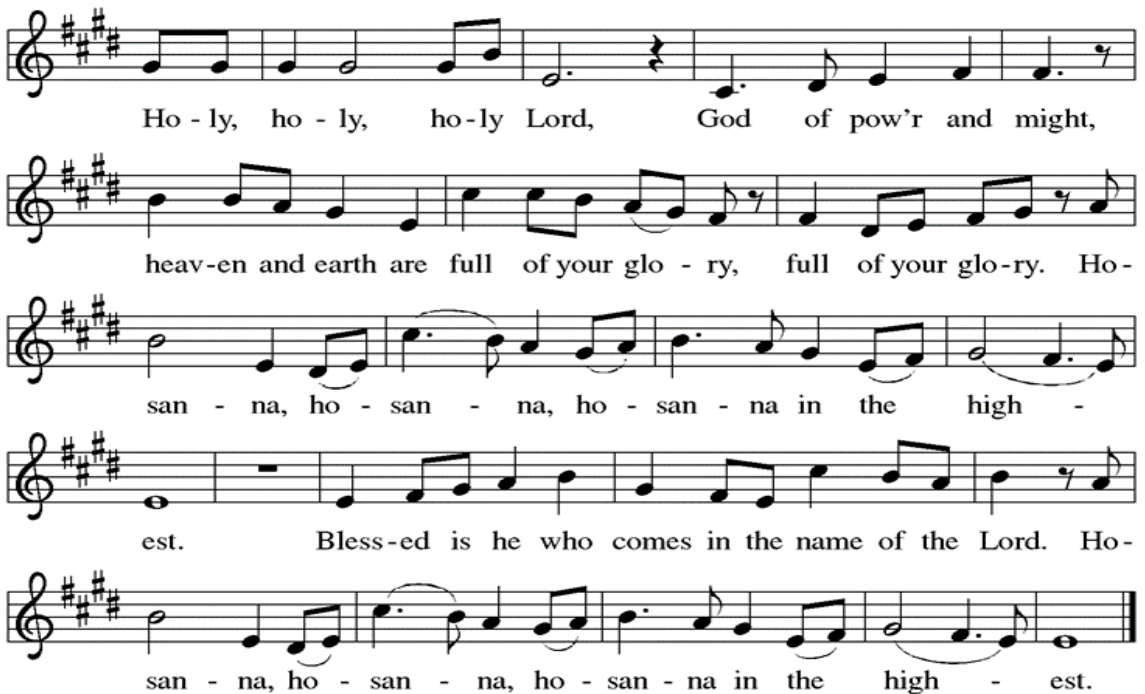
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise,**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... .. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

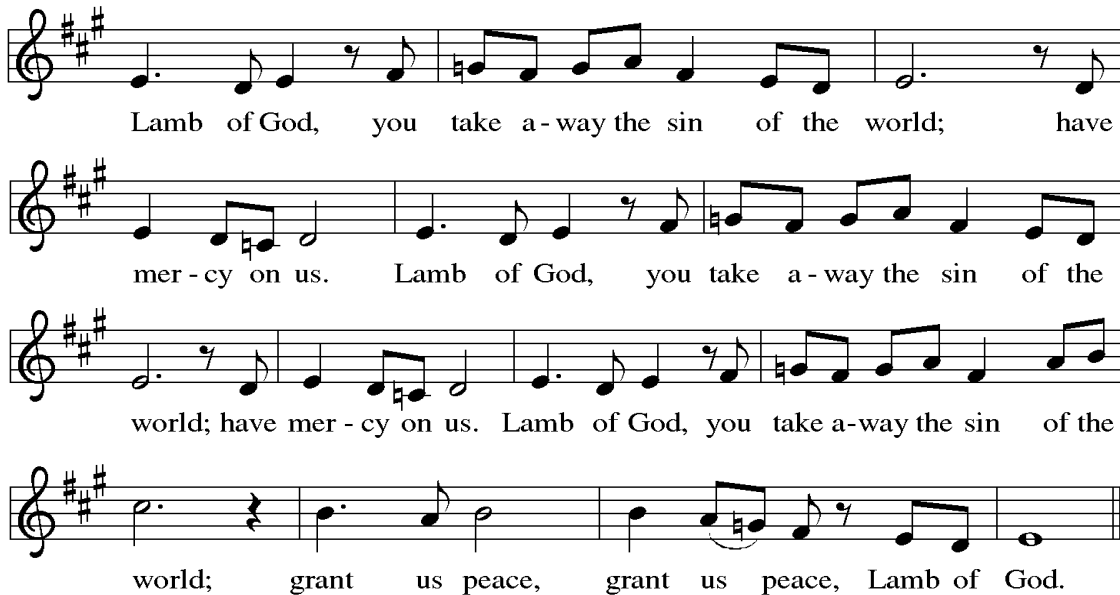
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at Christ's table.

Please sit. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.



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, Lamb of God.

Communion hymns:

"Beautiful Savior"

"Jesus Loves Me"

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ELW (red book) # 595

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **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 Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come; And all



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son. And all praise to the



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
spread the news that God is in our land.
dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride.
Spir - it, who makes us one.



love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love._____

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DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Proclaimer:	Pastor Julie Higgs	Pastor Julie Higgs
Organist:	Donica Vonderohe	Donica Vonderohe
Worship Assistant:	Patti Lauritzen	Shirleen Jackson
Communion Servers:	Diane Dinning & Linda Dutchess	Patti Lauritzen & Deb Vath
Greeters:	Helen Steen	Mark & Gina Truninger

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Bob & Wanda Walker.

NAME TAGS: The Evangelism Committee requests that you please begin wearing your name tags if you don't already. This allows Pastor Julie to get a chance to put names with faces as well as helping newer members do the same. If you do not have a name tag or are in need of a replacement, please contact Amanda in the office. The cost for replacement nametags is \$10.70 per nametag.

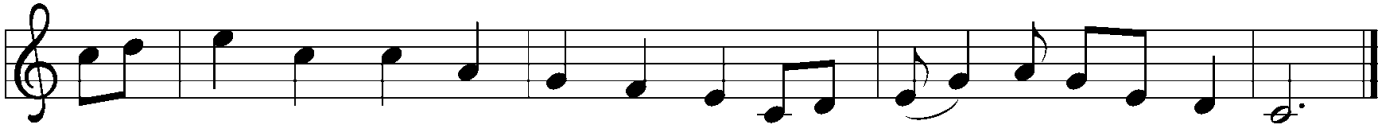
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE EVENT: This is the weekend! Join the Fellowship Committee in the dining room after Sunday's service for a Hot Brown sandwich, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit and cookies! We look forward to seeing you there.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: We will continue our partnership with St. Paul Lutheran Church to offer a fun Vacation Bible School. This opportunity is for children ages 3-Grade 5. Please spread the word to grandchildren, neighborhood children, children's friends. All are invited! Family meal starts at 4:45 pm with VBS activities from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Theme: Animals in God's Word Dates: July 22-25 Family Meal, Crafts, Music, Outdoor FUN!

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com-pas-sion-ate, bore ev-'ry hu-man pain.
2 As once you wel-comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre-ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis-tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat-ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do-main.
so may all bruised and bro-ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be-come love's o-pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up-on a cross em-brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a-lone,
We are your bod-y, ris-en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser-vant church that walks your ser-vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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Beautiful Savior



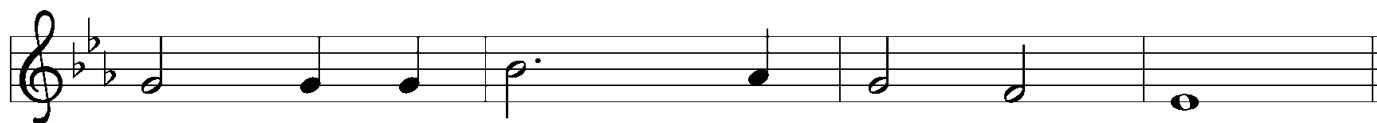
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

LADIES NITE OUT: Save the date for May 9th's Ladies Night Out potluck dinner. There will be a social time in the dining room at 5:30 pm with the dinner being served at 6pm. All women who are members or those who regularly attend Zion services are invited to this event. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex prior to May 5th to indicate what dish or dishes you will be bringing. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Petersen at 563-249-5867 or Dorothea Olsen at 563-242-8723.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION: During the worship services next weekend, May 11th & 12th, we will be recognizing those in our congregation who will be celebrating their graduation from high school this year. If you are a senior in high school, you are invited to participate in this recognition. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Julie at pastorjulie@zionlutheranclinton.org or 563-242-7391.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 6th:	6:00 pm– Girl Scouts
Tuesday, May 7th	9:30 am– Card Club
	5:00 pm– Executive Committee
	5:50 pm– All Committee Night
Wednesday, May 8th:	9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
	1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle
	5:30 pm– Adult Choir
Thursday, May 9th:	Ladies Nite Out
Friday, May 10th:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday, May 11th:	9:30 am– GriefShare
	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, May 12th:	9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 27th 5:30 attendance	51
Sunday, April 28th 9:00 attendance	<u>90</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	141

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

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Monday, June 17th 3:00pm – 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall *(439 Third Ave S, Clinton)*

To book your appointment, please scan the QR code below, contact Deb Vath at djvath@mchsi.com or visit us online at www.bloodcenter.org. Use group # 2827

Appointments preferred.



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