

### Prayers of Healing, Care, and Joy This Week

Please Pray for:

- Jim Nordgren, prayers for healing.
- John Henning, prayers for healing.
- Warren Leonard, prayers for healing.
- Jason Binger (Ken and Ruth Lee's son-in-law), prayers for healing.
- Sue Myers (John Henning's sister), prayers for healing.
- Ed Schramm, prayers for healing.
- All caregivers.

### Ezekiel

- Dear God, We praise you for giving us a community of believers to do life with. We come before you today with grateful hearts, thanking you for the gift of fellowship and community. Help us to see each other as siblings in Christ and to treat each other with kindness, compassion, and respect. We pray that our church will be a place where people can find healing, forgiveness, and renewal. Let it be a source of joy and inspiration and a place where people can experience your love and presence in their lives. Thank you for the blessing of fellowship and the opportunity to serve you and others through our church. Amen

### World

- Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for people in the Middle East who have been impacted by conflict. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you have a prayer concern please submit your prayer request to the church office  
715-425-8294 or [info@ezekiellutheran.org](mailto:info@ezekiellutheran.org). All prayers are confidential.

If you or someone you know is going through a rough time, we have Prayer Shawls available. A shawl filled with prayers wrapped around your shoulders can be very soothing and healing! Contact Lana Bjerstedt at 715-781-1677.



Experience a *Drawn to the Word* worship and artistic experience where artist and pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural of "Let the Children Come Unto Me" here before your eyes at Rush River Lutheran Church, N8623 County Road Y, River Falls on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and Scripturally during the event. All are welcome! Come and see!

In memory of Lawrence Johnson

### EZEKIEL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE BLESSING

SUNDAY, MAY 19  
10:30 AM SERVICE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



### WELCA evening circle

JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 9 FROM 7:00-8:30 PM IN ROOM

190 FOR THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF WELCA'S

NEWEST CIRCLE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

• NEW CIRCLE NAME

• OFFICER POSITIONS

• WELCA GIVING

• MISSION, PROJECTS, ETC.

WE PLAN TO MEET THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

CONTACT VICKI OLSON WITH QUESTIONS AT 612-207-5962.

JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY NIGHT OF

FEMALE FAITH-DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIP.

### Worship Assistants

Pastor:

Pastor Steve Dow

Musicians:

Matthew Mitchell, Josh Ashbach, Max Egan,  
Jenna Juetten, Megan Odegard, Doyle Rundle,  
Sylvia Rundle

Reader:

Karen Olson

Sound:

Jeremy Odegard

Recording:

Alex Tille

ProPresenter:

Lauren Tille

Acolyte:

Brooklyn Tille

Ushers:

Cindy Nolen, John Warneke

Communion Servers:

Mary Ashbach, Barb Kuss

Altar Guild:

Cathy Hjersjo, Nicky Thompson,  
Sandy Tauferner

Coffee Hour:

Ken Lee, Ruth Lee, Ruth Emerson, John Warneke



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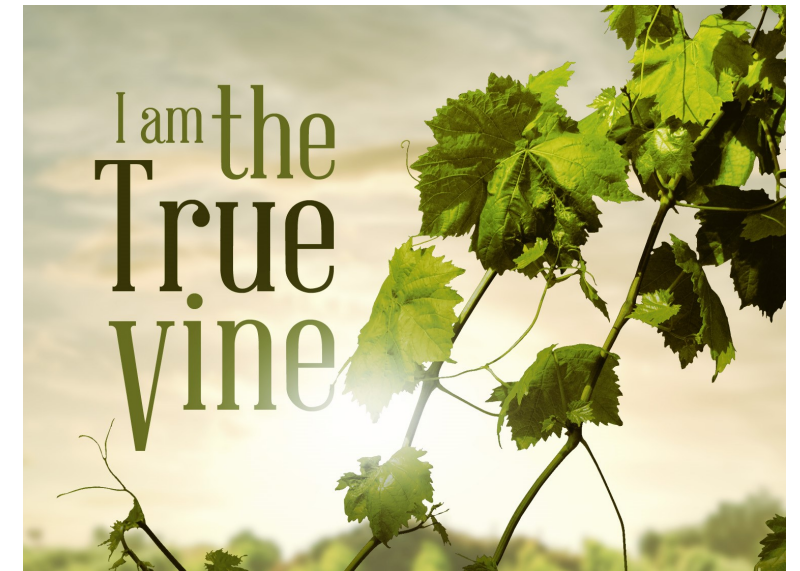
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April 28, 2024

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 a.m.**



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River Falls, WI 54022

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# Welcome to



We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today!

\*Please stand.

## Prelude

**Gathering Song** "Yes and Amen"

## Welcome and Announcements

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

## \*Greeting

## Prayer of the Day

**Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

**Children's Message** Marci Norum

**\*Gospel** John 15:1-8

**Word of the Day** Pastor Steve Dow

**Song of the Day** "Forever Reign"

## \*Apostles' Creed

## \*Prayers of the Church

**Sharing the Peace** *(People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say: "Peace be with you.")*

## Offering

*We will pass the offering plates or you may give online at: [www.ezekiellutheran.org](http://www.ezekiellutheran.org). Know that Ezekiel is most grateful for the gifts of support that you are able to give. May God bless you in your giving.*

**Offering Song** "You Never Let Go"

## Offering Prayer

## Great Thanksgiving

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Communion

## Communion Distribution

**Communion Song** "What a Beautiful Name"

## Prayer after Communion

## Blessing

**Sending Song** "House of the Lord"

## Dismissal

## Scattering Music

*As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Ezekiel to receive these gifts from God. Children that have not received their First Communion are invited forward for a blessing. It is helpful to servers if they cross their arms as a clear sign. We will be receiving communion by bread and cup. Both red wine and white grape juice, at the center of the serving tray, are provided. Gluten-free is available. The ushers will direct you to the front to be served.*

## WELCOME TO EZEKIEL!

In worship and community, we seek to grow in love for God and for our neighbor. We trust that we are called and transformed to create a world of abundance.

**Are you visiting today?** We look forward to meeting you. Feel free to introduce yourself to those around you and fill out the red welcome pad.

**Hearing Devices** are located underneath the stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

**Children in worship...** We love the joyful noises that little ones make! Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for the Children's Message. If your child needs a break or a creative outlet, check out the Playground located along the southwest wall of our sanctuary. For older students, we have an Activity Corner located by the stairs in the back of the sanctuary where they can select a few items to take back to their pew. Children's Bulletins are located in both areas.

WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

## Just Sing

Presented by  
**The Pierce County  
Ecumenical Choir**

Ezekiel Lutheran Church  
Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 PM

Refreshments following concert.

Free Will Offering

*A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities.*

## Word for the Day

**Mon** - Psalm 93

**Tues** - Acts 10:44-48

**Wed** - Psalm 98

**Thurs** - 1 John 5:1-6

**Fri** - John 15:9-17

LET'S COME TOGETHER

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2

Theme: Faithfulness

"I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."

Isaiah 25:1 (NIV)

The word "perfect" defines God's faithfulness...there is nothing lacking. The Ezekiel Prayer Team encourages you to set aside some time to pray for our nation and leaders. Watch for suggestions on how to engage physically and deliberately in the act of prayer. Come to prayer, meet Jesus as you are, for Jesus brings His perfect faithfulness to engage with you.

## THIS WEEK AT EZEKIEL

**April 28 - May 5**

### Sunday, April 28

7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel

**8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**

9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**

3:00 p.m. "Just Sing" Concert, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 100, 200

### Tuesday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Head Start Parent's Meeting, Rm 180

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Mom's & Dad's Group, FH

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Kuss), Rm 190

1:00 p.m. Pierce County Men's Caregiver Support Group, Rm 100

4:30 p.m. Homework Help, Rm 200

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. High School Group, Rm 200

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

### Thursday, May 2

12:30 p.m. Hope for Creation, Rm 160

1:00 p.m. Bible Study (Bjerstedt), Library

3:30 p.m. Hope For Creation, Rm 100

### Saturday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Worship Band, Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 5

7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel

**8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**

9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club, G3

9:40 a.m. Milestone Event

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**

4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 100, 200

## SPRING CHURCH CLEAN-UP

May 11 8 AM - ?

### Bring your own:

- ☒ gloves
- ☒ shovels
- ☒ rakes
- ☒ leaf blowers

**Seniors & Homebound Members:**  
Please contact Leslie if you need assistance with your yard.

## ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

### What's with the envelopes?

This is a fundraiser to support students attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

### How does this work?

We ask that if you'd like to donate, please take an envelope (at random or your choosing) and the amount of the envelope is what you contribute. Please place the filled envelope in the offering basket or give to Allison Klein.

Ezekiel will no longer lend out tables and/or chairs.

Thank you.



### LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

E3 Scrip now has the following for sale:

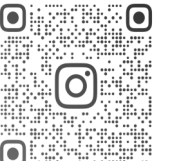
- Dunkin \$25 gift cards
- Kwik Trip Ultimate car wash cards (five washes per card) \$36.00.



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