



Remembrance of the Day of Confirmation

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077

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BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE
CROWN OF LIFE.— REVELATION 2:10

SO EVERYONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES
ME BEFORE MEN, I ALSO WILL
ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE MY FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.— MATTHEW 10:32

*"...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..." John 15:15b-
16a*



Opening Hymn: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **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.

- P** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (*read responsively*)

Psalms 98

- P** ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**
P ²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
C ³**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**
P All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
C ⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing!**
P ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

C ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

P ⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

C He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

C (*spoken*) 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.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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. **C** Amen.

Sit

Choir Anthem: "Hear the Prayers for Our Children" *Patricia Mock/arr. Faye Lopez (see insert)*

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

C *(rise and sing)* **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

(inside back cover of LSB hymnal)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Sermon: “Friend for Life”

Offering

Confirmation

LSB 272

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, it is said...

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 162ff

Lord’s Prayer / Words of Our Lord / Pax Domini / Agnus Dei / Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

566 By Grace I’m Saved: *Please observe the instrumental introduction before singing verse 1.*

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

685 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

(Note – during the distribution, the confirmands and their family will be received first.)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

A special thanks to our trumpeter: David LePere



The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, given in loving memory of Evelyn Wentling by the Wentling family; also given in cherished memory of David Abbott by his parents, Bruce and Gloria Abbott and the Abbott family.

We welcome and pray God's blessings on our Youth Confirmands today:

Grace Mariella Banno Matthew Logan House
Mackenzie Marie Shinkle Emily Lynn Sweeney.



Please join the confirmands and their families for a reception in the gym immediately following the service.

A Musical May - Our 9 am traditional services in May will include special music! We thank Zion member, David LePere, for volunteering his trumpet talents on Confirmation Sunday. In addition, we welcome for the first time Nataliya Pshenychna and Yaryna Tsarynska who will enhance our services with the cello and violin May 12, 19, and 26. Find their biographies on the lobby bulletin board to learn more about these talented ladies. "Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs." Psalm 150:4

The Lutheran Witness magazine subscriptions. If you would like to either continue receiving your magazine or start receiving it, please send cash or check payable to Zion (memo: Lutheran Witness) of \$20.65/year along with your name and address and place it in the offering plate *by May 19*.

Our Shepherd Lutheran School (OSLS) is registering K-8 students for the 2024-25 school year. OSLS joyfully proclaims Jesus Christ Lord and Savior with a rich educational experience in a Christ-centered environment. Ohio's EdChoice program covers 100% tuition for most families. For more info, please contact OSLS office at 440-357-7776 or email admissions@oslpainesville.com.

The annual OSLS Golf Outing will be Sat. June 29, 2024, at Painesville Country Club. For more information visit oslpainesville.org or contact Jen Drake at jdrakeoslpainesville.org.

PARISHSCOPE

“In the Garden” Ladies’ Tea Party hosted by Zion Women’s Fellowship Group is Sat. June 15, 1-3:30 pm at Zion. Tickets are \$5 and go on sale today in Zion Office. Contact Carole Cooper, 440-376-7798. All women are welcome!

Pastor Ziemann and the Zion Youth Group extend a huge THANK YOU to all who sponsored and supported him in his 100K run yesterday. Summary details will be posted soon!

“Celebrate the Savior” VBS at Zion will be held June 17-21, 9-noon, for all kids ages 4 yrs–5th grade completed. Adult & teen helpers (6th gr-12th gr) are needed. Register today either on Zion’s website or in the lobby. Check out the May Newsletter for all the details! Donations of cookies and juice boxes are needed and appreciated. Contact Cindy Garrett 440-944-5660 or Elizabeth Dobbelaire.

“New Life Celebration” Summer Kick Off Concert, May 31, at 6-7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Free tickets are available between services and Monday-Friday 9-4pm in the Zion Office. Please invite your friends and family! Contact Marie Shinkle at mlrsemail@hotmail.com.

Faith Night at Lake County Captains Baseball. Join members of Zion, St. Paul’s & Faith Lutheran for Faith Night on Friday, June 14! Tickets are \$30/person and include a ticket to the game, pregame picnic of chicken, hamburgers, mac & cheese, chips, cookies & drinks from 6-7:30 pm, and post-game fireworks! Sign up on the lobby bulletin board by May 27 & drop off payment for tickets in Zion Office. Cash or check made payable to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Donations for the month of May include: Instant mashed potatoes, dish soap & pancake syrup.

Food Pantry Volunteers are now being recruited! Sign up today on the lobby bulletin board. Your help is needed!

Hannah’s Home Baby Bottle Campaign runs Mother’s Day, May 12, thru Father’s Day, June 16. Fill a bottle with coins, cash or check payable to Hannah’s Home and return it to Zion Office by June 16. Bottles are available in the lobby & narthex beginning May 12. Thank you for your support!

Schedule for this week

May 6 - 12, 2024:

Monday 6

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 7

7:00 am Bible Breakfast

4:00 pm ParishScope Deadline

7:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday 8

9:30 am Women in the Word

1:00 pm Women in the Word

Thursday 9

9:30 am Nursing Home Ministry

6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting

7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Friday 10

Saturday 11

6:30 pm Traditional Worship

7:30 pm Bible Study

*** Mothers Day ***

Sunday 12- Communion

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:15 am Sunday School/Bible Classes

10:15 am Growing In Prayer

Beginner: (3 yr-Gr 1) Fellowship Hall
led by Nancy Wentling

2-5 Grade: Band Room- Cindy Garrett

Jr. High: Downstairs Choir Room
led by Quest Dobbelaire

Sr. High: Downstairs Youth Room
led by Monica Jones

Adult: Rm 206

11:30 am Contemporary Worship

Zion’s Food Pantry served
79 families (257 people) in
the month of April!

PRAYER GUIDE

Zion members needing healing...

Mary Jane Campana
Mark Casler
Carole Cooper
John Dean
Bill Hinton
Ron Hoerl
Edgar Horn
Chuck Hunt
Gwen Huszar
Lynn Imhoff
Dan Jacobson
Karissa Kessler
Kayla Kessler
Mary Kus
Landyn
Karen Lieberg
Jim Lindhurst
Barry Oltmanns
Judith Palinkas
Brenda Russell
Fred Steffens
Frank Taylor
Christine Wellman
Chris Wrenn

Members with extended needs...

At home:
Janet Evans
Gisela Gasztonyi
Marilyn Kettlewood
Aileen Lampella
Frank Powers
Jean Schramke

CareCore:
Keith & Diane Bennett

Chardon Healthcare Center:
Sally Westholm

Homestead II, Painesville:
Robert Garrett

Madison Healthcare:
Linda Kirby

Mentor Ridge:
Alice Bonness

Ohman Family Living-Holly:
Joanne Francis

Salida Woods:
Shirley Niccum

Sanctuary of Geneva:
Fred Kroggel

Commonwealth Sr. Living
Donna Heuser

Vista Springs Quail Highlands
Jim & Mary Greig

Those Serving in Armed Service...

Laszlo Babocsi
Ryan Byler
Brennan Cornell
Austin Hoerl
Jaren
Stephen Jones
Charles Mackey
Tyler Nelson
Eric Pentek
Aaron Rogers

Zion member's family & friends needing healing...

Alaina
Lori Bailey
Barry
Ruth Bede
Jody Black
JoAnn Boldrey
Lynn Brown
Michelle Brown
Zach Buskirk
Gabe C.
Bill Campana, Jr.
Ann Zetta Carpenter
James Carroll
Jack Chenevy
Christy Sidley Crouch
Maryann Cuglewski
Melissa Greene Curtiss
Linda Davis
Bertha Dill
Joyce Durda
Mitchell Edmonds
Robin Edmonds
Rose Edwards
Dennis Erickson
Jamie Frank
Julie Fronczek
Cindy Fueger
Kris Gaston
Melissa Gerrell
Carole Gillies
Rachel Govan
B&L Gronowski
Renee Haffey
Ingrid Hamilton
Connie Hatter
Alex Hayes
Connor Hennessy
John Hitchcock
Carol Hofer
Mike Hofer
Betty Holbrook
Della Horn
Linda Horsey
Brian Hugel
Clara Humphrey
Kathy Hunt
Pat J.
Debbie Jackson
Kathy Joseph

Ann K.
Matt K.
Donna & Joe Kaiser
Andrea Kellackey
Marcia Keller
Jacob Kenst
Tom Kiels
Sarah Koester
Sadie Lansing
Becky MacWhade
Kimberly Mackey
Becky Marx
Ed McCarthy
George McCracken
Candy McCubbin
John McLaughlin
Heather Merkle
Constance Miller
Don Mononen
Matthew Musarra
Suzanne Nakaji
Amy Nelson
Rick Nelson
Dorothy Neugebauer
Senior Newport
Steve Padden
Phillip
Chuck Phillis
Karen Platz
Tom Powers
Bob Reed
Nancy & Lou Reho, Sr.
Jane Reinker
Karen & Roc Revay
Ken Rudick
Ryan
Mary Slusser
Family of Keith & Tammy Smith
Jeromy Smith
Mary Snyder
Savannah Steffens
Jonathan Surmacz
Rick Tomlinson
Shelley Unger
Scott Wahlstrom
Jenni Walters
Karin Ware
Frank White
David Wilson

