

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Ascension of our Lord
May 21, 2023***

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*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

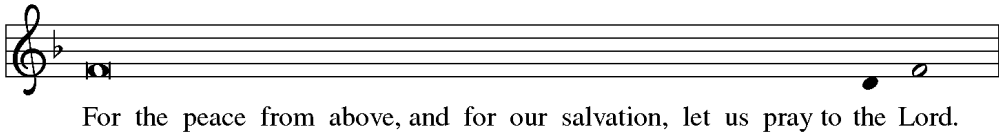
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING (R) And also with you.)

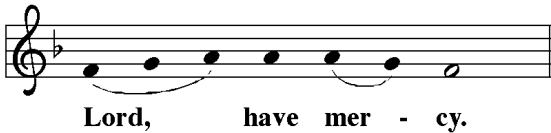
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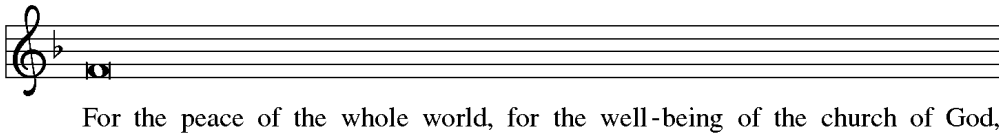
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



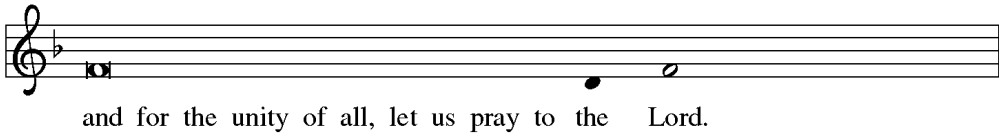
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



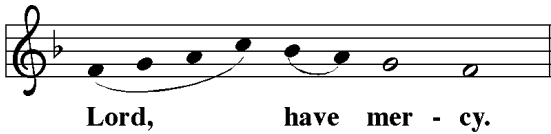
Lord, have mer - cy.



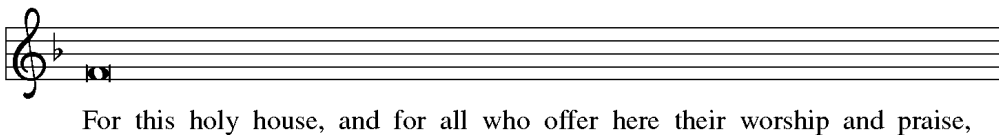
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



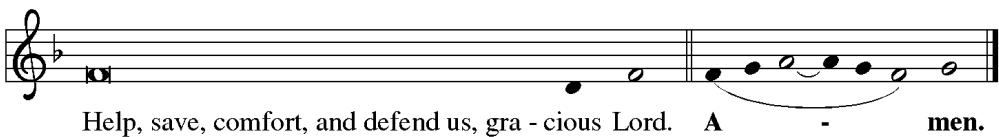
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (📖 Amen.)

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Acts 1: 1-11


PSALMODY

Psalm 47

- ¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,
- ³who subdues the | peoples under us,

- and the nations un- | der our feet;
⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
 the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**
- ⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
 the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
 sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**
- ⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
 sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
 God is en- | throned on high.**
- ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
 The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. R

***GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:44-53

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Song of God, Eternal Savior

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***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** (☩ 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.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



CHOIR ANTHEM

Lift Your Voice and Rejoice

(Victor C. Johnson)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (R Amen.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

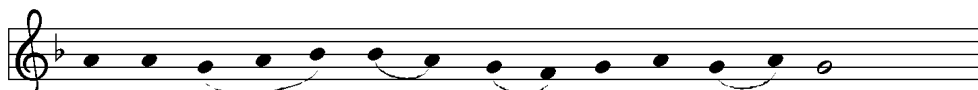
***SURSUM CORDA**




The Lord be with you. And al - so 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**

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

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

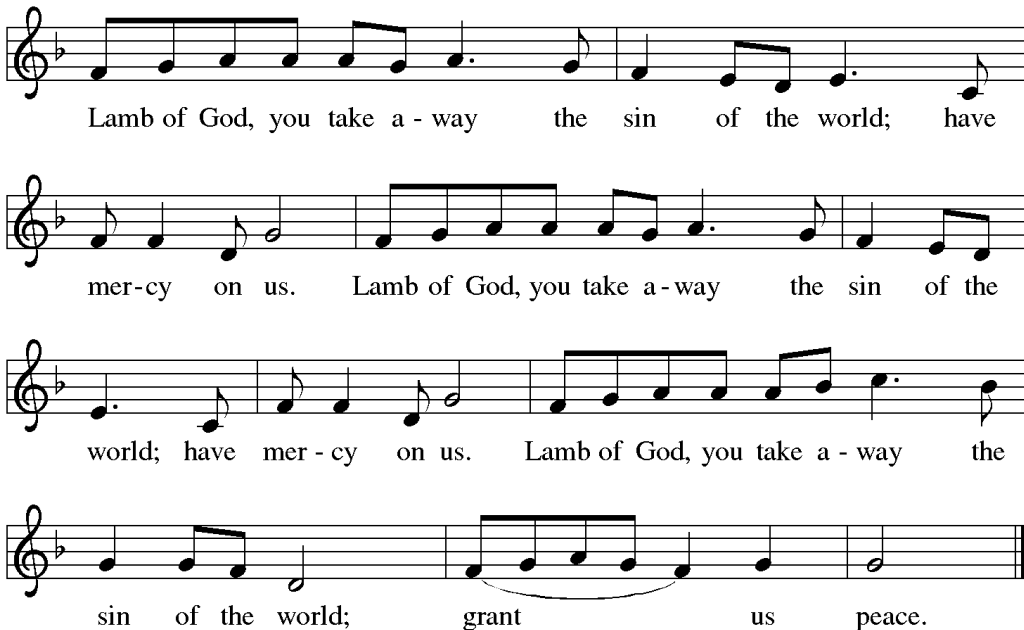
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (R Amen.)

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (R Amen.)

***BENEDICTION** (R Amen.)

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

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

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Servants in God's House

May 21, 2023

11 a.m.

Lee Ropp (Greeter)

Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)

Savannah Staples (Crucifer)

Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)

Gene Appleby (Lector)

Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)

Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)

Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)

Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)

Doug Davis (Sound System)

Servants in God's House

May 28, 2023

Combined Worship Service

10 a.m.

(TBD)

Our Mission

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



Our Vision

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of our granddaughter, Samantha Cannon, to Blade Swiger on May 20, by Jim and Lola Haupt and family



Zion Prayer List 5-21-2023

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

Tim, Linda Stottlemeyer, Ann Keyfauber, James Day, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Juergen Jaath, Nancy Smith, Bob Guyton, Melissa Given, Cheryl, Casey Newtown, Kathy Chaney, Jason Minnick, Linda Crummitt, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Ron Trusty, Bill Eisentrout, Clark Kline, Frances Eaves, Doris Taylor, Donna Musser, Dolores Para, Eric Kinna, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Danner, Pat Rudy, Melvin Smith, Harold "Bubby" Webber, Tom & Bonnie Remsberg, Janet Young, John Bagent Jr., Sarah Gladhill, Anna Hough, Kathi Hayter, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Death: Mary Smith

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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