Zion Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship on this holy day of celebration.
We are glad you are with us today for worship.
If you have any questions, please see an usher.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

Prelude Handbell Choir

Celebration (C. Dobrinski)

Paschal Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Celebrating the good news of Easter, let us confess our sin that still remains and seek God's continual life-giving forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Resurrected One,
we confess that we do not live into the good news of new life. We turn to our old ways of death, leaving your creation in pain and hurting our fellow human beings. We go about our lives living as if resurrection is only a story and not a reality. Have mercy on us! Help us to live into the gifts of redemption and life abundant. Help us to trust in your words of love and forgiveness. Help us to walk in new life, loving our neighbor and all you have made. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ELW 851

***APOSTOLIC 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.

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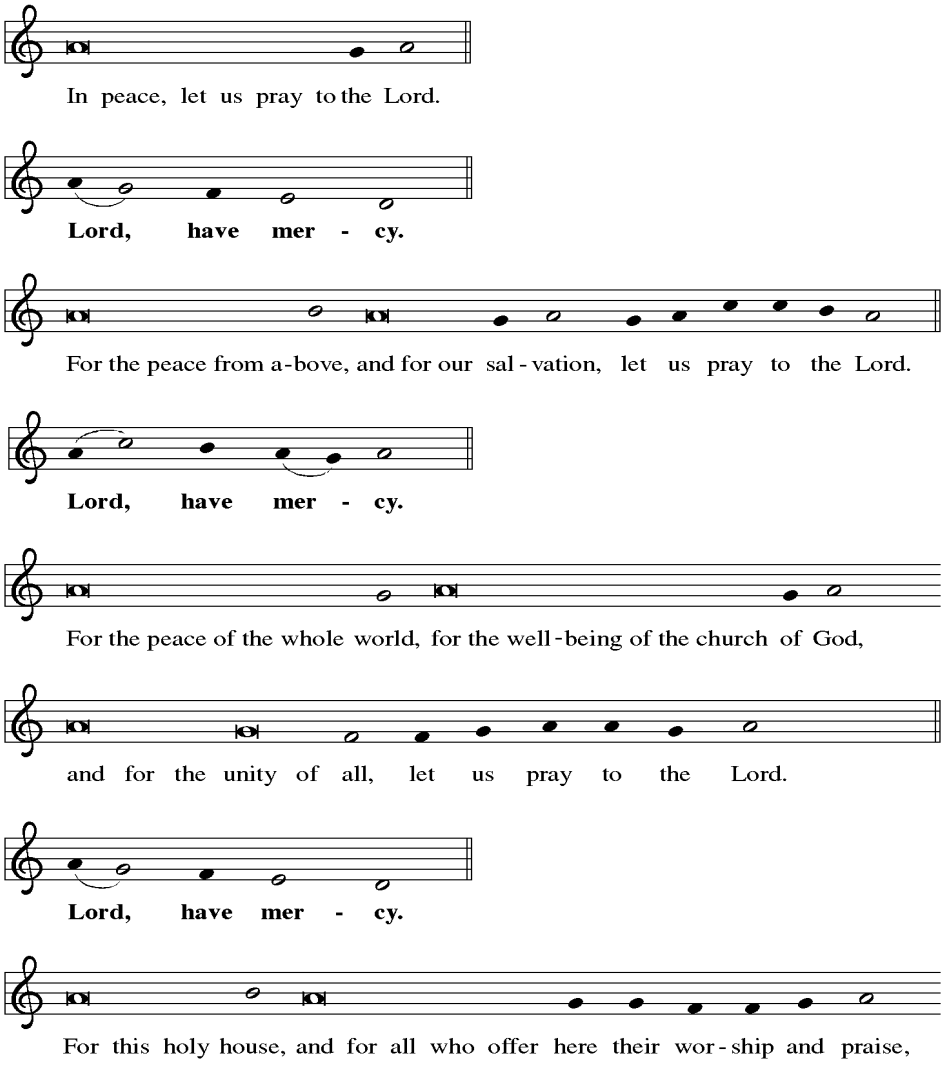

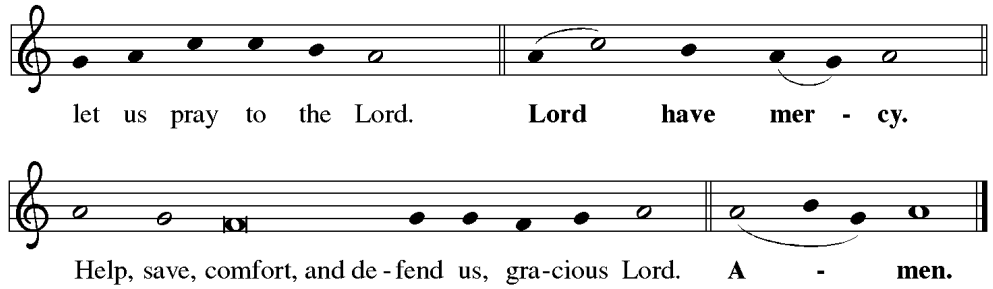

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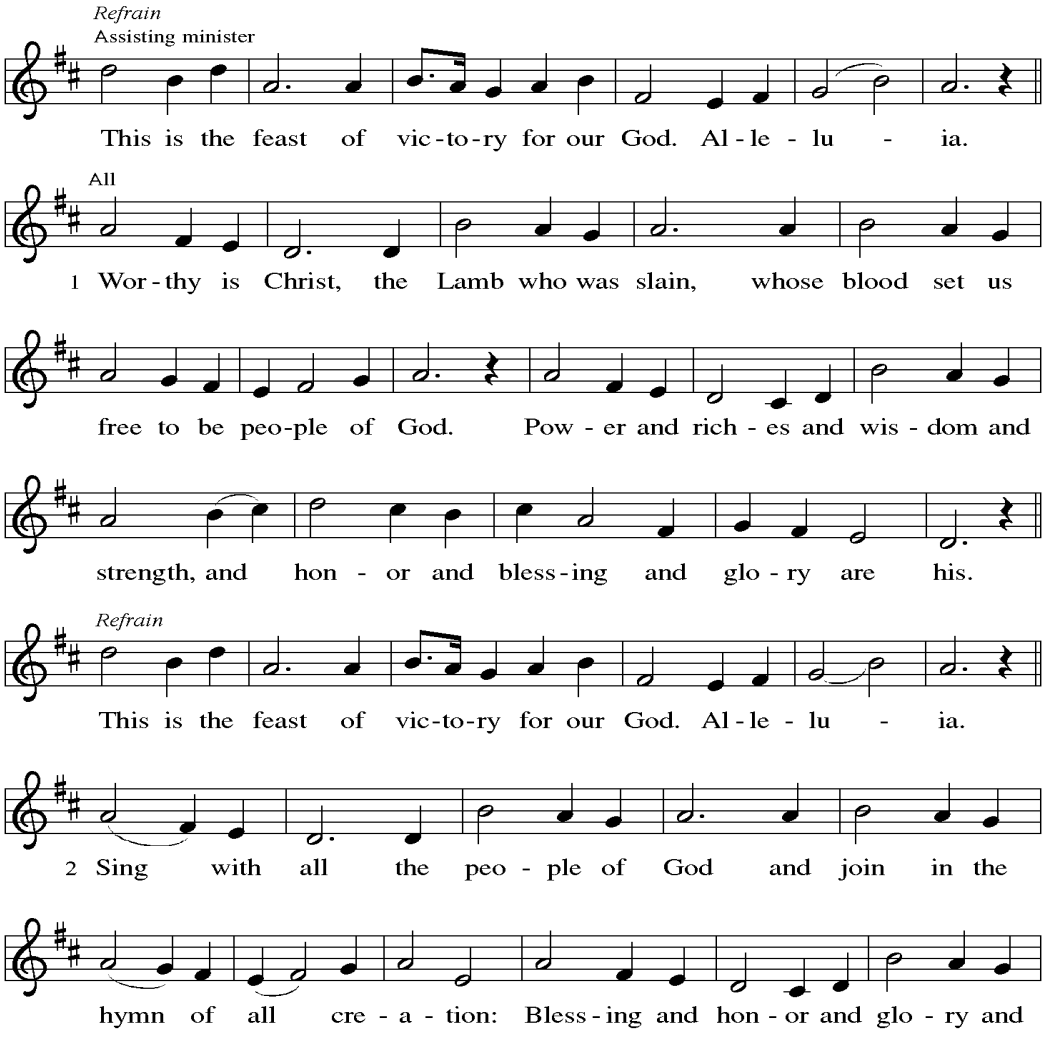
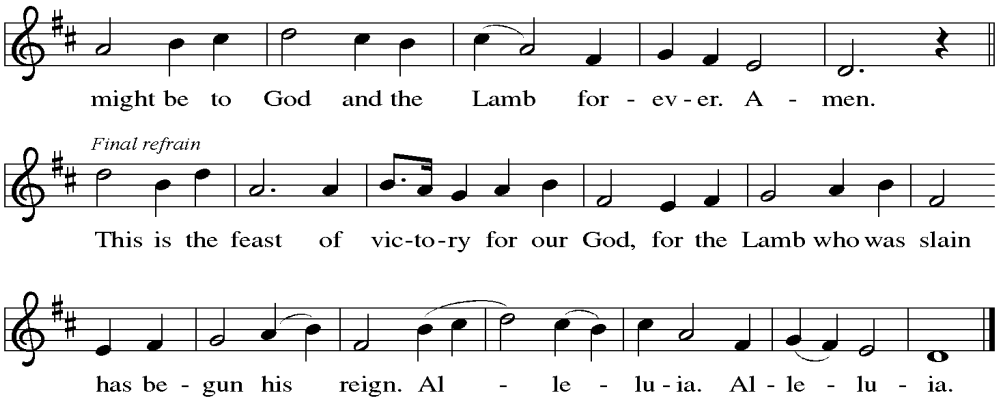




***Prayer of the Day**

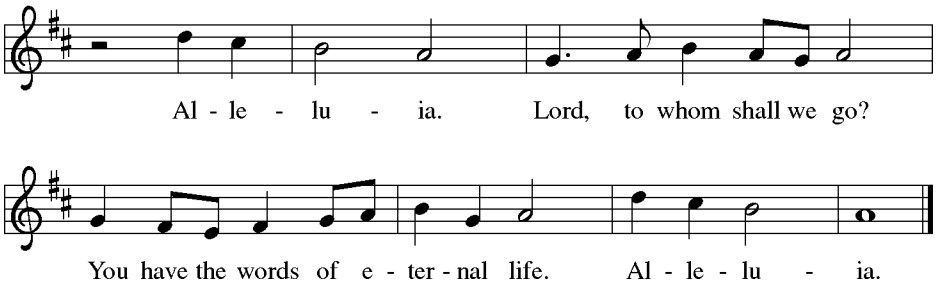
First Reading Acts 16:9-15

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Response Handbell Choir

Ave Maria (Schubert/Griffin)

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** John 14:18-29

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

(after the reading of the Gospel)
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *What Is This "Peace" You Speak of?*

***Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* ELW 423

***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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

...Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

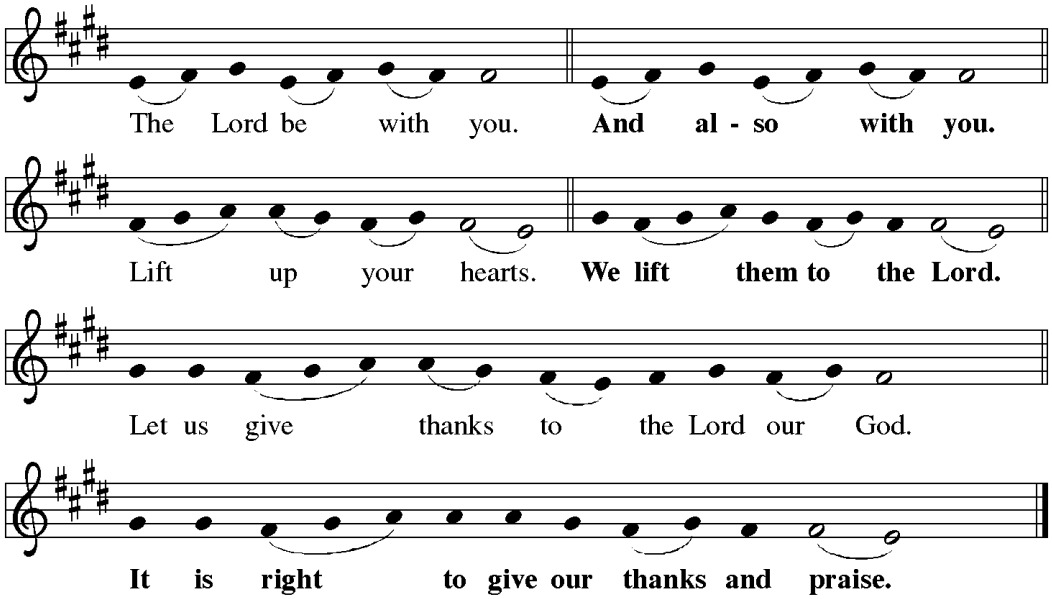
Musical Offering

During this special music offering, we ask that you consider how you can support the work and mission at Zion through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or drop your Offering in the white box next to the bulletins. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art/Majesty (J. Raney)* Choir

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

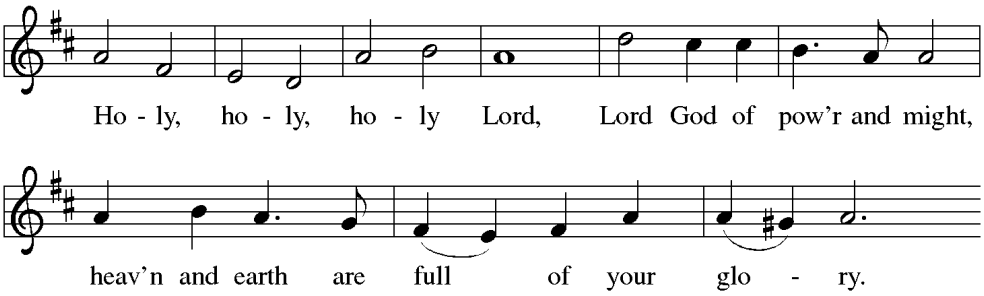
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

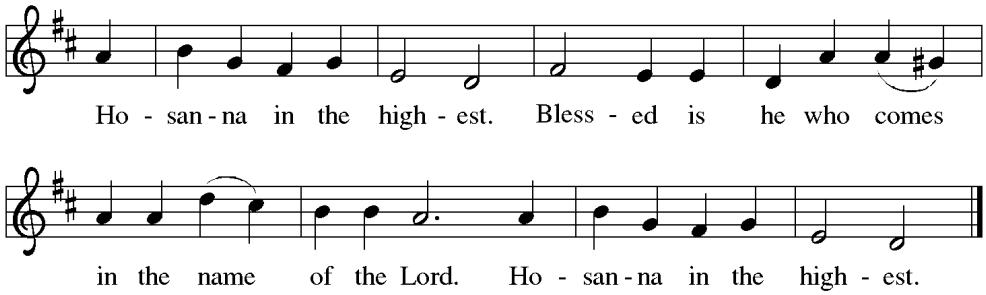


The pastor will continue with the proper preface:

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**





***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe…as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:… Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread…burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,… now and forever.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

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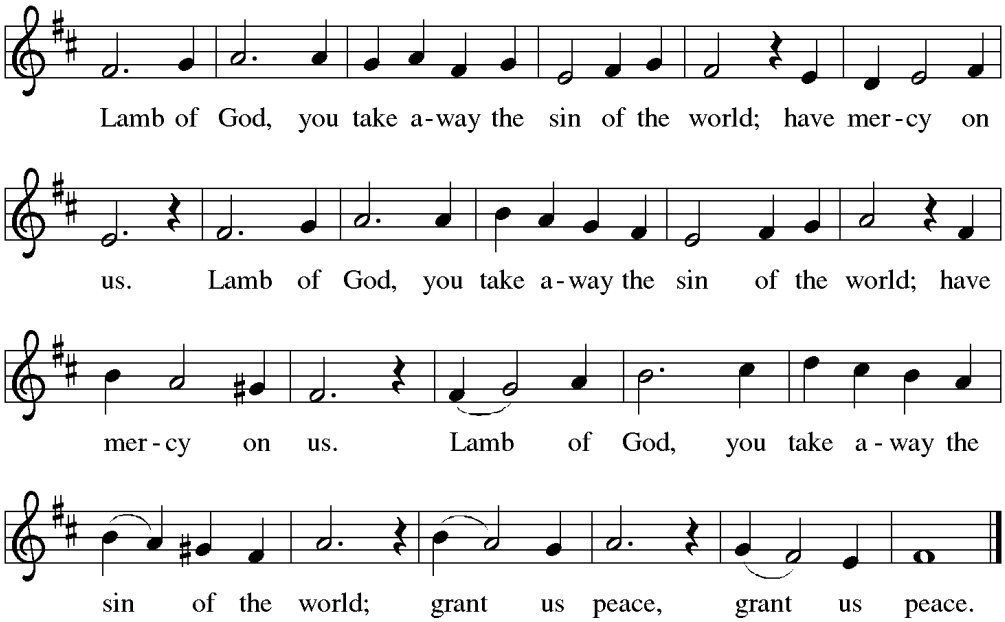

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. Please be mindful of physical distancing as you come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to trays in the windows. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Creation Will Be At Peace (A. L. Page)* Handbell Choir

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *When Peace like a River* ELW 785

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald D. Keller, husband and father, and Edgar M. & Orpha Dean Keller, grandparents, by Sylvia, Cindy and Wes Keller.

Memorial Garden - Annual Planting

A big thank you to Jo Ann Poffinberger, Glenn Baker, Susan Harne, Nancy Gordon, Kaye Derr and Lois Ahalt for planting flowers in the Memorial Garden.

Servants in God's House
May 22, 2022

11 a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Dorothy Moler (Acolyte)
Joe McIntosh (Crucifer)
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)
Bob Rockwell (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Sharon Finley (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System/Livestream)

Servants in God's House
May 29, 2022

11 a.m.

Linda Huckleberry (Greeter)
Karol Koogle (Acolyte/Comm Asst)
Gene Appleby (Crucifer)
Patricia Staples (Asst Minister)
Judy Turley (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
Clinton Appleby (Sound System)
Bob Staples (Livestream)

Zion Prayer List 5-18-2022

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Jackie Bello, Carol O'Brien, Billy Poffenberger, Jim Pearson, Sarah Gladhill, Chuck Rapp, Wayne Smith, Nancy Coppola, Kathy Gordon, Bob Guyton, Skippy Zimmerman, Anna Hough, Kathi Hayter, Shirley Smith, Anna Kepler, Wanda Watson, Marianna Bere, Donna Musser, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Jessica Catechis, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Death: Gertrude Reichelt

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

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