



**ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Defiance, Ohio

*– Second Sunday of Easter –*

Sunday, April 12, 2026 — 9:45 am

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— The Ministers are the People —

April 12, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching  
Musician  
Lector  
Altar Care

Pastor Tom Zulick  
Neal Deniston  
Linda Hardy  
Helena Morris

Ushers  
Fellowship Hour  
Offering Collectors

Bill & Cindy Wendell  
Libbie Engel  
Cindy Wendell &  
Donna Schindler

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman, and Shaun Holley

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— *We Gather To Hear God's Word* —

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"I Came with Joy"  
(verses 1 & 4 only)

Red Book #482

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Red Book #384

GREETING

KYRIE

Red Book Setting 8, pg. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast...Worthy is Christ"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We sit*

FIRST READING: **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 16**

SECOND READING: **1 Peter 1:3-9**

*We stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Be Not Afraid"

Red Book # 388

GOSPEL: **John 20:19-31**

*We sit*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

*We stand*

"The Mystery of Faith"

Rev. Tom Zulick

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

Red Book #369

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

NICENE CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards" Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35  
*We stand*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV Red Book Setting 2, pg. 133

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We sit*

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God" Red Book Setting 8, pg. 191

DISTRIBUTION "By Grace we have Been Saved" W&P #25  
"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" Red Book #464

*We stand*

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful Hearts" Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

*— We Go To Live God's Word —*

SENDING HYMN "We will Glorify" W&P #154

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" Blue Book #671  
(verse 2 only)

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### **Sunday, April 5, 2026 Attendance & Collection**

Sunday Attendance	97	Ministry Fund	\$5,125.00
YouTube Views	50	Building Improvements	\$30.00

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, the Ministry Fund needs \$3,041.75 each week.

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To be added to the prayer chains, please contact:  
ePrayers: [office@zionslutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@zionslutheranchurch.com)

#### **WE PRAY...For:**

**Members:** John Lieswyn, Carole Engel, Bob Swingle, Linda Wagner, Kate Frank, Mary Boals, Donna Ripke, Marsha Leaders, Ray Gottschling, and Gary Smith.

**Non-Members:** Amy Donahue, Sandy Hupp, David Shafer, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Julie Logan, and Becky Mohr.

**For the men and women of our military both here and abroad:** Especially, Dan Bostelman, Scott Clippinger, Jeremy Horstman, Andrew Mullett, Zachary Price, Benjamin Mullett, Erika Rogers, and Matthew Rogers, and Evan DeTray.

*—This Week at Zion's —*

Sunday, April 12	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Children's Sunday School
	9:00 am	Breakfast Club
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, April 13	12:00 pm	Book Group
	4:15 pm	CIT Group
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Tuesday, April 14	4:30 pm	Outreach Community
	6:00 pm	Worship & Music
Wednesday, April 15	12:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday, April 16	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, April 19	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Children's Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Endowment Committee
	11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
	7:30 pm	AA Group

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*—Announcements —*

Happy Birthday today to Malory Eickhoff and this week to Bonnie Meffley, Marsha Leaders, and Hazel Smith

The Altar Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Hazel Smith's 90th Birthday on April 16th by her family. "We love you!"

Photos will be taken on Sunday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. and immediately after the service until noon. If you would like your picture to appear in the 2026 Church Photo Directory, please stop and have your photo taken.

We are currently in need of a Council Secretary to serve Zion's through the balance of the three-year term ending 12-31-27. Your Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (except July) at 6:00 PM. The meetings normally last 1 ½ hours. The primary responsibilities of the Secretary are to take the minutes at each meeting and prepare them for distribution to all council members by email. Additionally, we are asking each member to expand your thinking to consider how else you might serve our congregation. There are many needs at Zion's and your talents are always appreciated! Dick Anderson

Your bulletin insert shows where we are at with the HVAC funding. Thank you all for your generous support thus far!!!

In the back of the pew in front of you, you will see new prayer cards. Be sure to fill one out if you have a prayer request and drop it in the offering plate. The reverse side of the card is for visitors to fill out so we have their information and can welcome them and send them info on any upcoming events and services.