

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Those present may make the sign of the ✝ cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

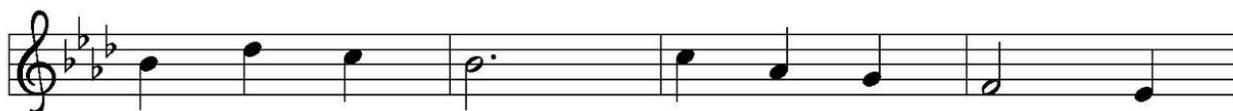




1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



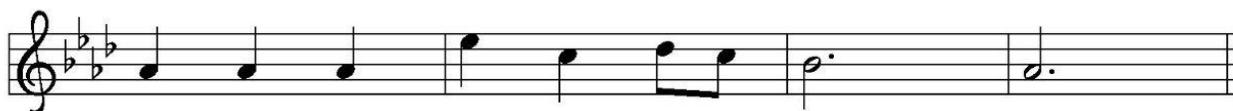
Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We pray: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts, the 11th chapter.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation, the 21st chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. David T. Drysdale II

REFLECTION SONG

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

NICENE CREED

We profess our faith saying: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the \dagger resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Help us conserve and preserve our many parks and natural places so they may provide respite and recreation for generations to come. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. Quell the errant desires of Russia and restore peace and wholeness to Ukraine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress especially all on our Prayer List, all named as worship began, and all we name now in the silence of our hearts or on the whispers of our lips (*we pause for the offering of names...*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying "Peace be with you."

We pray: Living God, you **gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Offering envelopes may be placed in the offering plate as you leave worship.
You may also mail your offering to Zion, or give online at zionhickory.org.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

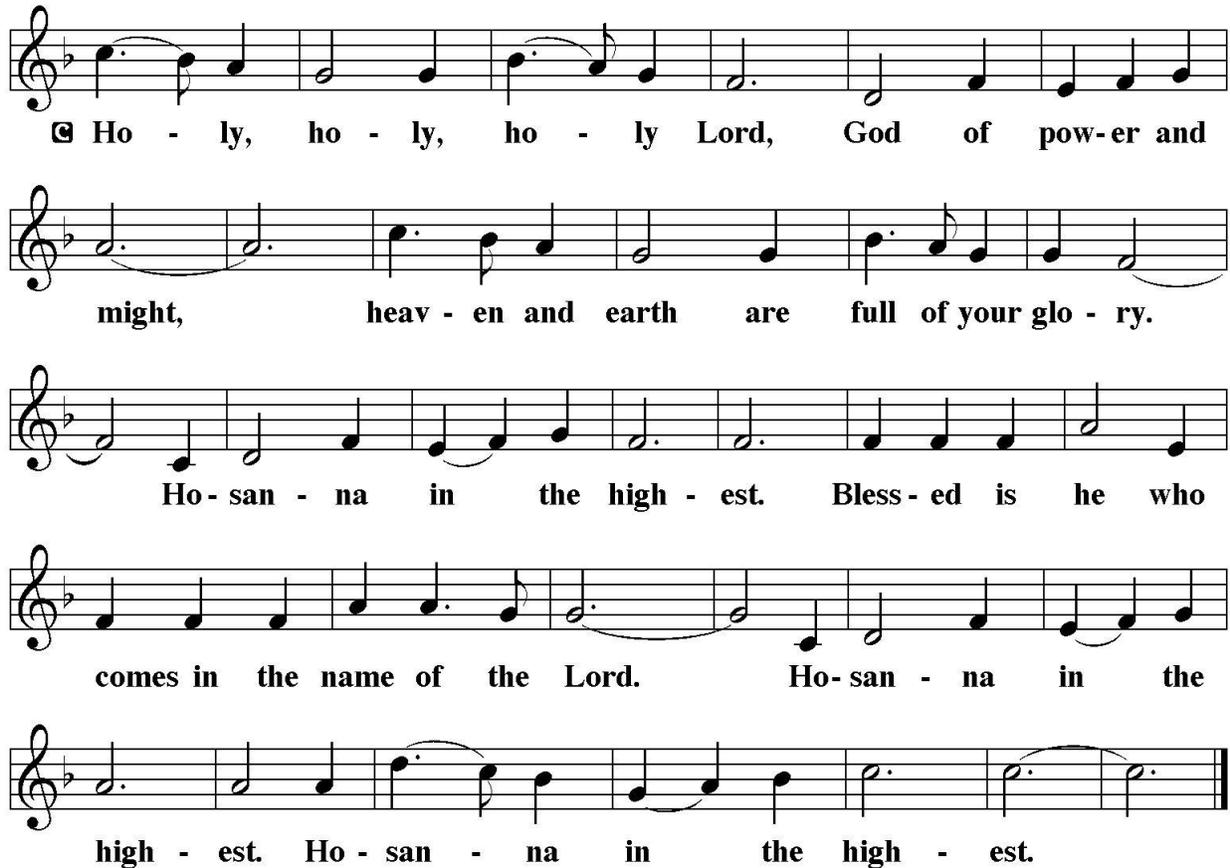
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Redeeming God,...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life as we boldly proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

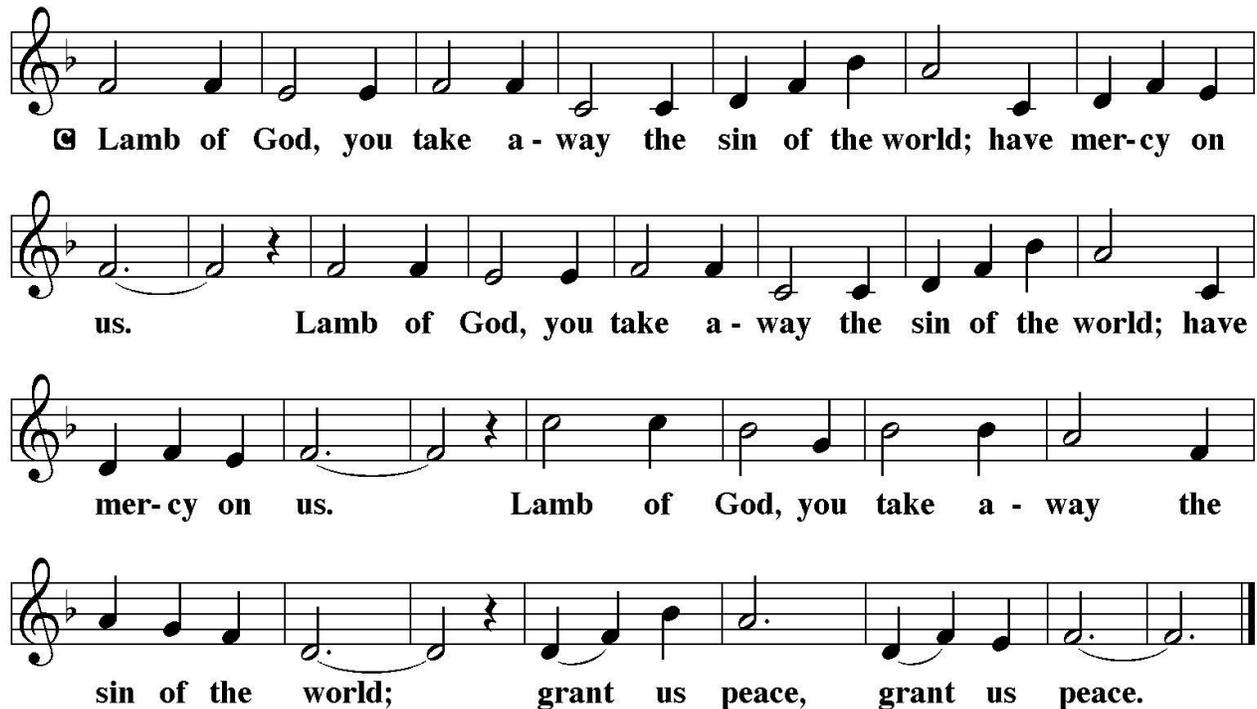
...one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us saying: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & LAMB OF GOD

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be seated.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table.
For the sake of good order, musicians will commune first.*

Notes: *We are returning to gathering around the altar at the rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, ask the usher for communion to be brought to you where you are seated. Realizing it may be too soon for some persons to feel comfortable gathering around the altar to receive communion, you may either form a single line at the open front of the altar or remain at your seat and ask the usher for communion to be brought to you.*

For the in-person assembly: *please see the distribution method detailed below.*

- *An usher will invite rows to proceed to the altar.*
- *You may kneel or stand as you prefer. Allow plenty of elbow room for others.*
- *The Pastor will place the communion bread in your hands.*
- *Select a communion wine cup from the tray offered by the Assisting Minister or acolyte.*
- *Consume the elements while at the altar.*
- *Put your communion wine cup in the tray presented by the Assisting Minister or acolyte.*
- *You are welcome to kneel at the altar for personal prayer after receiving communion.*
- *Return to your pew*

For those worshipping online: *commencing after worship and until 11:00 a.m.
you are invited to come to Zion and receive the sacrament under the new portico.*

Refrain: All

Wa-ter of life, flow in us. Light of
Christ, shine in us. Spir-it of hope,
rise in us. Word - made - flesh,
dwell in us.

Verses: Cantor and Choir

Stanza 1) You are the water of life ... we come to your table at your invitation. [Refrain]

Stanza 2) You are the light ... send us to show forth the radiance you are. [Refrain]

Stanza 3) You are the Spirit ... Come, live in us, you who are the truth and the way. [Refrain]

Stanza 4) You are the Word ... live in our heart evermore; recreate us. [Refrain]

Stanza 5) You are the bread of life ... feed those who hunger and thirst, Lord, we pray. [Refrain]

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: We give you thanks, generous God, **for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

'With High Delights Let Us Unite'

ELW 368



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

If anyone is interested in reading scriptures, please contact the Church Office.

Presiding Minister.....	Rev. David T. Drysdale II
Director of Music.....	Spence Robertson
Assisting Minister.....	Jackson Wright
Acolytes.....	Maggie Eckard, Dayton Lackey
Ushers.....	Eric Wright, Otis Morton, Steve Morton
Tellers.....	Marc Ladnier, Randy Hines, Rose Lackey

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church office to add a name for 30 days to the prayer list.

Please pray for those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

Zion Members... Jeb Bass, Joey & Jennifer Brown, Donna Daily, Elsie Eudy, Barbara Haas, Bill Hefner, Terrell Huffman, Janice Jeffreys, Carroll Lackey, Leigh Ann Lackey, Carey Latimer, Tom McNeely, Mike McRee, Violet Michael, Catherine Miller, Joe Miller, Casey & Lily Mull, Patrick & Jessica Mull, Jean T. Pitts, Martha Propst, Benelia Reese, Barbara Scronce, Gene Ward, Janey Whitener, Stephen Whitener, Jerry Yoder.

Homebound... Peggy Austin, Janelda Deal, Revonda Harris, Charles Hunt, Nellie Lutz, and Dottie Yoder.

Friends of Zion... Jackie Coates, Carole Dickerson, Rev. Jessie Drysdale, Guy D. Elmore, Haven Haas, Sandra & Stamey Hardin, David Hollars, Meredith Huret, David Icenhour, Lovenia Icenhour, Zak Kuhn, Beth LaBarbera, David Ladnier, Karon Ladnier, Jenny Massey McMahan, Terry Mooneyham, Natashia Nelson, Rob Oliver, Susan Peebles, Wayne & Brenda Reed, Donna Renfro, Greg Sigmon, Sherry Sigmon, Jeff Stinson, Sue Walker, Jennie Williams, Patricia Wilmoth, Jim Yoder, Renee Yoder.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Zion Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Sardis Lutheran, Plateau United Methodist, and Wesley Chapel United Methodist would like to invite you to our community Vacation Bible School, "Jerusalem Marketplace". Be transported to a different time and a fresh experience – and walk with Jesus today!

Classes available for children through adults. Dates are June 26-30. VBS will begin each evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Zion Church Parish Center, followed by classes and activities from 6 to 8 p.m. Volunteers are welcome! Help us spread the word! Register online at zionhickory.org/vbs. Questions, call 828.294.2532.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are due in the Church Office by Thursday of each week.

Chancel Flowers... Today's chancel flowers are given by Edda Lail to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Frank Lail.

Zion's Youth Handbell Choir... will meet for rehearsal in the Sanctuary this morning immediately after our worship service. Questions? Please speak with Leigh Ann Lackey.

2022 Graduates... If you or your child will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office **by May 15**. We are planning a Graduate Recognition Sunday sometime soon (date TBA) and we want to include all of our recent graduates. Thank you!

Zion Zestful Seniors... that are attending the play at the Green Room this afternoon and would like to carpool are asked to be at the church no later than 2:15 p.m. Questions, please call Sandra Herman at 828.238.3928.

Girls Night Out... The Girls Night Out group will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs Adult Bible Study classroom. All ladies are invited to join them for games and fellowship. Questions? Please contact Kay Bolick at 828.294.2282.

Game Night... Zion is hosting a Game Night on Friday, May 20, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All Zion members are welcome to attend (youth and adults). Please bring friends! We will have board/card games, play basketball, and have snacks. If you have any questions, please contact Misty Foster at misty.foster0382@gmail.com or 919.971.0382.

Conservation Workshop... Zion's one-day Gravestone and Monument Conservation Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 21 (*rain date, June 4*), beginning at 9:00 a.m. Supplies will be provided, as well as water, Gatorade, and snacks. You may bring a lawn chair if you wish. If you have signed up for the workshop and have any questions, please contact the church office.

College Scholarships Available... The Zion Mission Endowment Fund Board is offering scholarships to Zion members for the upcoming school year. The online application may be completed and submitted from the church website, zionhickory.org. **Deadline is May 19, 2022.**

Musical Performance... Come hear Zion's own Alexandria McNeely perform in Zion's Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. This vocal performance will feature something for everyone: from Opera to Broadway, from Classical Art Songs to Modern Love Ballads. It will be an evening most delightful!

How about REAL Communion Bread... You're invited to join Pr. Dave, our children, and other interested folks in the Parish Center on Sunday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m. for a communion bread-making class. We'll prepare it with gluten-free ingredients so our whole community can share the same loaves. Come get your bake on! Sign up by contacting the church office.

Weekly Contributions... Contributions to the General Fund the week of May 8th totaled \$5,778.89. Average weekly contributions needed to meet our 2022 budget are \$6,646.37. In-person attendance at last Sunday's worship service was 75.