Divine Service



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who "are witnesses of all that he did." He was anointed by God "with the Holy Spirit and with power," and "he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil," and so He was with those whom He sent "to preach to the people" (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ," so that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with "the water and the blood" in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our "joy may be full." For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to "go and bear fruit" in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*

and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

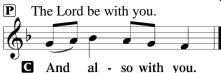


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



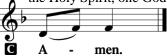


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gradual

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

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;* he has put all things under his feet.

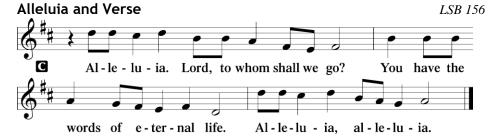
Epistle 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

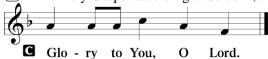
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Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Praise

to You,

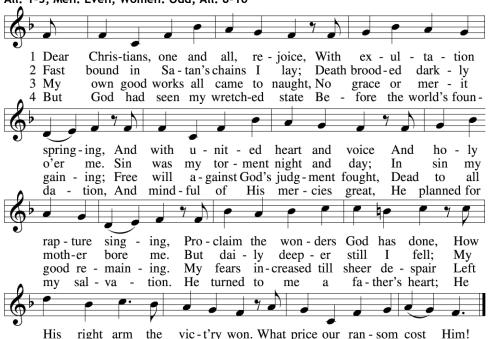
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Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

All: 1-3, Men: Even; Women: Odd; All: 8-10



liv - ing hell, So

my share; The

part But

life be - came a on - ly death to did not choose the

"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother; And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

sin

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gave His dear - est trea - sure.

pos-sessed me.

suf - fered.

firm - ly

pangs of hell

- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins,

Confirmation pg. 272

Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

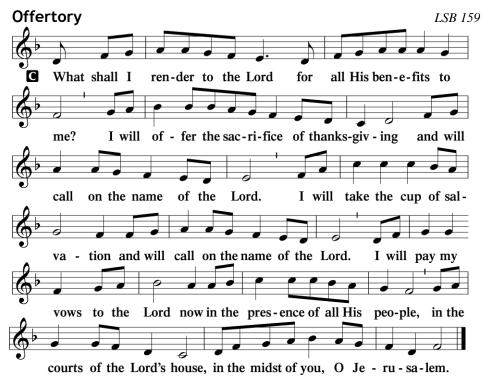
Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Consecration of the Offering

the resurrection of the body, and the life

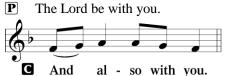
→ everlasting. Amen.

After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.



Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160



Lift up your hearts. P



We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. $[\mathbf{P}]$



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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 Words of Our Lord

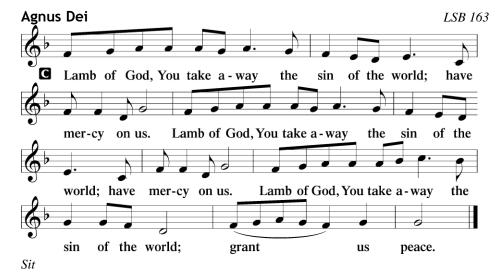
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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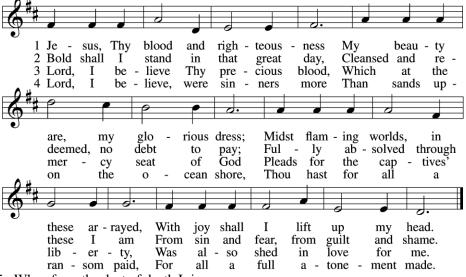


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,

Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.

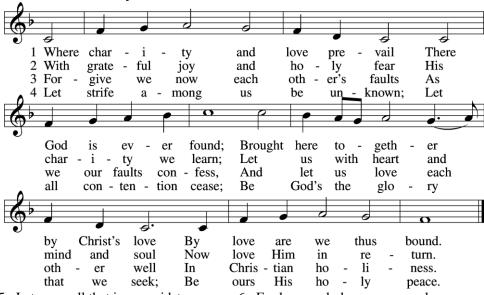
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,

Cleanses me from sin and error,

Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;

As members of His body joined

We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all

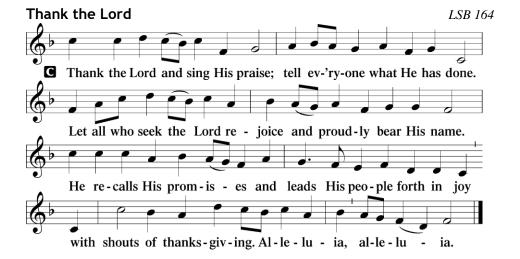
Whose Father is the same.

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Stand

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.





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Confirmation Class Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska May 5, 2024



Harper Ann Florang Parents:

Jesse & Ashli Florang

Grandparents:

Carol Florang

Scott & Janelle Stadler

Baptismal Sponsors:

Reese & Jade Florang

Date of Baptism: July 17, 2011

Confirmation Verse: 2 Samuel 22:33

"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect"

Prayers for Our Members		
Harper Florang	Confirmation	
Allyson Christener	Expecting	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Bruce Brooks	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing	
Betty Mustard	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (Kinship Pointe)	Healing	
Jane Schmid	Healing	
Gretchen Trampe (Prairie View)	Healing	
Jill Bates	Cancer	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Phyllis Wells	Hospice	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Frie	ends
Kayla Ernst (Bartels' friend)	Expecting
Kendra Miller (Ruby Hatfield's great niece)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias' wife)	Expecting
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Cyndi Foresman (Scott's wife)	Healing
Marilyn Glover (Don Helmbrecht's sister)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Annette Hoffman (Leah Baker's cousin)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
Eve Sane (Quentin Lange's friend)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Emmett Sprague (Jill Bates' nephew)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Gerald Taubenheim (Jan Hatfield's uncle)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (Willers' friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Steven Junge (Steve & Fran's nephew)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/28/2024 Offering: \$5,851.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Dan & Shirley Oertwig, In honor of their anniversary (May 8th).

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Bruce & Joni Brooks, In honor of their anniversary (May 4th).

Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 5th - 7:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Acolyte: Sarah Burger
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Lysher: Fred Flessner
Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
Altar Guild: Sue Bartels
Chelsea Herrera

Sunday, May 12th - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Acolyte: Eleanor Davis

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Sue Bartels

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This Week at Zion

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Sun 5/5	9:00a	Divine Service (Confirmation)
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
_	Birthdays	Ann Fattig
Mon 5/6	Birthdays	Sharon Hockemeier
Tues 5/7	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	7:00p	Board of Ed
Wed 5/8	8:30a	Chapel
	Anniversaries	Dan & Shirley Oertwig
	Birthdays	James Catterson
		Don Helmbrecht
		John Musfelt
Thurs 5/9	7:00p	Ascension Day Service @ Holy Cross
_	Anniversaries	Lincoln & Emily Baker
Fri 5/10	7:00p	K-8 School Musical @ Merryman
	Birthdays	Aadi Silwal
		Jackie Ohlmann
Sat 5/11	11:00a	Filbert Party - Gym
	Birthdays	Sophia Strong
Sun 5/12	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	3:30p	Jase Blattner Grad Party - FH
	5:00p	Divine Service

Announcements for May 5th, 2024

<u>Church Council:</u> The next Church Council meeting will be on <u>July 16th</u> at 7pm. They will not meet in the month of May or June.

Graduate Recognition: Next Sunday we plan to recognize and bless our High School Graduates during the worship service and allow you to greet them afterwards.

<u>Jase Blattner Grad Party:</u> The congregation is welcome to celebrate with Jase next Sunday immediately after the Kearney Catholic graduation ceremony (2pm). It will take place in the Fellowship Hall until 6pm.

Mary Martha: Mary Martha Group would like to thank all members who helped with our collection of trial size health & beauty products for the Kearney area schools that will be distributed as needed. Zion collected 175 items towards the total collected of 1300. Thank you!

Mary Martha will meet on Monday May 13th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the 2024 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

SCHOOL NEWS

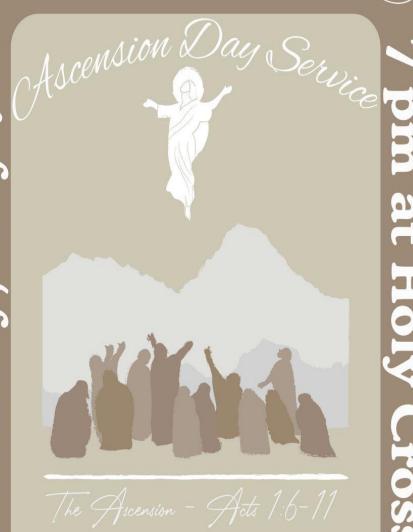
<u>K-8 Spring Musical:</u> The school musical, "Livin' Inside Out in an Upside Down World!", will be on <u>Friday, May 10th</u> at <u>7pm</u>. It will take place at the Merryman Performing Arts Center.

8th Graduation: Next Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.
Our graduating 8th grade class for 2024 is:
Sara Bonsall, Aiden Freitag, Ayden Klute,
Connor Mais, Haven Salyer and Macon Van Amburg.

<u>Pre-K Achievement</u>: An Achievement Ceremony for the Zion Pre-Kindergarten classes is scheduled for the following days/times:

- Filbert Pre-Kindergarten classes: <u>Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> in the school gym.
- Halva Pre-Kindergarten class: <u>Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m.</u> in the school gym.
- o Families are invited and encouraged to attend.

<u>Last Day Of School</u>: School will dismiss for this school year on Wednesday, May 15th at 11:30am. No lunch will be served. Parents are welcome to join us for closing chapel at 10:30am.



Sce Cream to follow