

# Polka Mass

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

York, PA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



with the Heidelberg Brass Band

Polka Mass Service  
Celebration of  
Word and Sacrament

(Words spoken/sung by the assembly are in boldface type.)

+ **The Gathering** +

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

*The ministers and assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share God's peace.

*The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them: peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.*

**PRELUDE**

*Helena Polka*

arr. Louis Vitak

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of  $\text{✠}$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

# Come Now and Worship

(Tune: Rosamunde)



1. Come now and wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_ come now and  
2. We bring our gifts, \_\_\_\_\_ gifts of our -  
3. We're here to praise you, \_\_\_\_\_ praise you for



wor - ship the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Come now and wor - ship,  
selves and our lives. \_\_\_\_\_ Fears, now sins, and wor -  
this brand new day. \_\_\_\_\_ You're here to join us, \_\_\_\_\_



join as we sing and a - dore. \_\_\_\_\_ Ga - ther to - ge - ther;  
all that can cause us such strife. \_\_\_\_\_ This ce - le - bra - tion  
teach us and show us your way. \_\_\_\_\_ Mold - us and shape us, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ give Him the praise that is due. \_\_\_\_\_ Hear us as we come to  
\_\_\_\_\_ draws us all clo - ser to you. \_\_\_\_\_ Hear us as we come to  
\_\_\_\_\_ help us to be more like you. \_\_\_\_\_ Hear us as we come to



wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing praise to you.  
wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing praise to you.  
wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing praise to you.

## GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Glory to God

(Tune: *Liechtensteiner Polka*)

Yes!

This is a great day to give glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God! Yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

God! Glo - ry to God, my Lord! For when we see the won-drous

good-ness of his grace and love and peace, oh let us thank and praise him dai - ly for it

all so joy-ful - ly! Oh, yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

⊕ To Coda

God! Glo - ry to God! My Lord.

O God, you are so won-der - full! Your bless - ings are so

boun - ti - ful! You gave sal - va - tion thru your Son!

When we were lost and full of sin, your love had set us free! Your love has set us

free! And we are free in - deed! Lord!

**D.S. al Coda**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray...

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

+ **The Word** +

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

L: A reading from Acts

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALM

*(read responsively)*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

L: We will read the Psalm responsively

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

## THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

L: A reading from 1 Peter

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Tune: Im Himmel Gibt's Kein Bier)*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia' written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia' and 'Al -'. The third staff continues with 'le - lu - ia' and 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia'.

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*The assembly is seated*

# SERMON

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Lord, Teach Us How to Love

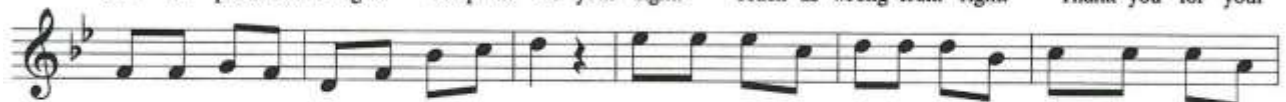
*Tune: Baruska - Bohemian Polka*



1. Our — Fa - ther up in hea - ven,
2. Je - sus Christ our Lord and Sa - vior,
3. God of love, O Ho - ly Spi - rit,



hear us as we pray, Take our sins a - way; help us live each day. Thank you for the  
you came down to us. Died up - on the cross to re - deem our loss. Teach us how to  
full of power and might. Keep us in your sight. Teach us wrong from right. Thank you for your



gifts you give us. You care for our needs. When you sent your Son to save us, you showed us you  
love each oth - er as you love us all. Help us fol - low your ex - am - ple, car - ing for each  
love and gra - ces, make us pure and strong. Be our hope and con - so - la - tion. Guide our wea - ry



loved us true. Hear us as we sing your prais - es; help us live our lives for you. Lord,  
oth - ers needs. Show - ing that we all are bro - thers by our ve - ry words and deeds.  
steps to thee. Through your gui - dance we all hope to live with you e - ter - nal - ly!



teach us how to love as we fol - low in your way. Oh, — Lord, teach us how to love



as we fol - low in your way.

## THE NICENE CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**C: Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially...*), the shut-in members of our congregation and those we name in our hearts.....(*a brief silence*) Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithfully departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

+ **The Meal** +

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*In the Green Grove Polka*

A. Grill

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*The assembly stands.*

# Offertory

(Tune: Aunt Ella's Polka)

1. We bring our gifts to place u-pon your ta-ble. We give our-selves, re-play, our joys - and our sor-rows. We give our best be-spond-ing to your call. We give our time, our ta-lents, and our trea-sures. Please help us use them cause you call us to. Oh may our hearts be rea-dy for your ser-vice, to share your love with

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for the sake of all. 2. Our work and ev-ry one we meet. Make us your own. Help us be one. word and lead us on

— In-spire all we do and say ev-er more. In crease our faith. Help us to stand — to all the peo-ple who need our love and care. We're here to serve at your com-mand.

1. 2.

— for all that's good and right and true. Just say the — It's what you've called us all to do!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

(Tune: Blue Skirt Waltz)

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are filled, filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who comes, comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Eucharistic Acclamation

*(Tune: Pearly Shells)*

Christ has  
died; Christ has ri - sen. Christ will come  
a - gain for us. Christ has died; Christ is  
ri - sen from the dead. Christ will come a - gain for us some - day.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

P: Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## Lamb of God

Tune: Schneewalzer



Hymns during the distribution...

# I Love to Go A'Wandering

(Tune: *The Happy Wanderer*)



1. I love to  
2. stroll thru  
3. moun - tains  
4. when at



go a' - wan - der - ing, my Sav - ior's hand in mine, a -  
mea - dows green and lush, and splash thru wa - ter falls. The  
tall be - fore us doth stand; the val - leys stretch be - low. The  
night the sun doth set, there is yet more to see. The



midst the trees and ho - ney bees and flow'rs of ev' - ry kind.  
birds they sing and flap their wings; we hear their va - ried calls.  
grand - eur they takes my breath a - way; the Lord God made it so.  
stars, they span - gle o're the sky, who made all this, tis He.



God of pow'r God of might, God of life, God of



glo - ry, God of joy and de - light, He's ev - er



by my side. We  
The  
And side.

# Baptized in Water

(Tune: *Julida Polka*)



(Musical interlude between verses 2 & 3)

1. Bap-tized in wat - er,
2. Fed at your ta - ble,
3. Bap-tized in wat - er,



you call us child - ren, your grace ex - tend - ed we are for - giv - en.  
 pre - pared for mis - sion. Your pre - cious blood and bo - dy are giv - en.  
 we are your chil - dren. Fed at your ta - ble, we are co - mis - sioned.



No long - er lost in sin, you grant us free - dom, to live as sons and daugh - ters  
 We're strength - ened to serve all peo - ple a - round us! Your feast from hea - ven  
 You send us forth to care for all cre - a - tion, all that you've made and love



in your vast king - dom. stounds us!  
 tru - ly a na - tion!  
 in - ev - 'ry



# You Give Us Sunshine

*Tune: You Are My Sunshine*

1. The warmth of sum - mer,  
ma - ker  
bread and

the au - tumn bree - zes, the win - ter frost, the green of spring.  
of earth and hea - ven, and stars and pla - nets sing your praise;  
you give us wine, Lord, the bless - ed fruit of heav'n a - bove.

The sea - sons' chan - ges de - clare your prai - ses, and we join with  
we lift our voi - ces to join the cho - rus as we bless your  
You give your - self as our dai - ly bread now; a most com - plete dis -

them as we sing. You give us sun - shine and gen - tle rain, Lord. The snow in  
won - der - ful ways.  
play of your love.

win - ter, morn - ing dew. All that we have Lord, we have been giv - en,

1, 2. 3.  
so we give our lives now to you you.

2. You are the  
3. You give us



*The assembly stands*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen**

+ **The Sending** +

## **THE BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Rise Up, Disciples*

(Printed on next page)

## **THE DISMISSAL**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Happy-Go-Lucky Polka*

A. Hofner

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# Rise Up, Disciples

(Tune: Pennsylvania Polka)

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1. Rise up, dis - ci - ples, go tell the good news \_\_\_\_  
3. Go now, my chil - dren, there's much to be done, \_\_\_\_



that God the Son is ri - sen. \_\_\_\_ Go out, be joy - ful; the King of the Jews \_\_\_\_  
for ma - ny still don't know me. \_\_\_\_ Be bold and tell ev' - ry daugh - ter and son \_\_\_\_



has van - quished death's dark pri - son. \_\_\_\_ He came down from hea - ven; he's now ev' - ry - where \_\_\_\_  
the won - drous old, old sto - ry. \_\_\_\_ We know it, we feel it, we can't hold it in; \_\_\_\_



as God the Ho - ly Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_ bring - ing hope to all who hear it, and as for  
God's love is so e - nor - mous, \_\_\_\_ mov - ing us to raise the cho - rus: Re - joice ye



death, we no long - er fear it.  
all for He so a - does us!



2. As we wor - ship, we sing prais - es to the Three in One.



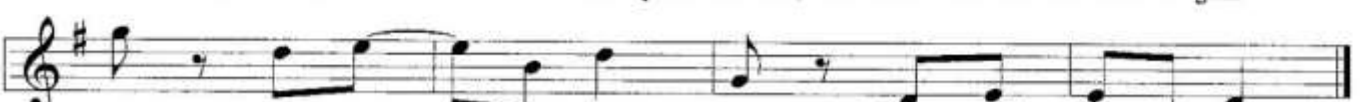
We give thanks to God a - bove for send - ing us His son.



We're so joy - ful, filled with joy be - cause He set us free. Be -



lieve in what you hear; He un - did the nails and spear. He died, He rose and He will come a - gain.



D.S. al Fine

## Assisting Today in Worship

Celebrant	Rev. Deborah Mahady
Lector	Dale Good
Lay Assistant	Merris Harvey
Communion Assistant	Dale Good
Communion Assistant 2	Carol Trainor
Wine Assistant 2	Ellen Gibb
Ushers	Martin Hoak & Kathy Gable
Bread Assistant 2	Jessica Nolt
Offering Ushers 3&4	Ellen Gibb & Brian Hinderer
Cashier	Ellen Gibb
Camera	Abby Gibb
Music	Heidelberg Brass Band

## This Week at Mt Zion

Wed. May 6	Bible Study 12:30 & 6 PM
Sunday May 10	Mothers' Day
Sunday May 10	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30

## Announcements

**Welcome Visitor:** We thank you for visiting our church family. Please fill out a visitor card and sign our guest register found in the narthex.

**A special welcome** to the members of the Heidelberg Brass Band for sharing your talents with us during worship today.

**Large Print Worship Books** are available for those in need of larger print. Ask an usher if you would like one.

**We ask that anyone unable to approach** the altar during communion stay seated and notify the usher. The Pastor will gladly come down and give communion.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please pick up the Volunteer Opportunities information sheet and prayerfully consider how you can participate in the life of Mt. Zion.

**The Altar Flowers** are given today in honor of Rachel & Austin's Anniversary by Kathie & John Boop.

**Altar Flowers:** These beautiful arrangements are provided every Sunday (except Lent and Advent) by sponsors from our congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sponsors can take arrangements home after the service. Please remember to take a white slip when you sign up and return it with your payment to the office or place in the offering plate.

## **Mt. Zion Prayer List**

Continue to pray for Aiyanna, Ed Ackerman, Jerry Arnold, Ray & Kathy Blose, Ted Brown, Jason Crowley, Bonnie DeBold, Gerri Deller, Tom Demler, Layla Esteves, James Ewing, Patti Feichtel, Scott Frederick, Gloriann Green, the family of Rev. Dr Green, Linda Grone, Tonia Grothey, Bob Gundlach, Audrey Heffermehl, Ruth Hoak, Carol Johnson, Gary Jones, Gene Krisukas, Winnie Kowolik, Kelly Lehr, Bob Lyon, Marsha Mann, Fran Marple, Amy Martzall, Bruce Myers, Mike Neal, Deborah Overly, Ben Renner, Kathy Rinaca, Carrie Roman, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Lee Shenberger, Rick Shreve, Herb Stauffer, Chad Sterling, Cody Sterling, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Steve Thompson, Marvin Timmons, Jace Valenti, Kay Waltemire, Bonnie & Robert Warren, Dodie Weaver, Ben Zenlinski, Diane Zerbe, and the shut-in members of our congregation: Mary Sue Bottstein, Joan Brenner, Bill Brothers, Joseph Bruggeman, Dudley Fink, Lonnie Ginter, Gloriann Green, Jeannie & Bill Grove, Bob Hoffheins, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Dick Lynn, Norma Jean Seigman, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Bud & Vickie Stevens.

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME:** As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

### **ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** *Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

**Second Lesson:** *Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Lesson:** *On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

## **MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor:	Rev. Deborah Shearer-Mahady
Sexton:	Rod Robles
Administrative Assistant:	Kathy Gable
Treasurer:	Kathy Swords
Financial Secretary:	Brian Hinderer

## **OUR MISSION**

To spread the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.

## **COME TO THE BANQUET**

On a weekly basis, Mount Zion Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion. God invites all who believe in the Real Presence in, with, and under the bread and wine to come to the banquet table of grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God calls us to be a part of His gracious love.

Therefore, Mount Zion Lutheran Church will not be similar to the world. We will not conform to a life that separates, nor that categorizes and justifies acts of elitism and lifestyles built on anxiety. We are one body, as we come together knowing that God reconciles all sinners. God calls us all to repent and ask for forgiveness – to be loved for who we are, people of God empowered to share His love to the entire world. We at Mount Zion will always extend an invitation to all to join us at the banquet table of grace.

If you would rather have a blessing instead of communion, place your hand over your heart, and the pastor will bless you.

If you have a spiritual or pastoral need, please contact Pastor Debbie at (717) 503-2729 or [mtzionyorkpastordm@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionyorkpastordm@gmail.com) . She will get back to you ASAP. Or stop in the office if she is in.

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