



## Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, May 30, 2021

**Welcome to worship** on this Holy Trinity Sunday, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. What a blessing it is to rest in God's presence on this holy day! May you have a blessed Memorial weekend.

**Prayer:** O Holy Trinity, grant strength to Your people as we worship You in spirit and truth. And make us mindful of Your power and Your glory all the days of our lives as Your blessed children. Amen!

### WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

**2 Corinthians 13:14** – "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

### Summary of Today's Lessons

#### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

*The Glory of the LORD of Hosts Shines in Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation*

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he cried out and confessed that he was "a man of unclean lips." If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of "the King, the LORD of hosts," how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1–5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with "a burning coal" from the altar the angel touched Isaiah's lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6–7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ's cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, "the whole earth is full of his glory" (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified,

died and buried, "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God," and God "raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23–24). He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life-giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, "that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16–17).

### OUTREACH THOUGHTS

**John 3:1-17:** Jesus stated so clearly that anyone who does not believe in the name of God's one and only Son Jesus will be eternally condemned. This truth makes our work of outreach and mission critical. Without faith in Jesus, there is no salvation. This truth gives us a sense of urgency to get the message out. Who can you share this truth with today? Our Triune God loves the world so much, He doesn't want a single soul to be left out and perish.

### STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

**John 3:6** – "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently – as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

## BIBLE QUIZ

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?



- A. Romans; Paul  
B. Matthew; Jesus  
C. 1 Peter; Simon Peter  
D. Acts; Luke  
E. Revelation; John

Answer: (See the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter and go to verse 19 of this book.)

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning

the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

**Date:** Saturday, June 26, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

**Location:** Zion Lutheran Church  
924 Bridge Avenue  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

**Rain Date:** Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sponsored by Zion's Beautiful Feet Team

**Co-Chairs:** Diane Hanson and Jeff Brown

**Decorated Luminary:** \$10

**Plain Luminary:** \$10

**Footsteps:** \$1 each

### Fundraiser-Donation Event

for a donation of  
\$2.00 for 1 Ticket or  
\$5.00 for 3 Tickets

### **You could win:**

1. "Relay for Life" T-Shirt Quilt
2. Star Yard Ornament
3. Gift Basket
4. "Smokey Joe" WEBER grill (14")

Elaine Nelson has made this strikingly beautiful "Relay for Life" T-shirt quilt. Diane and Dean Hanson donated the star yard ornament. Toni Timm donated the gift basket.

All money raised by the "Zion's Beautiful Feet" Relay for Life team goes to the American Cancer Society.

Together we can make a difference!

Remember your loved ones who have died from cancer at Zion's Relay for Life Night!

Email us with their name(s) at  
[ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com](mailto:ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com).

**Flamingo flocking is underway!!! 🐦**  
**Be on the lookout for those beautiful birds!**

# You are invited to our Relay for Life Team Event

at Zion Lutheran Church

on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00pm.

Due to COVID-19, The American Cancer Society has decided that our usual Relay for Life event cannot happen this year, but individual teams may host their own events. Zion's Beautiful Feat is hosting a team event. We hope to raise money for Relay for Life and show our community how amazing our church is. Rain date is June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## What is Relay for Life?

The mission of Relay for Life is to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caregivers. Relay for Life explains why we relay: "At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer. Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story."

## How You Can Help

We would love to have you volunteer. Please contact Diane Hanson at 373-8584.

- **Set up luminaries.** Join us from 2:00-4:00pm to set up luminaries around the church on June 26th.
- **Help at the bake sale booth.** We will need people to sell items at our bake sale booth and bring items out of the church as needed.
- **Sell donation tickets.** People can make donations for tickets to win prizes.
- **Help clean up.** Help clean up at 10:00pm
- **Bake yummy treats for the bake sale.** Make desserts, breads, cookies, cupcakes, bars, caramel corn, Chex mix etc. Deliver to the church on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If this time does not work, please contact Diane Hanson to make other arrangements.



## Ways to Donate While Having Fun

You can purchase a foot and raffle tickets at the church and at the event.

**Purchase a foot for one dollar each.** Each foot will be placed on a rope that goes around our canopy. You can dedicate a foot in honor of a survivor, in memory of a loved one, to honor caregivers, or just to fight cancer. You will sign their name or your name to fight cancer on the foot. Buy as many as you like.

**Purchase donation tickets.** Tickets are one for two dollars or three for five dollars. Winners will be drawn at the event. You do not need to be present to win. We have four items. We have a beautiful Relay for Life t-shirt quilt made by Elaine Nelson, an outdoor star ornament made by Dean Hanson, a flamingo basket made by Toni Timm and a small weber grill donated by the church. Currently they are all displayed in the church.

## In Remembrance

At the event, we will remember those who have lost their lives to cancer. Pastor Matt will announce the names of those who have past and ring the church bell. If you know of anyone that you would like to have remembered, email the names to [ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com](mailto:ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com). If you are unable to email, contact Pastor Matt, Jeff Brown or Diane Hanson with the names.

## Show Your Support

Please attend this event and support those who have lost loved ones to cancer, support those who are fighting cancer and celebrate with the survivors. With your help, we can make this a Relay for Life to remember!

## CREATION-WIDE PRAISE CHORUS

"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing!" These words — just one paraphrase of a text by St. Francis of Assisi — seem a fitting description of springtime, when leaves and flowers pop out afresh, birdsong is heard again and hibernating animals emerge from dens and burrows, many with new babies in tow.

Psalm 148 may have served as inspiration for Francis, calling not only "young men and women alike, old and young together" (v. 12, NRSV), but also animals and birds, wind and water, mountains and trees, to praise the Lord. James L. Mays writes: "We human beings ... should recognize that we are in the list with all the creation and creatures as creature and creation ourselves. We are in our obligation to praise no different from and no more than all the rest."

When you head outside on a bright spring day, notice what praise looks like in nonhuman form and how it sounds from nonhuman voices. How can we best join "all creatures of our God and King" in worship?

—Heidi Hyland Mann

GIVE  
GOD  
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PRAISE!



## MEMORIAL DAY POEM

Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

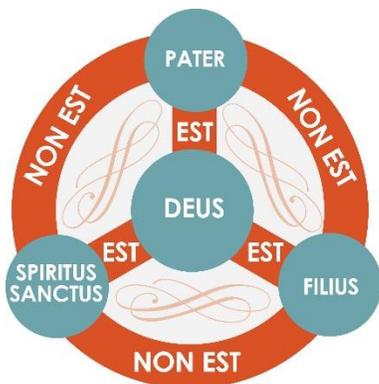
Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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## + Christian Symbol +

This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.

### REMEMBER YOUR MITE BOX!

Place your mite boxes or a little extra loose coin in the large LWML Mite box by the offering plate before you enter the sanctuary for worship. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (national and MNS District) appreciates your heartfelt offerings for missions. Thank you!



### SUMMER LWML QUARTERLY

Active circle members, the summer LWML Quarterly in your church mailbox. Remember to pick them up today! Thank you!

### ATTENTION LADIES OF ZION

The **Hannah and Ruth Circles** will be meeting at Zion's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 1 at their normal times. (See the weekly calendar.)

**Martha Circle** will be meeting on June 8 at Pioneer Park at 1:00 PM for a picnic. More details to come in next week's announcements.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for all the lovely and heart-warming cards and phone calls while I was home mending from foot surgery. It lifted my spirit! We have a fantastic church family. Thank you! Thank you! – Elaine Mucha



Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, May 31, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



### NEWLY AVAILABLE ITEMS AT THE INFORMATION TABLE.

- The **June calendar**; and
- **The Portals of Prayer** (July-August-September).

## + This Week's Calendar +

### Sunday, May 30, 2021 – Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM – Online and In-Person Service with Holy Communion  
No Drive-in Holy Communion Today  
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

### Monday, May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

### Tuesday, June 1, 2021

9:30 AM – Hannah Circle (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM – Ruth Circle (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM – Elders Meeting (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, June 2, 2021

9:00 AM – Quilters @ Zion (Quilting Rooms)

### Thursday, June 3, 2021

12:00 PM – Private Funeral (Jeffery Jones) at Bonnerups Funeral Home  
6:30 PM – Relay for Life Meeting (Fellowship Hall) @ Zion  
6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room) @ Zion

### Friday, June 4, 2021

– Recording Sunday Service (morning)

### Saturday, June 5, 2021

– Recording Sunday Service

### Sunday, June 6, 2021 – Second Sunday after Pentecost (LWML Mite Box Sunday)

9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM-1:00 PM – Drive-in Holy Communion  
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Trinity  
SUNDAY

"Very truly, I tell you,  
we speak of what we  
know and testify to what  
we have seen."

John 3:11, NRSV

**PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** The appointed Scripture readings for **The Second Sunday after Pentecost** – Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; and Mark 3:20-35.

### Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021

In-Person Attendance: 69  
YouTube Views: 55  
In-Person Communion: 67  
Drive-In Communion: 6 and (2 children)

### FOOD COLLECTION

The area food shelf needs your donations. We are collecting food for the local food shelf that

is at First Presbyterian Church. Drop your food items in the tote by the church mailboxes.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
and afternoon by appointment  
Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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