

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude            *“Happy the Home When God Is There”*            Johnson

Call to Worship (*Psalms 96 1-2, 11-13 CEB*)

Sing to the LORD a new song!

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD! Bless God’s name!

**Share the news of God’s saving work every single day!**

Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

**Let the sea and everything in it roar!**

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

**Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully**

before the LORD because he is coming!

**God is coming to establish justice on the earth!**

God will establish justice in the world rightly.

**God will establish justice among all people fairly.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O heavenly Conductor of the spheres, in the beginning, you sang creation into being. By your word, your song, your dance, life sprang forth. May your tune of justice and righteousness fill our souls. We gather to praise your holy name, sing songs of your love, and join in your dance of grace, peace, and truth. May the rhythms of our spirits, and the melodies of our hearts be most pleasing to you, O God our help, our joy, our guide, Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 59            *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession

**Risen One, we gather this morning, ready to sing your praises. With shouts of Alleluia, we gather in hopeful anticipation of your reign of justice and peace. We desire to sing a new song, but get trapped in our worn-out hymns of times gone by. We confess that at times we sing to forget, to ignore, to pacify our inaction in the world so full of pain, brokenness, and sin. Meet us in our silence, in the stillness of this moment, Amen.**

Words of Grace

God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May new songs rise up within us, and may we have the courage to be who God is calling us to be. By the steadfast love and grace of God, your sins are forgiven.

**Alleluia, we are forgiven, praise be to God, alleluia! Amen.**

Giving from Our Hearts



*It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially, there is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.*

+ Doxology

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

+ Prayer of Dedication

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and justice, the whole universe overflows with your grace. Bless the gifts we dedicate to you, and may they help us join in the grand chorus of your glorious reign of peace, Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Acts 9:36-43 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

arr. Raney

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 552

*“We All Are One in Mission”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Chant His Praise”*

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We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*



**Blessing & glory  
wisdom & thanksgiving  
honor & power & might  
be to our God  
forever and always. Amen.**

**Revelation 9:12**

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May 14, 2025 + 9:00 a.m.

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Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

# SUNDAY NEWS

# MAY 11, 2025

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Karen Stafford  
Ushers: Ron & Pam Griffin Greeter: Susan Merlino  
Camera Tech: Gil Bisjak Sound Tech: Matthew Herring  
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

**Usher Dismissal** - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

**This Morning** - Intergenerational Sunday School lesson in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. All are invited!

**This Morning & Next Sunday** - ***Bread for the World Offering of Letters*** - The Outreach Team will again be sending letters to members of Congress advocating for funding for the hungry in the U.S. and nationwide. You are invited to stop by the table in the lower commons to sign letters to our representatives.

**This Morning & Next Sunday** - ***Church World Service Blanket Sundays*** - We are again having our annual Church World Service Blanket Sundays this morning & next Sunday, May 18 for those who would like to donate a blanket in memory/honor of someone. Each blanket costs \$10 each. Stop by the table in the lower commons to donate a blanket.

**Historical Display** - The Historical Display Case during the month of May features pictures of Rev. Armin Klemme who will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in May!

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzler	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)		Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)	
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)	Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)	Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		
Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)	Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)		
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)	Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)	Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)		
Denise Robinson (friend of Gary & Karen Stafford)	Randy Gortney (son in law of Hettie Becker)		

### **Sympathy Is Extended to:**

The family of Frank Fazzari. Frank died on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)	Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)

### **Various Concerns:**

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:

Aviation Structural Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)  
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

## Adult Education Opportunities

**This Morning** - The JOY Adult Class meets in the lower commons classroom. They are discussing the book 'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk' by John Pavlovitz.

## Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

**This Morning** - Intergenerational Sunday School - all classes meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Sun., May 18** – Next Sunday, May 18, will be the last day of Faith Quest classes until the fall. The Bible Buck Store will be OPEN! Children will get to spend their Bible bucks they earned throughout the Sunday School year.

### Church Calendar – May 11, 2025 to May 18, 2025

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Intergenerational Sunday School</b>
<b>Mon., May 12 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
<b>Wed., May 14 -</b>	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	10:00 a.m. Personnel (conference room)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (chapel)
<b>Thurs., May 15 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	1:00 p.m. Historical Team Workday (classroom)
<b>Fri., May 16 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., May 18 -</b>	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Christian Education Hour</b>

**Zion Fellowship Activity** – Zion Fellowship is planning to attend the Dinner & Comedy Show at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. **Deadline to sign up is today.** A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board with costs, etc.. Everyone is invited!

**Wed., May 21** - The Eastern Association Social Justice Team presents "God is Great, God is Green: The Bible and Eco-Justice" at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 21, here at Zion. Eden Seminary professor Rev. Dr. Clint McCann will be the speaker. To join by Zoom, please register at [www.allinmusic.org](http://www.allinmusic.org).

**May 23-26** – Memorial Day Work Weekend at Shannondale will be on May 23-26. Volunteers will help at Shannondale with various small projects. For more information, check the flyer on the lower commons bulletin board or contact Jeanne Lischer for more information.

**Sun., May 25** – The family of Armin Klemme is inviting everyone to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with an Open House from 1-3 p.m. in the Zion fellowship hall. Please no gifts but a note or card are most welcome. For more information please check the bulletin board in the lower commons.

**Drumming Circle** – Please note: There will be NO drumming circle until the fall.

**Joyful Noise and Alleluia Kids** will resume in the fall.

**Little Food Pantry** – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

**Little Free Library** – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

**CASA Is Looking For Volunteers** - CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Our trained Volunteer Advocates spend one-on-one time with these children, understanding their needs and concerns to advocate for them in court, ensuring their journey in foster care is safe and supported. There are children in our area who need a CASA! The next CASA volunteer training session starts at the beginning of June with an **application deadline of May 16th**. To apply, donate, or learn more about CASA please call 636-583-4422.

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