



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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May 28 & 31, 2026 First Sunday after Pentecost: The Holy Trinity

## TODAY'S FOCUS

*SAY IT OUT LOUD: God is triune.*

### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!**

Zion has been serving the spiritual needs of people since 1885. We declare God's Good News of the perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of all. Our pastor and congregation are willing to serve you in any way. Please help yourself to any information found in the narthex. Visitors are invited to sign our guest register. May God bless your worship!



### **BEFORE WORSHIP**

**Prayer:** Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and filling creation with Your Spirit, reveal Your glory through our Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse us from doubt and fear and send us boldly into all the world to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

**Personal Prayers and Meditation** Pages 10 & 134, *CW*

**Hymn** "Come, Now, Almighty King" 193, *CW*

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Service of the Word** p. 38, *CW*

**Confession of Sins and Absolution** p. 38, *CW*

**Oh, Taste And See** p. 39, *CW*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ; in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

**First Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 1:1–2:3

*The triune God demonstrates his power at creation.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning — the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning — the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made two great lights — the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning — the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and

increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning — the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup>Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup>And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground — everything that has the breath of life in it — I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning — the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. <sup>2</sup>By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup>And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

**Psalm 8**

Page 67, CW

**Second Scripture Lesson**

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship,  
the triune God gives us unity and peace.*

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Verse of the Day:** Isaiah 6:3b

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 28:16-20

*Jesus calls us to minister in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Hymn of the Day** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" 195, *CW*

**Sermon**

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

A UNIQUE UNION

**Athanasian Creed**

See Insert or p. 132, *CW*

**Our Thank Offering to Our God**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer** (Traditional Version)

p. 43, *CW*

**Hymn** "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

194, *CW*

**Closing Prayer**

p. 44, *CW*

**Benediction**

p. 44, *CW*

**Closing Hymn** "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

326, *CW*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Rev. Richard Russow, C: 715-965-1782; O: 715-678-2208; RussowRnK@aol.com

**Chairman:** Jeff Lange, 715-748-4815

**In the Organ Loft:** Kelly Hartl; Barb Reiter

**Ushers & Greeters:** Volunteers needed

**Altar Care:** Lisa Gebert; Tom Onsager

**ZION'S PARISH CALENDAR**

Thursday (5/28) 7:00 P.M. Holy Trinity Worship

Sunday (5/31 ) 9:30 A.M. Holy Trinity Worship

10:30 A.M. Fellowship

**10:45 A.M. Special Events Committee Meeting**

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

Wednesday (6/3) Noon LOZ Spring Picnic (potluck)

Thursday (6/4) 7:00 P.M. Pentecost 2 Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday (6/7) 9:30 A.M. Pentecost 2 Worship with Holy Communion

**STEWARDSHIP RECORD**

May 21 & 24, 2026

11 + 62 = 73 Attended Pentecost Worship

9 + 47 = 56 Attended the Lord's Table on Pentecost

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Offerings: General Fund - \$2,728.00

Missions - \$80.00

Cemetery Fund - \$75.00

Capital Improvement - \$25.00

*Meditations* - \$15.00

Fellowship Freewill - \$12.00

Total - \$2,935.00



**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES:** Matthew 28:16-20

When Jesus sent his disciples into the world to make disciples of others, he was speaking to us also. We can never forget that this is what he wants us to do. All the earthly blessings our heavenly Father has entrusted to us are to be used toward this goal. The money we spend in our daily living should be spent in ways that glorify him as much as the money we give in our regular offerings. The way we speak and act and treat others Monday through Saturday should reflect Christ's love as much as our Sunday worship. The disciples had walked with Jesus and seen him dead, buried, and alive again. They were ready to obey him, to receive the Holy Spirit, and teach others everything about him. Have we been blessed any less than they were blessed? Can we do any less?

**Through My Bible In 3 Years**

Below is part of a 3 year Bible Reading schedule. The more we grow in

God’s Word, the more we will be anchored on the solid foundation of Christ crucified and arisen. The more we grow in God’s Word, the more we will be prepared to give the reason for the hope that we have. (1 Peter 3:15)

5/28 Acts 4:32-5:16	5/29 Acts 5:17-42	5/30 Acts 6
5/31 Acts 7:1-43	6/1 Acts 7:44-8:4	6/2 Acts 8:5-25
6/3 Acts 8:26-40	6/4 Acts 9:1-19a	6/5 Acts 9:19b-31
6/6 Acts 9:32-42	6/7 Acts 9:43-10:33	6/8 Acts 10:34-48

### Announcements

- ✘ Look around yourself today. Is there a family member who could/should be sitting next to you? Is there a friend absent from the place where he or she would usually sit? Is there a neighbor who needs God’s Word? Pick up the phone, go over to their house, and invite them to worship.
- ✘ The Special Events Committee will meet following Sunday’s worship.
- ✘ **Streaming:** The new streaming channel is now up and linked to the “Online Worship” button on our website, zionlutheranstetsonville.com. This channel has the streaming services under the “live” button on the new YouTube channel. Services from April and May, not previously uploaded, may be found under the “Videos” button on the new YouTube” channel. To view all other streamed services previously uploaded under the old channel, please search for zionlutheranstetsonville1105 on YouTube.com. If you previously subscribed to Zion’s channel, you will need to update your subscription to the new channel.
- ✘ **Picnic:** The Ladies of Zion (LOZ) will hold their picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at noon. The meal will be potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Games will be played. All are invited and encouraged to join in the fun.
- ✘ An Outreach/Community Service event is being planned during the village-wide garage sales on June 11 & 12, 2026. Refreshments, snacks, hot dogs, etc. will be offered free to the public as an outreach/community service. Volunteers to plan the event and sell concessions are being sought. Donations for the stand are welcome.
- ✘ **Cemetery:** Would you consider a gift for Zion’s Cemetery? The cost to mow and trim the cemetery is between \$2,500 and \$3,000 this year. Your gifts for the upkeep of the cemetery are appreciated.
- ✘ The next issue of *Meditations* is available on the counter in the entryway.

We ask for a donation of \$3.00 for each regular print and \$5.00 for each Large Print. Devotions begin May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- ✘ **Private Communion:** If physical problems or other concerns prevent you from attending the Lord’s Table, please schedule a visit with the Pastor.
- ✘ **Volunteers Needed** for the Altar Committee, Streaming Committee and the HymnSoft Committee. In addition, committee members are sought for the Contact and Special Events Committees. Any member of Zion is encouraged to volunteer for any or all of these Committees.
- ✘ **Large Print** editions of the order of worship are available.
- ✘ The Ladies of Zion (LOZ) thank you for your continued support of their **Kwik Trip Scrip** fund raising program. Kwik Trip gift cards in various denominations for the purchase of fuel or in store purchases. Scrip cards may be purchased from one of the Ladies of Zion.
- ✘ **Hospital:** Please notify Pastor Russow of your hospital stay. By notifying Pastor Russow, he can visit you and include you in his private prayers, and in the Prayer of the Church in worship, if you so desire.
- ✘ The June *Forward In Christ*, entitled “*Worship & Service*,” is available to pick up. What’s inside:  
Throughout the ages, people have gathered in congregations each week to worship their Lord and Savior. There they praise and thank God for all he has done (and continues to do) and grow in their faith through hearing the Word and participating in the sacraments.  
Congregations, however, use different forms and practices in their worship. In 2025, the WELS Commission on Worship surveyed all WELS congregations about some of those practices. Find out what it discovered (pp. 11-13). You might be surprised by some of the results.  
God has blessed called workers and lay members in our congregations with creative gifts that they use to praise their Savior in worship. Read about those gifts to the church from a gifted creative writer herself (p. 20). Then see how a congregation gives its youth the opportunity to serve through an ancient worship practice (p. 24).  
While weekly corporate worship is important for every believer, spending daily time with your Savior is also vital. Three WELS members share more about their devotional lives, offering tips and resources for you to consider (pp. 7-9). You can add to your own personal study with a new Bible study that digs deeper into Jesus’ parables found in Luke’s gospel (p. 32).  
Finally, we leave you this month with a psalm of praise and worship on our back page. “Sing to the LORD” today and every day!

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Historical Introduction: *This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.* (See also *CW*, page 132)

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal; yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.