

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Zion Evangelical United Church

Worship Service with Rev. Alley

Our Mission Statement

“To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.”

Opening Music

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome and Acknowledgment

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

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Call to Worship

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Prayer of Confession

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power.

We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.

Prayer of Assurance

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. **Alleluia, Amen!**

Youth Time

Prayer for Understanding

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Eunice Getz

Responsive Reading

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

**Free me from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.**

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

1886—2026

NEW PIECE OF HISTORY FOR THE WEEK

In 1968 plans were laid at a congregational meeting for a new main entrance, including a memorial window. The project was completed in 1969 at an approximate cost of \$16,000.00.

Levelling and paving for an extension to the original parking lot were completed in 1971. Another house and lot on Murray Street, adjoining the church property had been purchased in 1970.

During the 1972-1973 year a number of women and a young person were elected to the Session. 1973 was the first year that lady elders served Communion.

Numerous items were added to the sanctuary in 1983 in memory of loved ones. A piano was also added.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome to our time of worship and fellowship. Your presence here is a blessing to us. We would also be so happy to welcome any of your family and friends that you choose to invite to our upcoming services.

Zion's Deepest Sympathies are extended to Doug and Beudis Buder and Shirley and Ellard Popkie on the passing of Doug and Shirley's brother Jack Buder.

Coffee Time will follow our Worship Service and it is Birthday Cake Sunday. Thank you to Joan deHann and Susan Hanniman for hosting the celebration of all our May birthdays.

A sign up sheet can be found on the kitchen door. Take a look to see if you are able to host on one of our Sundays.

Zion Board Meeting

Our Board members are asked to attend a brief meeting following today's Worship Service and Birthday Cake Celebration.

Choir Practice will be held at 10:15 at Zion beginning May 10th to prepare for our May 31st Communion Service.

Spring Workbee

Friday, May 15th— 9:00 to 12:00

Saturday, May 16th— 9:00 to 12:00

We would appreciate your help in beautifying our church. Bring your work gloves, water bottles, and outdoor working tools such as rakes, bristol brooms, shovels, and gardening tools. We will also concentrate on window cleaning, polishing woodwork, kitchen, washrooms and gallery refreshing. Many hands make light work!

Zion Grass Cutting Team

Zion is looking for volunteer grass cutters and trimmers. If you are able to help for June, July, and August, please let Eunice know and a schedule can be prepared.

Zion's Spring Yard Sale will take place on May 23rd which is fast approaching. We are grateful for all the donations we have been receiving for our sale. Our stage is really filling up.

An Outreach Meeting will follow our service on Sunday, May 17th concerning our Yard Sale plans. Please attend our meeting if you will be able to help with setting up or working at our sale.

Supporting Bernadette McCann House for the month of May was one of our Outreach Projects we decided on at our February 8th meeting. We would be so grateful for your help in supporting this shelter which provides a safe haven to victims of abuse. A list of needed items can be found in the back of the bulletin. Items can be placed in the purple box at our entrance.

Updating Our Directory

Please find forms hanging from our office bulletin board that can be filled out if your contact or mailing information has changed. If you are new to Zion and would like to share this information, we will add it to our Directory. Forms can be put through the slot in the office door or given to Eunice or Sherry. If we don't hear from you, your information will remain the same in our Directory. We respect your right to keep your information private.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times.

Remember In Prayer

We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Willy deHaan, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4743.95 is our new balance following sales of two more arrangements and donations. Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund. Heather Lariviere has donated several handmade floral arrangements that can be purchased from the tables in our Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go toward our New Sign Fundraiser. We are making amazing progress!

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

Trinity Sunday, May 31st Service At Zion : This would have been our Joint Service with Wesley. To continue the pattern of collaboration, a letter of invitation has gone out to all the United Churches in the area to partake in Holy Communion on this Trinity Sunday at 11:00 with Rev. Sheldon Alley and Rev. Susan deHaan, our Pastoral Relations Supervisor.

Community News Listings—See Details on Bulletin Board

Wesley United Church:

*Stewards Committee Car Wash—May 9th from 12:00 to 3:00

Postings from First Step Options:

*Dinner, Drama, and a Difference Fundraiser—May 2nd

*Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign—Mother's Day to Father's Day

Resurrection Lutheran Church:

*Annual Public Bible Reading—June 7th from 1:00 to 2:30

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FACEBOOK

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Did You Ever Talk To God Above?

Did you ever talk to God above?
Tell Him that you need a friend to love.
Pray in Jesus' name believing that
God answers prayer.

Have you told Him all your cares and woes?
Ev'ry tiny little fear He knows.
You can know He'll always hear
And He will answer prayer.

You can whisper in a crowd to Him.
You can cry when you're alone to Him.
You don't have to pray out loud to Him;
He knows your thoughts.

On a lofty mountain peak, He's there.
In a meadow by a stream, He's there.
Anywhere on earth you go,
He's been there from the start.

Find the answer in His Word; it's true.
You'll be strong because He walks with you.
By his faithfulness He'll change you, too.
God answers prayer.

Bernadette McCann House Spring / Summer 2026 Wish List		
Journey Gift	Household Items	Sleep Kits
Basic Tool Kit	Hand Soap	Sleep Masks
Mop & Bucket	Toilet Paper/ Paper Towels	Sleepy Time Tea
Small Bottle Bleach	White Hand & Bath Towels/Face Cloths	Ear Plugs
Rubber Gloves	White Single Bed Vinyl Mattress Cover	Bag for Items
Toilet Bowl Brush	New Pillows	Lavender Oil
Broom & Dustpan	Clear & Black Giant Garbage Bags	Pillows
Lysol Wipes	Large & Small Paper Compost Garden Bags	
	Laundry Detergent	
	Cookie Sheet	
Personal Items	Food Items	Other
Earbuds (Bluetooth and Cord)	Grocery Gift Cards	Craft Supplies
Noise Cancelling Headphones	Canned Fruit	Art Activities
Body Wash & Loofas	Canned Vegetables	DVDs
Deodorant, Razors & Shaving Gel	Pasta, Sauces, Tomato Paste	Ice Packs
Daily Planners/ Agenda	Rice	Journals for Women
Disposable Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6, 7)	Canned Tuna	2026 Calendar
Tweezers & Nail Clippers	Canned Salmon	Umbrellas
Hair Brushes	Pickles	
Tampons	Relish	
Reading Glasses	Mustard	
Shampoo & Conditioner	Ketchup	

