

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for  
⌘ Worshiping God ⌘ Proclaiming the Gospel  
⌘ Nurturing faith ⌘ Educating ⌘ Loving and Caring for people



**May 14, A.D. 2023**  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Mothers' Day*  
**8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**





**WELCOME VISITORS!** — We are so glad you came to Zion today. Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular Church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church.

—The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece, Senior Pastor

**ZION'S NURSERY** — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the nursery located through Trinity Hall.

**HOLY COMMUNION** — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

**AS WE GATHER** — “The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

**TODAY WE WELCOME Howard Clayton and Dorothy Ann Hewett** as they are baptized during the 10:30 Service. Their parents are Carly and Clayton Hewett, who will be received by Confirmation and Transfer respectively. Their Godparents are James and Kaelyn Shelton and Ryan and Abigail Gevara. We pray God's blessings upon all.

# † DIVINE SERVICE I †

## LSB 151

### PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      LSB 700

## LITURGY OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION (10:30)

Pastor: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the means by which the Father creates new sons and daughters. In the waters of Baptism we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord. Born again by water and the Spirit, we are made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with him and his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Rite of Confirmation is the Order in which one's Baptismal Faith is confirmed.

Pastor: Who is here presented to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and how are they named named?

Baptizand: Parents & Godparents: We present Dorothy Ann and Howard Clayton.

Pastor: Who is here present to be confirmed in their Baptismal faith?

Confirmand: I, Carly Hewett.

Pastor: Who is here present to be received into membership by transfer?

Transferee: I, Clayton Hewett.

*The Pastor asks the following questions of the Parents/Godparents who speak for the baptizands:*

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and all his ways?

Candidates: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Speaking and confessing with and all the Faithful here present:  
Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**All:** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**All:** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All:** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### BAPTISM

Pastor: Dorothy Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

Pastor: Howard Clayton, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen**

#### CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION BY TRANSFER

Pastor: Carly and Clayton, do you intend to hear and live according to the Word of God, to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and to honor and uphold the Lutheran Confessions and your Baptismal promises, remaining true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Response: I do so intend, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### ANointing WITH OIL

Pastor: Dorothy and Howard, children of God, you are anointed and sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ + forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### VESTING WITH THE BAPTISMAL AND CONFIRMATION STOLES

Pastor: Put on these stoles and remember that you are clothed in the righteousness of Christ who calls you to His great feast.

#### SHARING OF THE LIGHT

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### WELCOME AND PRESENTATION TO THE FAITHFUL **Stand**

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized and their parents.

**People:** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and heirs with us of the kingdom of God.**

HYMN (*sung a capella*) *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**C** **Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;**  
**Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD † LSB 152

KYRIE

LSB 152

HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

LSB 155

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**C** A - men. *Sit*

FIRST READING (alternative reading for Easter VI)

Romans 1:1-6

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, [was] called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through

whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

(10:30) ANTHEM *If Christ Had Not Been raised from Death* Dietrich Buxtehude

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13–17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.** *Stand*

(8:00) ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(10:30)GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*These Things Are Written That You May Believe*

Scott Hyslop

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit when Book is returned to Altar*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (see below)

(10:30: Choir sings stanzas 1 &amp; 2 – congregation is invited to join on stanza 3)

George Herbert, 1593–1633

ST. JOHNFRED

Scott M. Hyslop  
b. 1961

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
 such a way as gives us breath,  
 such a light as shows a feast,  
 such a joy as none can move,  
 such a truth as ends all strife,  
 such a feast as mends length,  
 such a love as none can part,  
 such a life as kill - eth death.  
 such a strength as makes his guest.  
 such a heart as joys in love.

## HOMILY

Vicar Knepper

## (8:00) NICENE CREED

(10:30) APOSTLES' CREED (*Included in the Liturgy of Baptism*)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Stand*

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, hear us as we pray for the world, our nation, our state of Texas, our city of Dallas, and those who rightly lead. Lord Jesus Christ, hear us as we pray for the Holy Church, for the sick, the suffering, and those in hospice care, especially Peggy; and for those who grieve the deaths of Mildred + and Karen +, and those slain in Allen and Brownsville. On this day we pray for Mothers remembered and Mothers with us still. May their life-giving labour ever be blessed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

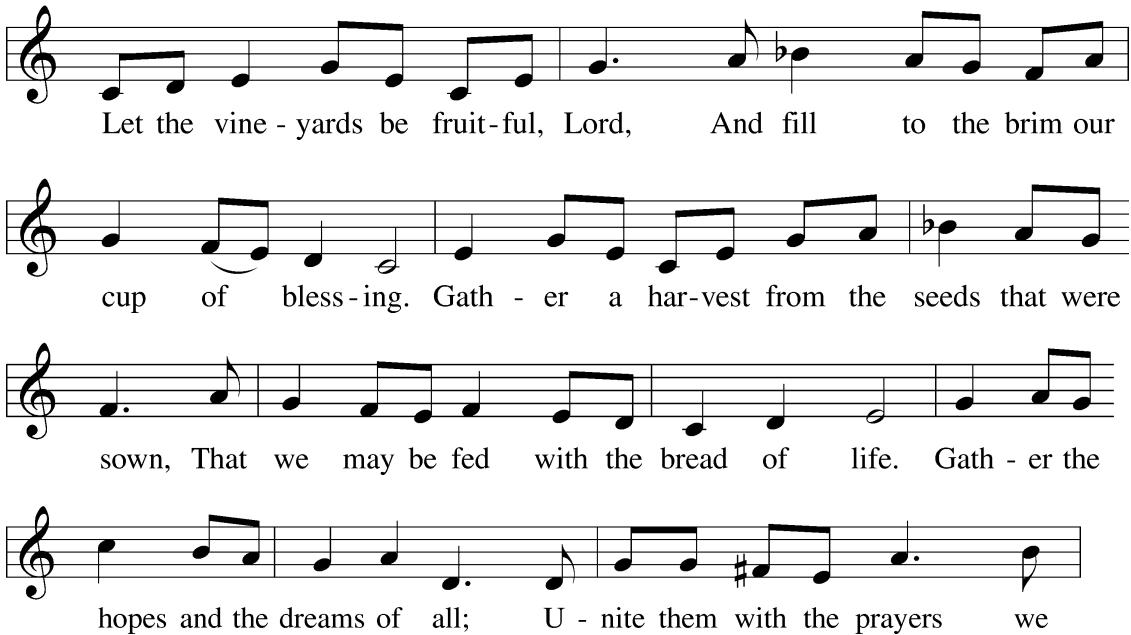
## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO A VICAR

## OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *Sit*

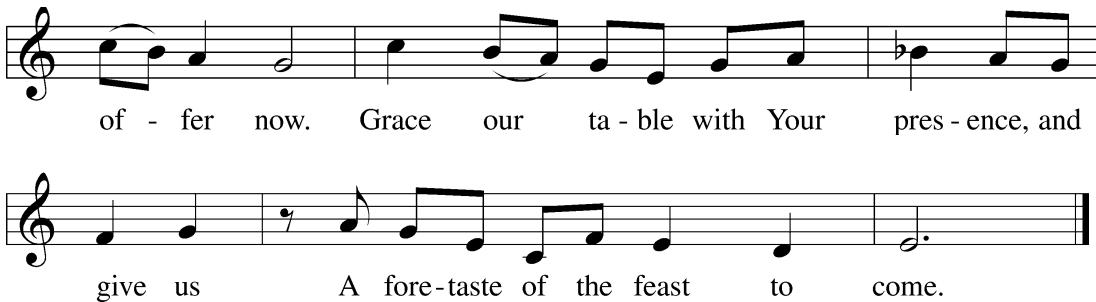
### OFFERTORY *Stand*

### *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



**† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**  
**LSB 160**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS      *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*      LSB 594  
*Children of the Heavenly Father (all stanzas)*      LSB 725

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Stand*      *Thank the Lord*      LSB 164

**THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

RECESSIONAL      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*      LSB 643

POSTLUDE

**THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY**

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece
Homilist	Vicar Christopher Knepper
Assisting	The Rev. Richard E. Kurth
Acolytes	The Rev. Ben Weldtensai, Vicar
Organist	(10:30) Avery and Addison Underwood
Choir	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Ushers	(10:30) ZLS 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	(8:00) Richard Magers; Board of Elders Larry Wagner

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**OUR PARISHIONERS, ESPECIALLY:** **Gary** Wesson, **Margaret and Richard** Porter, **Bunny** Wood, **Arit** Aqua, **All Caregivers**, **Trudy** Dennard, **Maren** Devine, **Ben** Thieme, **Don & Peggy** Fontana (Peggy is in hospice care.), **Kathy** Lockett, **Bill** Bednarek, **Sam** Snow, **Lance & Karen** Lashley, **Linda** Preece, **Pastor** Gersch, **Lovis** Miller, Dr. **Ken** Piel, **Karen** Matthews, and **Jack** Harris.

**THE FRIENDS AND KINFOLK OF OUR PARISHIONERS:** the Family of **Nataliya Feller** in Dnipro and in Dallas; **Ann and Steve** Meadows; **Cindy** Preece; **Tim** Tate, Amanda Adler's dad; **Linda and Jim** Novak, friends of Sarah Martin; **George Elliot**, **Vivian** Green's Godfather; **Eva** Conaway, daughter of Richard Conaway; **The Reverend Hiram Orea**; **Ed** Gusa, Patrick's father; Charles Moncrief's cousin Susan's husband, **Robb**; **Michaela**, Lori Fink's niece, for discernment on medical treatment; **Barbara and Frank Foytik** and infant grandson, **Bo**, friends of Sarah Martin; and **Gary** Zumwalt, nephew of the Preeses.

## THE SOON TO BE WED

**Alex Hawkins and Victoria Mrowka** on 05/20/2023 in Chicago IL. Alex is the son of parishioner Kathy Hawkins.

## THOSE WHO MOURN

—**The Victims** of senseless violence in Allen and Brownsville.  
—**Karen + Redman**, aunt of Kristin Runzheimer.  
—**Mildred + Schaerdel**, died 4/29. A Memorial Service was held at Zion on 5/2 with Interment on 5/5 at DF-W National Cemetery, RCP serving.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** 5/15 Amy Hendershot; 5/16 Henry Leitch, Randy Bednarek; 5/17 Kyle Knippa, Bill Medley, Amy Kuhlmann, Madi Schnegelberger; Tanner Metz; 5/18 Becky Blanchard; 5/19 Stefanie Lopez, Caroline Shaddock, Cheryl Zreet; 5/20 Nardos Naffee, Caroline Carter, Erik Overdyk, Grayson Borchers.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** 5/15 Paula & Tom Howell, Lindsey & Kent Mendenhall; 5/18 Kelley & Chris Jones, Amy & James Kuhlmann; 5/20 Mulu Desta & Daniel Belay, Gaby & Tom Perkowski.



**Attention High School Seniors!** We will be celebrating your accomplishments at the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, June 4. We'll be making a display for the congregation to see. Please help us out by following this QR code to fill out the form and upload a senior picture. Thanks!



## VICAR UPDATES

**Vicar Chris Knepper** has completed his vicarage with us. Tomorrow he leaves to serve in the US Army Reserve and then on to St Louis to finish his Seminary education. We will miss his energy! A Reception will be held in Trinity Hall after the 10:30 Service with light refreshments and a chance to say farewell and even write a note for him to read later.

Zion's other Vicar, **The Rev. Benyam Weldtensai**, underwent his final colloquy exam on May 12. We are waiting for a good report!

### SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

**Needed per Sunday: \$ 27,433      Received 5/7: \$19,085**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Sunday School and Bible Study Classes begin today at 9:25 am!**

**Children's and Youth Sunday School- Kids aged 3-Grade 4** meet in the Music Room for opening. **Grades 5-6** meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room, **Grade 7** in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Room, and **Grades 8-12** in the Youth Room.

#### **Adult Classes:**

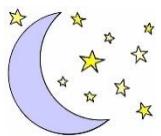
- **Back to Basics: The Divine Service**—Led by Dr. Jim Haner, meets in the 7th grade classroom.
- **Back to Basics: Luther's Small Catechism**—Led by Mike Wright in the Spanish Room.
- **Paul's Letter to the Romans**—Led by Bryan Wendt & Bill Morrison in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Room.
- **Adult Inquirers' Class - Church Conference Room**—Taught by Senior Pastor Preece, this class explores the Christian Faith from a Lutheran perspective. A new class is anticipated to begin **June 25**.

**Full descriptions for adult classes are on the wall in the narthex and on the wall as you enter the hallway in the school building.**

## Adult Bible Studies on Weekdays

**LWML Daylighters** next meeting is Monday May 22, 9:30am in Trinity Hall. For more information, please contact Gaby Perkowski, [gabyperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:gabyperkowski@gmail.com).

**Men's Bible Study**—Saturday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room. Pastor Symmank and Bill Morrison lead the group through a sneak peek of the Sunday pericopes.



**The LWML Moonlighters** would like to invite you to come to our **Salad Supper on Tuesday, May 16th**. We will meet in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm. We will have Salads, Desserts, and Tea. Pastor Kurth will share his LWML experiences from past churches. We have a few games to play with prizes. Please join us and bring a friend for fun fellowship with the women of Zion. You can contact me with any questions by email or phone. Pam McCallister 214-205-0036 or [pammc@mail.com](mailto:pammc@mail.com)



**Registration for Stellar Vacation Bible School is now open!**



We are looking for **participants** (age 3 and potty trained to those currently in grade 5) **and volunteers** (those currently in grade 6 through adults)!

**Monday- Thursday, June 12-15  
9:00 am-Noon**

Please contact DCE Amy Heuer or Jenn Hoeppner with any questions.

**Zion Youth (Grades 6-12)- Plan to join us at our next event on Sunday, May 21!**  
Details coming soon.

**Camp Zion is looking for Summer staff. If you are at least 18 years old and need a summer job, please reach out to Priscilla Scrimshire. [pscrimshire@ziondallas.org](mailto:pscrimshire@ziondallas.org)**



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**Are You a Thrivent Member?** If you have not used your Thrivent Action Teams yet this year, would you be willing to apply for one on behalf of Vacation Bible School and/or the Youth Mission Trip? Please contact DCE Amy Heuer.



**Are You a Thrivent Member?** If you have not used your Thrivent Action Teams yet this year, would you be interested in applying for one on behalf of Vacation Bible School Trip? Please contact DCE Amy Heuer.

Congratulations to Zion's Men's Softball Team for winning the City of Richardson Spring Championship!

Trophy and T-shirt are on display in the Narthex.

Thanks to Kendra Boehne for the photo.

**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**—The Texas Ramp Project is dedicated to building ramps at homes to make them wheelchair accessible. These needs grow daily and the Texas Ramp Project is looking for volunteers, aged 16 up. Zion's Mission Board has reserved 8 spots on May 20 to assist. We will meet at the Ramps warehouse (3341 Towerwood Drive, Farmers Branch) at 7:30 am. All power tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you desire. You should bring gloves and wear closed-toe shoes, appropriate for construction work. Most projects are done in 4-6 hours, so plan accordingly. Zion's Mission Board will provide snacks and water. sign up on the Church Center app, or contact Tim Dunk (214-642-4935) to volunteer.





**I'm honored to share with our church and school families and community** that our Principal has successfully completed his doctoral work at Dallas Baptist University. Thursday morning, he walked across the stage and traded in his former name of "Mr. Jeff Thorman" for his new and improved name, "**Dr. Jeff Thorman**." (I would be remiss, for those children of the 80's, if I failed to point out that "Mr. T" is now "Dr. J".)

Zion's staff is incredibly proud of Dr. Thorman's accomplishment. While we celebrate Dr. Jeff Thorman, we are reminded just how blessed we are to have an entire staff of amazing people who love and lead our

students in Christ. From our caring Pastors and church staff, to our loving and dedicated teachers (including a recent "Educator of the Year" recipient!), to our enthusiastic and supportive assistants! What a joy and privilege it is to teach these children and share the love of Christ with them each day!

Humbly in Christ,  
Aaron Schnegelberger, Vice Principal



### **Zion Fellowship Club**

Ducks, Geese and Bees, Oh My! On Tuesday, May 23, Nancy Wilson will tell Fellowship Club about the annual migration habits of ducks and geese. She will also tell about the 600 different species of bees in Texas.

Games and coffee begin at 10:00 in Trinity Hall. Then at 11:30 we eat lunch which we have brought from home. Our speaker begins at noon. Join us!

### **Looking ahead**

6/4 Begin Summer Service Schedule, one Service of Holy Communion at 9:30

6/11 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Pastor Preece

6/12-15 VBS

8/12 Workday

8/16 School starts

8/20 ROC Dedication anticipated

Copies of Pastor's Preece's **Easter Sermon** as well as **Mildred + Schaerdel's Funeral Sermon** are available in the Narthex.

## CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AT THE MAY 21 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As you may know, our **May Congregational Meeting will be held following the 10:30 service on MAY 21, 2023**. The meeting will include election of a number of board positions and officers. Our nominating committee chair, Jennifer O'Brien, has compiled a list of the candidates along with some photos and information about them. Please review so you can be an informed voter.

See you May 21.—Bryan Wendt, President

### Vice-president/President-elect

**Erik Cordova** - I'm a Financial Planning & Analysis professional and moonlight as a tax accountant (I'm a CPA candidate in Texas.) I have 20 years of experience helping businesses and organizations understand data to drive positive change. I hold a B.S. in Accounting and Information Management Systems and an M.B.A., as well as other professional certifications. My wife and I joined Zion in 2016. We were married at Zion in 2017 and both our children were baptized at the font by Pastor Preece. I came to Zion by connection to our decades long family friends, the Morrisons and Hendricks. I previously served as Financial Secretary and currently serve on the Parish Education Committee.



**Tom Gingerich - Thomas J. Gingerich, CPA** serves Chief Financial Officer of a Family Office which controls limited partnership invested in real estate and hard assets; Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of BMC Capital, Inc., and a self-employed tax accountant with 39 years of accounting experience in public practice and private industry.



I graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Administration in Accounting from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa and moved to the Dallas area in 1985.

Susan, my wife of 35 years and I reside in Mansfield. We were married in 1987 by Pastor Judge at Zion Lutheran. We attended Zion until moving to Mansfield in 2001, and moved our membership back to Zion in 2019

**James Kuhlmann** - My wife, Amy, and I have been members of Zion since 1996 and our daughters, Elizabeth (Kaley) and Sarah, attended Zion Lutheran School through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I'm a self-employed architect currently serving on the ROC Building Committee, Board of Buildings & Maintenance and Board of Stewardship. In previous years I've served as President of the congregation, served on/chaired the Board of Discipleship, and Board of Elders.



**Bob Wallner** - My name is Bob Wallner. My family joined Zion in 2016. I am the grandson, great-grandson and great-great-grandson of LCMS pastors. My wife and I both graduated from Baylor University. We have two daughters; Mandy and Sydney. I am a CPA by trade and have worked for the same company for 29 years. I served as President of the congregation from 2019-2020. I have also been chair of the stewardship committee as well as a member of the BBZM committee.

### **Secretary**

**Paul Vandermeer** - I have been a member of Zion for nearly a year. I came from St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio (LCMS) where, at various times, I served on the board of Elders and as the Chairman of the Board of Stewardship. I also volunteered in various roles at St. John as a substitute teacher for adult Sunday Bible class, workdays, usher, liaison for a missionary family sponsored by People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), and assisting with the Christmas Walk. I lived in Ohio for nearly 40 years attending graduate school at Ohio State University and working for many years at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (caring for our aquatic resources). I retired from that job prior to moving to Texas to be closer to family.



During my short tenure at Zion, I have served as a volunteer during work days and cleanup for the Lenten dinners. I attend worship (typically 8 am) and Bible class each Sunday and the Saturday men's Bible study. I also make a point to attend midweek services offered at other times.

My wife Sarah and I have been married for nearly 37 years. We live in Lochwood, about 10 minutes east of Zion. Sarah is a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and is very involved in that parish. We have one son, Christopher. He has a wife (Jennie) and they have 4 children. They attend church at Fellowship Dallas. In my spare time I enjoy walking/hiking with my wife, gardening, birding, Bible study, World War 2 history, and watching football. I also enjoy spending time with my grandkids swimming in our backyard pool and attending their school and

sports events. I work part time at Wild Birds Unlimited on the corner of Abrams and Fisher, just east of Zion. Admittedly, I still have a lot to learn about Texas and about Zion in particular. However, there is no time like the present to begin that process.

### **Treasurer**

**Daniel Kruger** - My name is Daniel Kruger. I grew up Mexia and attended Stephen F. Austin University graduating with a BBA in Accounting. I worked in a number of Accounting and Financial Analysis positions during my career.



I was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Mart, Texas. I transferred my membership to Zion in 1990 shortly after Pastor Preece came to Zion. I served my first tenure as Treasurer for 5 years in the mid 90's and I have been serving as Treasurer since the early 2000's. I attend the 10:30 service and assist the Board of Elders with ushering.

### **Financial Secretary**

**Robert Rubel** - I am Robert Rubel, a CPA for over 30 years and currently the Chief Auditor for Dallas ISD. My wife, Diane and I found Zion when we enrolled our son Matthew in PreK 3 class and later joined the congregation since Diane grew up Lutheran. Our son is now graduating from Bishop Lynch this month. I have served as Financial Secretary this past year, and did another 2-year term 5 years ago. I have served on the Church Council as vice president, president, and past president. I have also served as the Zion tennis coach for the last 8 years. If anyone would like to serve as a teller this coming year, please let me know.



### **Board of Christian Education/School (3)**

**Kortnie Duffy** - My name is Kortnie Duffy and Zion Lutheran Church & School has always been a part of my life. When I was 2 years old, my family became members of Zion Lutheran Church. I was baptized at Zion when I was 2 and then confirmed when I was in the 7th grade, the same goes for my five siblings. All five of us Boettchers attended Zion Lutheran School from Kindergarten through 8th grade. So, when I had a child there was no question where he was going to attend school. My son, Liam, is in 5th grade and has attended Zion since Preschool. I am going on my sixth year working with the PTL to coordinate the prepackaged school supply sale for Zion Lutheran School.



**Mandy Fults** - My name is Mandy Fults and my Family (Travis, Grayson (8), Augie (6)) and I have been Zion Lutheran Church members since 2019. Our boys have been attending Zion School Lutheran School since Grayson started in Ms Wendy's class in 2016. I served as the President of the PTL during the 2021-2022 school year and led the charge to successfully raise funds to build the new PK playground! I work in commercial real estate, with Stream Realty Partners, in a construction management role. In my spare time I am a soccer mom and baseball mom. I love to host gatherings, explore the world with my husband and boys through travel, road trips and camping in our travel trailer.



**Jenny Horne** - My name is Jenny Horne and I am a member of Zion Lutheran Church. I grew up and was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Prairie. My children, Davison (5th grade) and Olivia (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), both attend Zion Lutheran School and have since they were in Pre-K 2. I've enjoyed working with their teachers and serving as a room parent every year. I've also been an active member of the Zion PTL and served as treasurer for the last 3 years. While on the PTL, I've helped with event planning including Fall Carnivals, Gala and Auctions, and Book Fairs. I am a full-time dental hygienist practicing for over 20 years. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching soccer games, traveling, and crafting.



**Mark Johnson** - I'm Mark Johnson. My family have been Zion members since 2019, but our relationship with Zion goes back to 2001 as our two children attended Zion Lutheran School from Pre-K through 8th grade. Understandably my wife, children, and I have a keen interest in the mission of our school. I sing in the choir at Zion, and I'm an attorney. I enjoy music, gardening, and travel.



**Clara Toman** - My name is Clara Toman and my family and I have been members of Zion since 2021. My husband and I have one son who has attended Zion Lutheran School since 2020. We usually attend the 10:30 am service. You are likely to have seen my son William acolyting or met me at Sunday School. In the past I have served on the ROC Committee and as a Lector. I have been an attorney for the past 17 years and currently work full-time. In my spare time I like to ride my bike, hang out with my mom-friends, and take my son to his basketball or football practices/games.



## **Board of Social Ministry**

**Ann Medley** - My name is Ann Medley and I joined Zion Lutheran Church about 45 years ago. I met my husband, Bill, a couple of years later and we were married at Zion. Bill and our son, Mark, are both graduates of Zion Lutheran School. Most Sundays, you will find us in the balcony as we both sing in the choir. I retired from Texas Woman's University in 2022 after 32 years as a faculty member in the School of Physical Therapy. I was awarded Emeritus Faculty status last year and still do some adjunct teaching. At Zion, I have served on the Nominating Committee and School Board. Most recently, I served on the call committee for our Minister of Music. I also was a charter member of the LWML Moonlighters and served as the first President of the group. I enjoy traveling, scrapbooking, and working in our yard.



## **Board of Parish Education**

**Sarah Jensen** - My name is Sarah Jensen and my family and I have been at Zion since 2011. My husband and I have 3 kids, two of whom are currently students at Zion and the third will join them when old enough. We usually attend the 8 am service and enjoy being active in the church. I currently serve on the boards of Parish Education, Youth, and Education (School) and periodically help teach children's Sunday School.



## **Board of Youth**

**Geoffrey Adams**

## **Board of Missions**

**Bill Muenchinger**

## **Board of Discipleship/Church Growth**

**Kathi Jahnke** - My husband Jim and I have been members at Zion since 2018, shortly after moving to Texas from New York, with a brief detour through Michigan. We have three grown daughters and a one-year-old granddaughter. In the past year, I have joined Moonlighters, have assisted with new member dinners and have helped prepare and package LWML quilts. Through volunteering, I have met many wonderful people at Zion!

Vocation: Speech Language Pathologist

Avocation: Art quilting...creating small stitched works inspired by digitally manipulating my iPhone images and printing them on fabric.



**Karen Matthews** - My name is Karen Matthews. My husband William and I and our two children, have been a members of Zion since 2002, and our children attended Zion Lutheran School from Preschool through 8th and 4th Grade. We usually attend the 10:30am service, but I'll often be on the balcony as a member of the adult choir. I have also served as secretary, on the Board of Education, Board of Social Ministry, the Nominating Committee, and volunteered in VBS. I currently assist in Zion Lutheran School as an aide and sub. I enjoy traveling, scrapbooking, and time with my grandchildren.



### **Nominating Committee (6)**

**Lisa Cordova** - My name is Lisa Cordova. I have been a member of Zion for forty years and my children both graduated from Zion. Over the years I served on the Board of Education and Board of Parish Education. I was VBS Director, Sunday School Director, Sunday School Teacher, VBS volunteer and member of the Zion Choir. I have retired from 44 years as a teacher and am enjoying retirement.



**Beth Dedrick** - My name is Beth Dedrick and I have been a member at Zion since 2007. My husband became a member in 2013/2014. We have two children, Benjamin (2 ½ yrs) and Charlotte (4 ½ months). Benjamin attends Zion and Charlotte will too when she is "of age". When we are in town and not visiting my family's farm in Moody, TX, we attend a combination of early and late services. I have served on the Discipleship board in the past and began helping teach the Toddling to Jesus Sunday School class this past year. I work at UT Southwestern Medical Center as a Clinical Research Coordinator. In my spare time, I love playing with my kids outside, playing games, doing puzzles, and camping.

**Clay Hinkel** – My name is Clay Hinkel and my family and I have been members at Zion since 2012. I have taught school in Richardson for 19 years. Barbara, my wife is the 5th grade teacher at Zion. We have 4 children ages 8-20, all Zion-ites. I grew up in Garland and was actually confirmed by Pastor Symmank at Crown of Life- Rowlett many years ago. Through the years I have served various roles in the churches I have been part of. I enjoy bicycling, my kids sports, traveling, movies and the Dallas Stars.



**Bill Medley** - My name is Bill Medley and I've been around Zion my whole life as have multiple generations of my family. I even went to Zion's school a few decades ago. I'm in the adult choir having sung here since childhood. Zion has given me so much it's hard to list it, but most especially meeting my wife, Ann. I've served as Pres/V-Pres, School Board, Discipleship Board, Financial Sec'y, call committees & several building campaigns. I also served as Interim Music Coordinator during the recent pandemic & Music Minister vacancy. Most of my career was in the mortgage business, mostly working for a law firm. Currently I work part-time for Church Music Institute, a non-profit sacred music library promoting and preserving the use of sacred music in worship and beyond.



**Kristin Runzheimer** - My name is Kristin Runzheimer. I have been a member at Zion for about 2 years. I usually attend the 8 am service. I am graduating from occupational therapy school (TWU) in May and am looking forward to starting a new career. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, working outside, and watching my nieces compete in sports.

**Kathy Shannon** - My name is Kathy Shannon and my family, and I have been members of Zion for over 50 years. Zion has played a big part in my life. I attended Zion Lutheran School through 7<sup>th</sup> grade and was confirmed and married at Zion. My husband, Danny, and I have four children who were all baptized and confirmed at Zion and attended Zion Lutheran School from preschool through middle school and now my grandson, Jaxon, is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Zion. Over the years I have volunteered on various boards and worked in many capacities at VBS and in the school. I currently teach Pre-Kindergarten at Zion and oversee the school library. In my spare time I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family.



**Lori Fink**  
**Chuck Green**  
**Hudson Lockett**  
**Sean Morrison**