

*Mt. Zion Ev.
Lutheran Church*



The 6th Sunday after Easter

Sunday, May 26th, 2019

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal, as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or if you have any questions. We are glad you are here!

IF YOUR CHILDREN BECOME RESTLESS: our church basement is equipped with an audio feed of the church service. Please feel free to make use of that service if you need a place to settle the children down before returning upstairs.

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please take a moment to fill out the ivory colored attendance card found in each pew or chair for our church records (guests and members alike). The cards will be collected around the time that the offering is taken after the sermon. Thank you for your help!

BIBLE TEXT: While our lessons are printed in the bulletin, you may appreciate reading them in their context from our pew Bibles; if so, note that the page number for each lesson is included.

THE ALTAR PARAMENTS are WHITE (symbolizing holiness) during the Easter Season, reminding us of the perfection Jesus' work has made ours, which also makes the glories of heaven ours! *He is risen indeed!!* **The Paschal Candle** is also lit in the Easter season representing the risen Christ, the Light of the world.

THEME OF THE DAY

Jesus prepares His followers for Ascension by giving a new command: love one another!

Opening Hymn: 148 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Order of Service: Today, we follow the ***New Common Service with Communion***, found in the blue Christian Worship Handout (***CWH***) you received as you entered today.

Prayer of the Day: O God, You form the minds of Your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that among all the changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (*Congregation speaks: Amen*)

THE WORD OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 SAMUEL 20:12-17 (found on page 230 of your pew Bibles)

Then Jonathan said to David, "I swear by the Lord, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? But if my father

intends to harm you, may the Lord deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the Lord be with you as he has been with my father. But show me unfailing kindness like the Lord's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth."

So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the Lord call David's enemies to account." And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself. (NIV2011)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing **Psalm 145** from found on page 119 of your Pew Hymnal. **[NOTE:** The Psalm Cantor will sing the 1st phrase & **the Congregation will sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet.** We **all join together to sing 'Glory be to the Father' & the Refrains.**]

(Refrain) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;**
his greatness no one can fathom.

*One generation will commend your works to another;**
they will tell of your mighty acts.

*The LORD upholds all those who fall**
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

(Refrain) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.**
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

*The LORD is near to all who call on him,**
to all who call on him in truth.

*He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;**
he hears their cry and saves them.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

(Refrain) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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EPISTLE/SERMON TEXT: REVELATION 21:1-6 (found on page 1004 of your pew Bibles)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life." (NIV2011)

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (John 14:6 cf. NIV)*

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35 (found on page 875 of your pew Bibles) - *After the gospel is announced, we join to sing: "Glory be to you O, Lord" (twice)*

When (Judas) was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (NIV2011) / We join to sing: '**Praise be to you, O Christ**' (twice)

The Nicene Creed: also found in the blue **CW** handout

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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

Hymn of the Day: 214 Jerusalem the Golden

Sermon by Pastor Steven L. Neumann on Revelation 21:1-6

'What will Heaven be like?'

Our Joyful Response: We join to sing '***Create in Me***' found on page 5 in the blue CWH

Our Offerings: The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry He has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection: Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). The cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through in the 2nd basket that comes around after the offering. Thank you!

Prayer of the Church – by pastor, concluding with the Lord's Prayer *together* (below):

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Sacrament: We continue with the preparations for receiving the Lord's Supper as found in *the very middle of the blue CW handout*, right side, under the Lord's Prayer.

The Distribution: If you are a guest or visitor, you may be interested and relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact God's Word makes it clear that He intends this sacrament only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and who have previously expressed their *fellowship* with the group they are taking it with, since it is a public confession of oneness in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17 & 11:24-26); that is what is meant by the Scriptural practice of "close communion". If you are a guest or visitor and have not had the chance to express common faith and a public declaration of fellowship with us, please observe today's communion service and speak with Pastor after the service or during the week; he'd be delighted to help you appreciate a "close" relationship with our congregation. Communicant member of our sister WELS or ELS congregations are welcome, but please announce your intent to commune with us to pastor or an usher before the service. A 'Personal Preparation for Holy Communion' tool can be found on page 156 at the front of Christian Worship; this is an excellent tool for 'examining ourselves' prior to communing, as a Christ commands (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Distribution Hymn: 377

Thanksgiving: After the Distribution, we continue on *the inside back cover of the blue handout (CWH)*, right column, with the singing of 'Song of Simeon' together.

Closing Hymn: 162 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

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*Thank you for worshiping with us.
Go with God's Word in your hearts and minds!*

<p>Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Grow in God's Word† Gather around His Word and Sacrament† Go into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.	
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Please feel free to return this *Worship Folder* to the Ushers at the door as you leave today for use in the next service, unless you want to take it home for devotional purposes. Thank you!

Mt Zion's Attendance Information

Our Growth in God's Word . . .

<i>Attendance: Sunday Attendance</i>	<i>xxx</i>
<i>Monday Attendance</i>	<i>xxx</i>
<i>Bible Study Attendance</i>	<i>xxx</i>
<i>Sunday School Attendance</i>	<i>xxx</i>

Special Thanks Today to Our . . .

- † **Organist:** Margaret Kohlstedt
- † **Elders:** Bill Demo & Todd Willer
- † **Ushers:**
 - **8:00am – Team 01** – Les Bailey, Mike DeRose, Jerad Whitefoot & Deb Bailey
 - **10:45am - Team 08** – Bill Fink, Scott Dankert, Ben Jeske & Alex Spurlock
- † **Psalm Cantor:** Jonathon Becker
- † **Landscaping Team: Team 07 – Brian & Matt Menarek**

Up Coming Servants. . .

- † **Organist:** Sam Kleinke
- † **Ushers:**
 - **8:00am – Team 02** – Tom Middlecamp, Jeremy Seibel, John Tegen & Scott Therriault
 - **10:45am - Team 09** – Keith Mentink, Kyle Carson, Fred Harmeyer, Arnold Zillmer & Mark Zillmer
- † **BSG:** Kohlstedt, M.Macht & Kopp
- † **Landscaping Team: Team 01** – Scott Therriault & Scott Dankert



PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE
TABLE, IN THE CHURCH
ENTRYWAY!!

Join us for our annual

*Praise in the Park
&
Church Picnic*

July 21, 2019 | Worship at 10am | Picnic at 11am
PETS Park Shelter # 3

Mt. Zion Church will provide hotdogs and table service. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share (also your own beverages, lawn chairs & recreational equipment).

NEWS & notes

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May 19th, 2019

THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

- Sunday** Communion Service – 8:00am
NO Bible studies or Sunday School (holiday weekend)
Communion Service – 10:45am
- Monday** ***No Worship Service or Bible Study – Happy Memorial Day!***
- Tuesday** *Quilting – 8:30am*
Bible Study – 10:00am
- Wednesday** *WICS Executive Com. Mtg – 6:30pm*
- Sunday** Worship Service – 8:00am
Summer Sun. School/Bible class – 9:15am
Worship Service – 10:45am
- Monday** Worship Service – 6:30pm

 *Study*
Topics This Week
ALL ARE WELCOME!

† ***Tuesday AM*** – Psalms:
God's Word for Practical
Daily Life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

Scrip Update - We just heard from SLHS that we received another \$920.49 of FREE money for ministry from the Scrip program since 11/1! That makes a total of \$1,748.29 since last May 1st!! Just for reference, that is just \$936 short of paying Mt Zion's portion for 1 of our church's student to attend SLHS for the year! Again, the simple act of our members planning ahead and buying Scrip cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, etc. that they will purchase anyway paid c. 2/3 of the church's cost to send 1 of our children to SLHS; it adds up!!



Praises in the Park/Church Picnic – The annual Mt Zion Outdoor Worship Service (*Praises in the Park*) and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 21st at Petrifying Springs (Pets) Park, shelter #3. The worship service begins at 10am in the park that day, with lunch, fellowship, and recreation to follow. The WICS group will provide hotdogs and the table service, and everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to pass, in addition to your own beverages, lawn chairs, and recreational equipment. *Please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the church entryway* if you

will attend the picnic lunch (so we know how many to order meat for) and indicate whether you will bring a side dish or dessert. Please make plans to attend this fun fellowship activity!

SPECIAL ELECTION/BUDGET SETTING Voter's Meeting – On Sunday, June 2nd, we will hold our annual Special Voter's Meeting in the fellowship hall to 1) respond to the elder's recommendation that we add a deaconess position, 2) elect leaders, and 3) pass a budget for the new fiscal year of ministry. We will have a potluck with this meeting also. Plan to join us for this very important ministry meeting!

Church Kingfish Game – The deadline to *pay* for your tickets is **NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 2nd**. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion; you can either mail a check to the church office (at 5927 37th Ave, Kenosha) or simply drop your payment in the offering plate clearly marking that it is for your seats for *the Kingfish game* (and note who gets all the tickets you are paying for). Can't wait to see you at the ballpark!

Summer CAP Class – This summer, we're studying the new book '*His Hand Among the Nations: Seeing God's Control in the Old Testament World*' by WELS Rev. Lyle Luchterhand. This course will familiarize you with the world that the Old Testament Bible accounts occurred in, answering questions like: who were the enemies that plagued God's people (the Philistines, Midianites, Egypt's Pharaohs, etc.), and how did God deal with them. This 8-week course begins Wednesday, June 19th (7pm) and ends Wednesday, August 14th (skipping July 3rd). The cost is \$18 for a book and workbook (family members can share a book, but each participant needs a \$2 workbook). **Sign-up on the sheet on the table by TODAY.** Join us!

Summer Sunday School Help Needed – We're looking for volunteers to help staff these less formal, small-group summer sessions. If you can help with even 1 WEEK as we share God's love with His little ones, we'd greatly appreciate it! Sign-up on the yellow sheet on the table for the date that works for you; and someone will contact you well in advance to make sure you have all you need for that day's lesson and study. Thanks!

OYC Treasurer Needed – Oasis Youth Center is looking for a new Treasurer. As OYC Treasurer, you will sit on the Board (therefore a confirmed male, 18 or older is required), attending the monthly meetings and oversee the OYC Bookkeeper. A detailed description will be provided, upon request. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Russ Pearson (262-496-3757 / RLPearson67@gmail.com) or Amy Haun (262-909-7579 / OYCKenosha@gmail.com).



OYC Burger Wars - Oasis Youth Center's 1st ever *Burger Wars* will be held on Sunday, July 21st at Oasis from 12-4pm. Love to grill? Compete with your best burger recipe! Love to eat? Come sample - and bring your friends! (*Mt Zion members: you can have lunch at our Praises in the Park that day, and then go enjoy the afternoon at this event!*) Can't make it? We're looking for event donations of snack size chip bags, cans of soda, and \$25 or larger gift cards to be raffled off. Thanks for supporting OYC! We hope to see you there! For more information about the competition and to register email Amber (wrascoggins@gmail.com).

Walking in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul – Join Rev. and Niki Neumann as they host a biblical tour to Greece (with an optional extension to Rome) which will include many of the Mt Zion (and Friedens) members who traveled to Israel with them last January. The trip is planned for 2 years from now (so you can save your money for it), leaving Memorial Day, May 31, **2021** and returning June 9th (or June 12th, if you take the extension). On this special trip, you'll get to see places we read about in church every week in the Epistle Lessons and from the book of Acts as it covers Paul's mission journeys: Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, Ephesus, etc. Also included is a 3-day Mediterranean cruise to the jewels of the Greek Isles: Mykonos, Santorini, and Crete. For the history buff, this tour also includes wonderful spots

such as the Parthenon, the site of the 1st Olympics, Delphi (and its oracle), the hanging monasteries (one of the architectural wonders of the world), and more. As compared to Israel, the pace of this tour is *much more laid back*, like the culture of Greece itself; meals, fellowship around music and beverages, etc. are the norm on this trip and in this culture. Interested? Join the Neumanns on Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm in the Mt Zion conference room for more information. Goodies (homemade baklava, anyone?) and refreshments will be served! Come and check it out!



This Week's Shoreland High School UPDATES

Shoreland Summer Music - Calling all string and band musicians! This summer will be the 4th season of the Shoreland Summer Strings, open to any string player with some experience. This summer will be the 1st season of Shoreland Summer Band! We'd love to have current Shoreland students, alumni, parents and anyone who'd like to pick up their instrument again join in the fun! Rehearsals will be at Shoreland on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM beginning June 18th through July 16th. The concert will be Thursday evening July 18th, followed by an ice cream social. Please email Sarah Siegler at sieglers@slhs.us for more details and to register for Summer Strings by Monday, June 10th; please include your name, instrument and years of experience. Please email Keith Wordell at wordkeit@gmail.com to register for Summer Band. Come join the musical fun!

Shoreland's Rummage Sale: May 31 & June 1 - Spring cleaning? Please consider donating your BEST unused items to the biggest Reuse-Repurpose event of the year at Shoreland – *the Annual Widow's Mite Rummage Sale!* Clean clothing, shoes/handbags, jewelry, books, toys, household items, small furniture and appliances will be accepted; pianos, TVs, computers & monitors will not. Questions? Contact Joy Lee at development@slhs.us. *Drop off times are:* May 28 & 29: 9am–6pm. Volunteers are needed during the following days/times: **SORT** - Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29: 9am-6pm. **SET-UP** - Thursday, May 30: 9am-ready. **SELL** - May 31: 7:45am-4:30pm, and June 1: 7:45am-1pm. You can sign-up online to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/y8foxyns> Mark your calendars to attend the Shoreland rummage sale: May 31, from 8am–4:30pm, and June 1, from 8am–1pm. Thanks for your continued support!

The 33rd Annual 2019 Pacer Open Golf Outing / Dinner - will be held on Friday, July 12th at Maplecrest Country Club in Somers. Golfing will begin at 9AM, with the famous Scriver Steak Dinner to follow at approximately 3PM. If you are not a golfer, but would still like to attend, the cost is \$25. There will be plenty of silent auction and live auction items. One of the items up for bid will be a signed game uniform from the Milwaukee Bucks, and probable NBA Most Valuable Player, Giannis Antetokounmpo. Registration can be completed online by going to the Shoreland Lutheran athletics website - <https://www.slpacers.org/> and following the prompts to complete your registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Strutz at strutz@slhs.us; 262-515-4528 or Matt Grow at growm@slhs.us; 262-903-0206.

New Service Position being Recommended by our Mt Zion Board of Elders

In response to encouragements from WELS *Women's Ministry Committee* (under the guidance of WELS Pastors and Seminary Professors) to consider places and ways that Christian women can use their God-given talents in the church, of course, without violating God's Scriptural principles for the roles for men and women, having carefully studied what God says in Scripture on that topic, and knowing that people naturally tend to gravitate towards and take encouragement and instruction from those most 'like them,' Mt Zion's elders have been considering ways to involve more members in the organized spiritual encouragement entrusted to the Elders. These discussions resulted in their recommendation of a '*young adult elder*'

mentorship program 2 years ago, to train a mature young adult member to help minister to and encourage young adults in our midst, which Voters heartily approved; and Noah Knautz has been faithfully serving in that capacity since then.

Now the Elders are ready to recommend the next stage of that study and work: the *deaconess* position. On the next page is a DRAFT job description for this new service opportunity which is open to confirmed female members of Mt Zion who have demonstrated mature faith, a heart for service, and who obviously strive to model a Christian life. In keeping with God's Biblical principles, this position will be a service position to women and children (involving *no authority over men* - 1 Timothy 2:12) under the board of elders. We believe this position will be very helpful at Mt Zion, especially since we have 40+ households which have no male representation at the Voter's assembly. This idea has been discussed with our neighboring pastors as well as being vetted with our District's Presidium to insure that we are not doing anything wrong or offensive. Their feedback has been supportive. There are WELS churches that already have this position in their midst.

We welcome congregational (*YOUR*) input on this idea at our SPECIAL Election/Budget Setting Voter's Meeting which will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at noon in our fellowship hall (with a potluck). At that important meeting, we are looking for congregational approval of this concept, job description (below), and the initial candidates we recommend for this position. We strongly encourage ***anyone with concerns or questions about this position or concept should attend the Voter's meeting on June 2nd to discuss it.***

Deaconess Job Description - DRAFT

PURPOSE: The purpose of the board of elders under the leadership of the pastors is to oversee the spiritual life and health of the congregation and to assist with the congregation's ministry (including ministry of the Word and Sacraments) as is needed and is appropriate. The 'deaconess' position, which is under the board of elders, would help do the same, specifically serving females and youth as needed (in light of the Bible's headship principle), keeping opportunities for women to participate in and serve in ministry before our eyes, and giving another voice to the congregation's women with the spiritual leaders.

OBJECTIVES:

- + To help us better get to know & serve the female members of our church.
- + To keep Women's Ministry opportunities for growth and service before the eyes of all, both the leadership and the congregation.
- + To help tend to the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the pastors and their families (especially being able to relate to the wives)
- + To minister (serve), in a personal way, to the female sick, the shut-ins and all other ladies who have special needs in the congregation.
- + To welcome and strive to assimilate women new to our church into the life & work of the church.
- + To minister with the Word to the congregation's inactive women and youth - those who have become lax in worship and in the use of the means of grace.
- + To refer women or youth who have erred in the faith or have committed public, offensive sin to the spiritual leaders for possible discipline.
- + To encourage personal Bible study and provide for congregational Bible study.
- + To support the usher program.
- + To serve as a liaison to the altar guild and all women's organizations.
- + To help maintain an up-to-date membership directory.
- + To promote the work of the church at large synod's informational and devotional materials .

RESPONSIBILITIES: The deaconess shall:

- † Use available opportunities (public and private) to grow in faith and knowledge in Christ through continual study of the Word, and demonstrate a Christian life according to it.
- † Review regularly the congregational women's communion and worship attendance and visit and encourage those women who have become lax in the use of the means of grace.
- † Refer to the pastors and elders those female members who have erred in regard to the faith for possible church discipline according to Matthew 18.
- † Support the ministry of the congregation and proactively encourage women to use their talents to serve in whatever ways they can with the gifts God has given them in accord with God's principles laid out in Scripture.
- † Review annually the function of the altar guild and women's organizations to insure that they are carrying out the mission that God has given His Church.
- † Monitor, review and advise the elders regarding all women's ministry programs and activities to assure that these are spiritually-oriented (feeding the soul and spirit).