



**ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Defiance, Ohio

*– Fourth Sunday of Easter –*

Sunday, April 26, 2026 — 9:45 am

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— The Ministers are the People —

April 26, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching	Pastor Tom Zulick	Ushers	Colleen Holley &
Musician	Neal Deniston		Angela Gutman
Lector	Marion Hanson	Offering Collectors	Sue McKibben &
Altar Care	Sue McKibben		Helena Morris
Fellowship Hour	Judy Engel		

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

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Red Book #807

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 2:42-47**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 23**

SECOND READING: **1 Peter 2:19-25**

*We stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Be Not Afraid" Red Book # 388

GOSPEL: **John 10:1-10**

*We sit*

HOMILY "Can You Hear His Voice?" Rev. Tom Zulick  
*We stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Lord's My Shepherd" Red Book #778

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

NICENE CREED Red Book Setting 1, pg. 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We sit*



—*This Week at Zion's*—

Sunday, April 26	9:00 am	Children's Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, April 27	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, April 29	12:00 pm	AA Group
	5:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
Thursday, April 30	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, May 3	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Children's Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

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*Lutheran History*

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109. He stands out as one of the greatest theologians between Augustine & Thomas Aquinas. Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960. He was orphaned early, disowned when he became a Christian. Kagawa wrote, spoke, and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society.

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—*Announcements*—

Happy Birthday today to Cindy Hageman and this week to Mary Rickard.

The altar flowers are given in honor of Bill & Cindy Wendell's 50th Anniversary on May 1.

Photos will be taken on May 10th from 9:00-9:30 am and immediately following 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.

**LOADS OF LOVE – It's Back!!** On Saturday May 16 we will be hosting a Loads of Love Free Laundry Day at Spin City, 804 Ralston Ave, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with assistance from CIA. We are in need of quarters...drop in the jar at the back of the sanctuary. We also need 4 workers, 2 per 2-hour shift. Please consider assisting with this amazing ministry. Contact the office, Laurie Schey or Sharon Washington if you are able to help!

There is a need for one more usher to serve the first Sunday of every month. Please search your heart and if you feel led to serve, let Dick Anderson know.

Beginning the first Sunday in May, the announcements will be shown on the screen prior to worship service and will also continue to be included in the bulletin. This will eliminate the need for the Deacon/Lector to read them out loud during the service.

Pantry donations for the May distribution are Kleenex, dish soap, liquid hand soap, and bar soap.