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

Please Pray for:

- John Wittenberg, prayers for healing.
- Woody Fangmeier, prayers for healing.
- 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. 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. 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 Bierstedt at 715-781-1677.





### Worship Assistants

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Sylvia Rundle

Reader: Ruth Emerson
Sound: Jeremy Odegard
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ProPresenter: Stapleton Family
Acolyte: Osten Olson

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### Welcome to





May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m.

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today!







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### Prelude

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Gathering Song** 

"This is Amazing Grace"

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Greeting

Reading

Gospel

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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1 John 5:1-6 Marci Norum

Children's Message

John 15:9-17

Word of the Day

Pastor Steve Dow

Song of the Day

"Build My Life"

**Apostles' Creed** 

**Installation of Pastor Sarah Schaffner as Interim Visitation Pastor** 

**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.")

### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

We will pass the offering plates or you may give online at: 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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

**Offering Prayer** 

**Great Thanksgiving** 

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**Invitation to Communion** 

Communion Distribution

**Communion Song** 

"Goodness of God"

**Prayer after Communion** 

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing** 

Sending Song

"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

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.

# 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

meeting you. Feel free to introduce

stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

the red welcome pad.

**Are you visiting today?** We look forward to

yourself to those around you and fill out

Hearing Devices are located underneath the

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

Prayground 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.

abundance.

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## welca evening circle

JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 9 FROM 7:00-8:30 PM IN ROOI 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 OVESTIONS AT 612-207-5962

JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY NIGHT OF
FEMALE FAITH-DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIP

### WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!



### THIS WEEK AT EZEKIEL May 5 - May 12

### 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

### Tuesday, May 7

9:30 a.m. WELCA Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Mom's & Dad's Group, FH 9:15 a.m. Rebekah Circle, Rm 100

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

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

7:15 p.m. Executive Team, Rm 190

### <u>Thursday, May 9</u>

9:00 a.m. Endowment Committee, Rm 190

9:15 a.m. Rachel Circle, Rm 100

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

1:30 p.m. Hannah Circle, FH Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Circle, Rm 190

### Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Worship Band, Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 12

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

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Event

9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary





### Word for the Day

Mon - Psalm 115

**Tues -** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Wed - Psalm 1

**Thurs** - 1 John 5:9-13

**Fri** - John 17:6-19

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

Thank you.









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