

May 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.

**Ascension Sunday** 

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Welcome to Zion on this Ascension Sunday! In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. We celebrate and give thanks for our graduates as we provide a blessing for them during the service on this day of graduation!

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you. We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

## **BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES**

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE Sue Robinson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### **‡ GATHERING ‡**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

INTROIT What a Friend We Have in Jesus Sandra Eithun Zion Bell Choir



#### + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

The Assisting Minister pours water into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

# Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

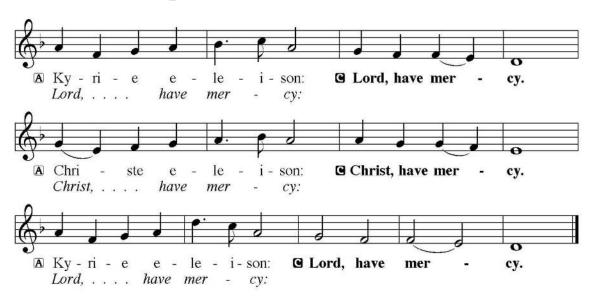
Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.** 

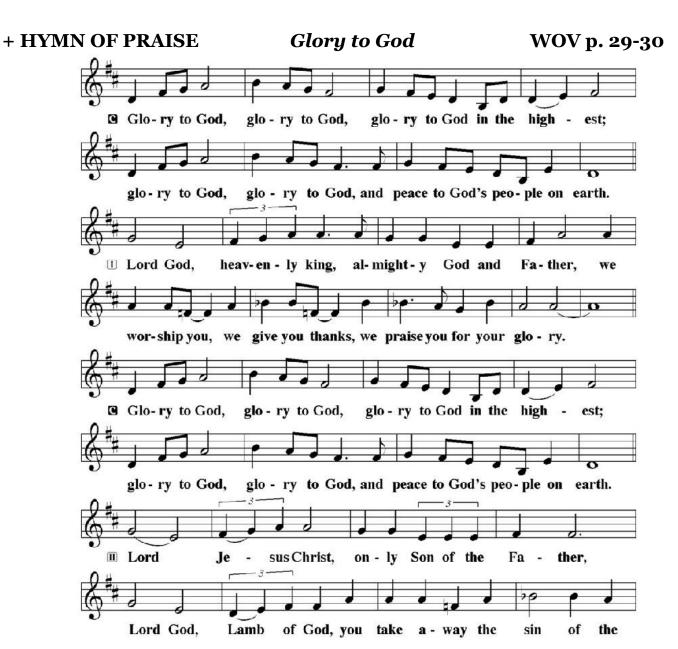
## + GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

## + KYRIE – WOV p. 28







## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray: Almighty God,

your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

**Musical Offering** 

Isabelle Rosin, Horn

## **‡WORD** ‡

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

## FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **PSALM 47**

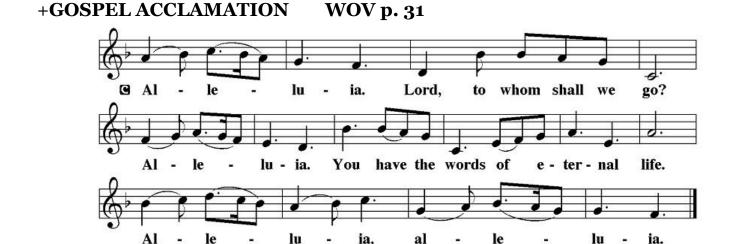
- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
- <sup>8</sup> God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

#### **SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



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Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.
This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 



### + NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy

# Receive our prayer

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

### + SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you

Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.

## # MEAL #

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MUSICAL OFFERING How Firm A Foundation Matthew & Lizzy Richardson

## + OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## + THE GREAT THANKSGIVING WOV p. 36

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

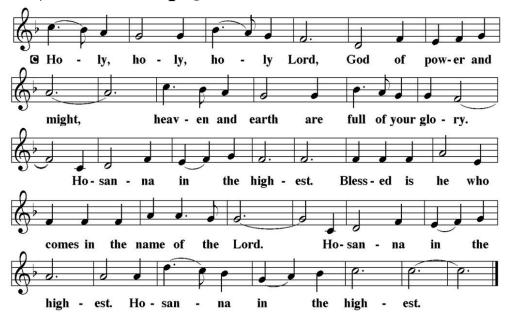
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

## + PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

# +HOLY, HOLY, HOLY WOV p. 36



## + THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION - On the Night

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

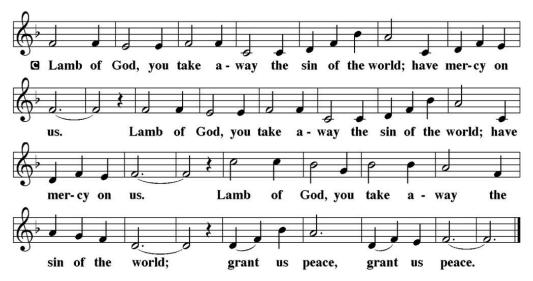
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

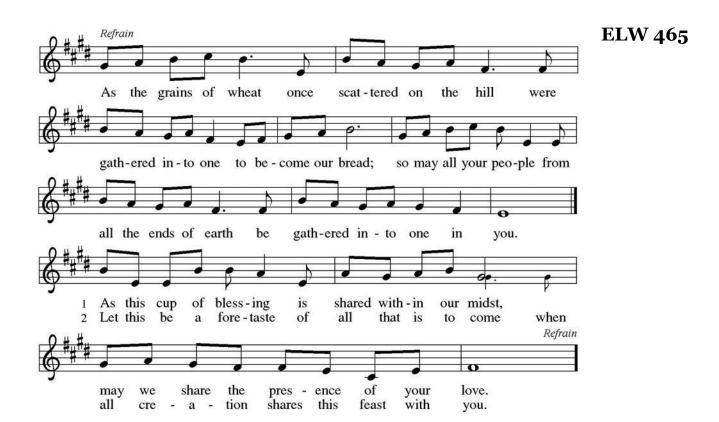
# LAMB OF GOD WOV p. 39



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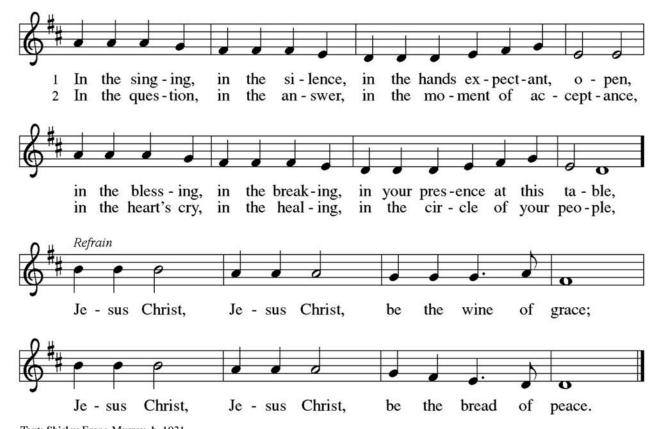




I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."



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## + POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

### **‡ SENDING ‡**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

## **BLESSING OF GRADUATES**

The graduates are invited to come forward to gather around the baptismal font. We are delighted to honor you as you graduate from high school! We are proud of you! It is our privilege to affirm you as members of this congregation. You have completed an important phase of your lives and you are entering another. I ask you to affirm your commitment to a life of faith in the body of Christ. Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide?

## Graduates Response: With God's help, I do.

As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you?

# Graduates Response: With God's help, I do.

As you make choices about your new endeavors, will you offer your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ and welcome the support of a family of faith?

## Graduates Response: With God's help, I will.

The assembly stands. The leader addresses the assembly with these or similar words. People of Zion Lutheran Church: Do you claim these graduates as brothers and sisters in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

## In God's love, we claim them.

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to Zion?

# In God's love, we support them.

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these brothers and sisters, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their choices?

# In God's love, we pray for them.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### Amen.

## +BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

# + SENDING HYMN Go, Make Disciples ELW 540



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## +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

## Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Sue Robinson

## **‡ Happening This Week ‡**

WED, May 24	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
THU, May 25	6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
SUN, May 28	9:00 a.m. Worship Followed by the Blessing of the Garden of Eatin' 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Garden Blessing

## **‡ Serving In Ministry ‡**

	5/21	5/28	6/4
ACOLTYES	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans	Worship in the park
A.M./READER	Katie Harris/AM	Terri Hanson/R	Jim Haage /AM
COMM. ASST.	Rev. Bill Dyar	Terri Hanson	Worship in the park
HOSPITALITY	Parish Ed/Youth	Property	Worship in the park
GREETER (S)	Rosendo & Stacey Ramos	Jim & Julie Haage	Worship in the park

Total Offering Received For Week 5/14/23	\$ 2847
YTD Offering Received	\$ 81649
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$ 5396 (per week)

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$360	\$345	\$77

### ‡Announcements‡

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert, Rev. Pam Saturnia, Rev. Bill Dyar, Tim Halloran & Melody Evans.

**This is** Quarters For Hunger Sunday. Please make a memo on your envelope or check for these donations.

**This week's** altar flowers were provided Dave & Peggy Starkweather in honor of Grandson Garrett's 9th Birthday.

**Next week's** Readings- Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 (alternate), Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 (alternate), John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39 (alternate).

**We Need** your help!! The church website needs new pictures. Please help by submitting church/church event pictures to zionmuscatine@gmail or drop them by the office.

**Holy Communion** - We have returned to distributing Holy Communion at the communion rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand as you receive communion. If you are unable to come forward for communion we will gladly serve you in your seat. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We will use continuous distribution on Sundays when the Zion Bell Choir plays or for festival days when we anticipate a higher worship attendance than normal.

**VBS** 6/13-6/16. From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. @ Grace Lutheran Church. This is for 3-5 year olds. Sign-up sheets are available on the round table with the Parent Release Form on the backside, there is also a Helper Form on the table if interested. You can also register by scanning the QR code and following the prompts.

# TODAY is hospitality and senior recognition.



# **Congratulations!!**



# Emily King, Matthew Richardson, Isabelle Rosin, Ella Schroeder, and Nathan Taylor

**Calling all Musicians**- On Sunday July 2, the Zion Orchestra will perform a patriotic piece during the 9 AM service. Any instrumentalists, high school age or older, are invited to participate. There will be one rehearsal prior to July 2. Please call or text Gail Pusateri (563-264-5719) by June 14 if interested in performing.

**Birthday Party** You are invited to an open house to celebrate Doris Watson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 6/2/2023 at Zion Lutheran Church!! It will be in the fellowship hall from 4 p.m. – 7p.m. NO Gifts please.

**We are adding** on a trial basis, Sunday Evening Worship!! Please join us June 18th, July 9th, and July 30th at 6pm.

**On June 4th** we will have our worship service at Discovery Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following the worship service, we will have a potluck picnic. Zion will provide hot dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, napkins, lemonade, and water. The rest of the meal will be potluck. There is a sign-up sheet upstairs on the bulletin board for the potluck

picnic. If you know what you are bringing, please **write it on the signup sheet** so that we have a good variety of side dishes and desserts. If you do not sign up, please still bring a dish to share! We also ask that you bring your own table service - plate, cup, and silverware as well as your own lawn chair.

**The Stanley Center** on the corner of 3rd & Iowa, will be hosting a grand opening the first week of June. A portion of Iowa Ave, between 3rd and 4th street will be closed on Friday, June 2, from noon to 9 PM. This will be a family friendly Sustainability Faireducating and inspiring others to be more mindful of our planet. During the fair, various amounts of musical and theatrical performances will take place. This may cause a noise disturbance to you. All members of the public and residents of the Clark house are welcome to attend that day. Festivities will be held from 3 PM to 7 PM.

**SOTC** plans on doing a weekend mission trip during the summer and we are invited to join Grace and SOTC in Generations of Living Faith (GOLF) events. If you have any questions, talk to Stacey Ramos 563-571-0363.

Join us for a collaborative night of intergenerational learning and fellowship! Generations of Living Faith (GOLF) is a monthly event for people of all ages and stages. ALL - families, individuals, kids, adults, teens - are all welcome to join us! Each month will be hosted at Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran Church (3300 N Highway 38). We'll begin with a meal at 5:30 and then go into various activities geared for kids and adults alike. Throughout the summer, we'll follow the journey of a seed and discover how we grow in faith...together! RSVP online or pick up a copy on the round table. Return paper forms to the church office. (RSVP one week in advance of the event; by June 4 for our first night on June 11! We hope you'll join us as we grow this summer!