

WELCOME TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH/SCHOOL

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1

April 20 & 21, 2024

To better know & show Christ's Love.

Serving this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 96 (C81)

Sunday: 187 (C107)

The total for the Concordia door offering was \$3,346.00.

Serving as:

- Altar Guild: Ronni Ettlne
- Saturday Organist: Phil Bright
- Sunday Organist: Sarah Diener
- Saturday Elders: Troy Sova & Ralph Riske
- Ushers: Westyn & Wyatt Hearn, Mark Steih
- Sunday Elders: Jimmy Parsons & Mark Treiber
- Ushers: Jaxon & Kyle Arnold, Bill Kohn

Sunday School: In today's lesson, "Return to Rebuild," after returning from exile, the children of Israel gather to begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the altar is rebuilt, even though the temple foundations await repair. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law as the people humble themselves before the Lord. When the labors of rebuilding are complete, the Levites assign men to regular service in the temple.

Girls Bible Study: Girls bible study is after church with Mrs. Menz in the 1/2 grade room. Girls in the 7th-12th grade are welcomed and encouraged to join the study.

Ladies Bible Study: Ladies, young and old, are still welcome to learn about the "**Great Women of the Bible IV.**" Remaining meeting dates are Sundays, April 21st, May 5th, and May 19th at 6:30PM and we meet in the library of the school.

Save the Date! Fellowship has chosen a date for a night at the Loon's. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, August 22nd** and join fellow members and friends for a night of baseball action. More details to come.

Calendar of Events

Sat	20	Worship 5:30 PM
Sun	21	Worship 9:00 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Membership Class 10:15 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM
Wed	24	Ladies Bible Study & Quilting 9:00 AM
Sat	27	Worship w/communion 5:30 PM
Sun	28	Worship w/communion 9:00 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Membership Class 10:15 AM

April Mite Month: April is a collection month for LWML. Please pick up a Mite box from the narthex next to the wooden Mite box, fill it, and then return it. Thank you for supporting this mission.

VLHS Board Report: *Graduation day is Sunday, June 9th. *The next Charger Visit Day for area 8th grade students is Wednesday, May 1st. *Valley will be leading Wednesday chapel at Zion on May 14th. *There are several Spring Valley Lutheran Sundays planned for several area churches with more to be scheduled. Stay tuned for the date VL will be at Zion. *The spring drama, Little Women, will be performed on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th at Valley. An afternoon matinee is being planned for area grade schools.

Culture Night/Science Fair at Zion: The students at Zion invite you to travel different countries with them during Culture Night on Thursday, May 2nd starting at 6:00PM. You will also get to see the students Science Fair projects.

Benefit Dinner for Jacob Aiden @Grace Lutheran, Auburn: Jacob is the son of Sarah (Teacher @Trinity, Monitor) & Chris Earle and grandson of Dale and Cheri Fish. He was born 16 weeks prematurely 11 years ago with many special needs which require daily nursing care. Jacob has outgrown his car seat and at 86 lbs is too big to be lifted in and out of a car. This benefit is for the purpose of helping to purchase a transport van with a lift to be able to wheel him right into a vehicle to transport Jacob and have a quality of life outside of his bed/home. This benefit will be held at Grace's gym on **Sunday, April 28th** from 12:00 – 4:00PM. Spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and desserts will be served. Adult and takeout meals are as follows: Adults - \$15.00, Children - \$10.00 and children under 5 – Free. There will be a Silent Auction accompanying the dinner. If you would like to help with serving, providing baked goods for dessert, or any other contribution, please contact Cheri Fish at 989-450-9058. We hope to see you there!

POSITION OPENING | Kindergarten/Young 5's Grade Teacher: St. Paul Lutheran School, Bay City (Frankenlust), is seeking names of candidates for a Kindergarten/Young 5's teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Highly qualified candidates should have a current Michigan Teaching Certificate, a Lutheran Teacher Diploma, or be willing to obtain one. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Principal Valerie Matyas at valerie.matyas@stpaulbaycity.org by **Friday, April 30, 2024**.

The Valley Lutheran Drama Department invites you to their spring production of 'Little Women'. Showings are nightly, May 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7:00PM in the school gym. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/students, or \$24/family.

Valley Lutheran is excited to host the Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir (from Concordia, Nebraska) on Monday, May 6th at 7:00PM for the first ever concert in the VL Music Room! The Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir was formed in the fall of 2006 and has earned a reputation for fine singing of jazz/pop influenced choral music, touring throughout the United States performing concerts and school assemblies. All the members are also members of the University A Cappella Choir, an internationally acclaimed touring concert choir. We invite you to hear this group at Valley on Monday, May 6th!

Summer Camps at Valley Lutheran! Head to www.vlhs.com/camps to see this year's offerings and schedule and to sign up! Camps are in June and include one-week, half-day offerings in sports, technology, and the arts. Contact Tasha Mulder, Summer Camp Coordinator, tmulder@vlhs.com at with any questions.

The Great Lakes Bay Region Lutheran School's Production presents ROALD DAHL'S Matilda Jr. at Bethlehem Lutheran School, Friday, May 10th & 11th, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 12th, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are sold at the door for \$8 each starting 30 minutes before show time. This spectacular 60-minute musical is based on Roald Dahl's novel Matilda and adapted from the award-winning full-length musical. It tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her destiny. The LuthMusicals cast includes 26 students from eight Lutheran schools in the area. Rebecca Smith (Bethlehem), Annelise Holcomb (Bethlehem), and Mark Brenner (Immanuel) make up the production staff.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Greeting Time

Those in attendance are invited to greet those seated near them. As the bell rings please return to your seat for the opening hymn.

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **“The Day of Resurrection”**

LSB 478

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| <p>1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.</p> <p>2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list’ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.</p> | <p>3 Now let the heav’ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!</p> <p>△ All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow’r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!</p> |
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Stand

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

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

☩ 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.

☩ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

P 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me beside still waters.

P He restores my soul.

C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

C 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.

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy.

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

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy.

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.

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy.

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

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy.

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

♪ **C** Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

♪ **C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♪ **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C** Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or

by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

✪ C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

✪ C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Message

✪ **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

LSB 709

**1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

C **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,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Offering -To give online, go to zionauburn.com and click on the "Donate" tab.
 (At this time we ask that members as well as guests sign the pew book.)

Stewardship Verse:

1 John 3:18 "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

♪ **"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

LSB 781

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| <p>1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.</p> <p>2 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!</p> <p>3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
 And homes are bare and cold,
 And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
 Are straying from the fold.</p> | <p>4 To comfort and to bless,
 To find a balm for woe,
 To tend the lone and fatherless
 Is angels' work below.</p> <p>5 The captive to release,
 To God the lost to bring,
 To teach the way of life and peace,
 It is a Christ-like thing.</p> <p>6 And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.</p> |
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Prayers of the Church

- For Virginia Sanders (Kaylene Maxson's son-in-law's mother), Melissa Wiedyk-Bejcek, Alice Lederer, Peter Satkowiak (nephew of Joann & Paul Satkowiak), Diane Jacobs, Diane Wilson, Sally Goodsell (sister to Esther Gerzeski), Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson to Esther Gerzeski), Rick Schmidt (Dean and Todd Gray's cousin), Tamala Marks, Austin Huebner and family, Libby Treiber (sister-in-law to Mark Treiber), Kellie Dora, Tyler Brattin (grandson-in-law to Ed & Augusta Etelamaki), Bob Feinauer (friend of Kathy Feinauer), Pat Morand, Sue Uhlmann, Michael Palmiter (nephew of Nigel & Alyssa Palmiter), Deb Jean Strawn, Cami Cumper (daughter of Jay & Lu Hall), Lee Davis, Martin Sherman (brother to Augusta Etelamaki), Lori Peters, Janette McCann, Nicole & Jocelyn Hoenicke (daughter-in-law & granddaughter of Ethel Hoenicke), Mary Maul, Kathy Grappin, and Lori Kohn.
- For those that mourn, especially the family of Ruth Emerson (mother-in-law to Deb Shufelt) and JoAnn Behmlander (aunt to Deb Shufelt and sister-in-law to Sandy Boettcher).
- For Concordia University, Ann Arbor.
- For the students and staff at Zion.
- For all who serve this country, here and beyond our borders.
- For those suffering with mental illness and for their loved ones.
- For peace in all war torn countries.

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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

☩ 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.

🎵 **☩ Amen.**

♪ "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine,

We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth,

Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing:

"O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God,

Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life,

Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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