

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 3 2026
ALL CREATION SINGS SETTING 12**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 29)

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
the *Ottawa River, The fresh water lakes of the Ottawa Valley*,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.
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We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

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GATHERING SONG *Lord God, We Praise You* (ELW 558)

1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,
active and watchful, standing here before you;
singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
thus we adore you.

2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where your saints united
joy without ending.

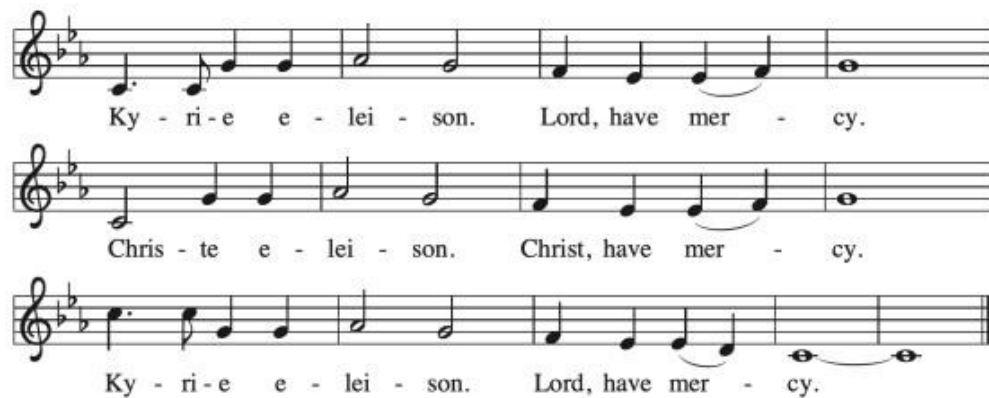
3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (ACS p. 31)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31 verse 2)



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from 1 Peter.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so

that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Are the Way* (ELW 758)

1 You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.

2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

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NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Eva, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Lorna, Dorothy, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie, and those we name in our hearts and minds*). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Be Not Afraid* (ELW 388) 2X

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.
Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our
communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes on each staff.

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

As the shadows lengthen,
we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,
deep with the mystery of your creative labor
through all time and space.

We praise you for the fertile earth
and for the life its darkness holds and births:
plants of every variety,
animals curled in sleep,
humankind you shaped by your own hand.
Stay with us, for it is evening.
Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night
you led your people into freedom.
At day's end
you rained down manna in the wilderness.
At sundown
your Son brought healing to people in need.
In the midday night
when Jesus died on the cross,
life came forth for all.
Stay with us, for it is evening.
Stay with us, for it is evening.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen,
hold us close through the coming night.
Watch with those who labor,
accompany those who long for peaceful sleep,
welcome those whose waking will be only in you.
Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit,
make here the body of Christ:
in the breaking of the bread,
in justice for our broken world,
in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God,
painter of both night and day,
guiding star and healing sun,
breath of peace and wind of change,
be all glory, all honor, all praise
this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *In the Singing* (ELW 466)

1 In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,

Refrain

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

2 In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people, **Refrain**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *I Received the Living God* (ELW 477)

Refrain

**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.**

1 Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. **Refrain**

2 Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew. **Refrain**

3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free. **Refrain**

4 Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. **Refrain**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in ✝ Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* (ELW 619 vs. 1,2,3,4,8)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday April 26 2026: 75

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: May 4 –10

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	5:30 pm	Messy Church
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Mtg.
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Ella Smith
Guest Pianist:	Liane Jurmalietis
Sexton:	Don Boldt
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Doug & Pauline Malliff
Ushers:	Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour:	Steve & Evelyn Boland

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie Schmidt.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Please welcome and thank our guest Pianist Liane Jurmalielis for sharing her musical stylings with us today. 🎹🎹🎹

CONFIRMATION CLASS Confirmation classes will be on **Wednesday May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 2026 at 6:15 pm.**

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday May 4th at 5:30 pm** for Food, Crafts, Stories, Games, Fun – FREE! All ages welcome, bring a friend!

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 4th at 7:00 pm.**

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN The ZLW will be meeting on **Wednesday May 6th at 2:30 pm** with a presentation by Pastor Sue on the Theme - “*BREATHE*”

ZION THRIFT SHOP Our new Zion Thrift Shop will be opening on **Wednesday May 6th 2026 at 1:00 pm!** Please come to the side door at Munro and Miller St crossroads and look for our sign! Volunteers are still needed to help us run the shop. Please contact the office or Pastor Sue if you can help! Sign up sheets are posted on the events board.

😊 *Thank you for the wonderful response for donations to the Thrift Shop! Please note at this time we are at capacity for donations of clothes and will post in the bulletin when we can resume receiving more items.*

Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated!

PASTORAL CARE Pastoral Care will be meeting on **Monday May 11th at 10:00 am.**

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 12th at 7:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on **Wednesday May 13th & 27th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship. There will only be one morning social in April.

SUPPLES LANDING WORSHIP SERVICE On **Thursday May 21st at 2:00 pm** there will be a worship service with holy communion at Supples Landing.

MIXED & MENS CHOIRS – Men's Choir on **Tuesday's at 7:00 pm** and Mixed Choir on **Wednesday's at 7:00 pm.**

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

FOOD BANK MESSAGE OF THANKS Thank you to so many people who volunteered to work, donations of saleable items, people who organized our chaos at times, and the great camaraderie of workers working together to make the garage sale such a success. The food bank is ecstatic for such a generous donation.

Unfortunately our numbers are climbing, while, as we know, that prices are rising on everything. Thank you for all the generosity of donations, food, toiletries or anything else we can use.

I am so thankful to be a part of such a caring congregation!

God Bless *Debbie Sitkiewicz*



Join us the first Monday every month. We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.

Food - Crafts - Story

Monday May 4 at 5:30 pm

Games - Fun - Free!

Come for an evening of so much fun and bring a friend!



ZION THRIFT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thrift Shop

Wednesday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on
Wed. May 6, 2026
At 2:30 pm

"BREATH"

Presentation by Pastor Sue

Coffee and snacks to follow!

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