

Zion Lutheran Church



***9 a.m. Contemporary 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 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONG

Holy Is The Lord

Worship Team

*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.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (☩ Amen.)

FIRST READING (☩ Thanks be to God.)

Acts 1: 1-11

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 highly exalted. **R**

***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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***SONG OF THE DAY**

Who Am I

Worship Team

***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 (℣ Amen.)**

***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.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

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.

Worship Team



***OFFERTORY PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (R 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**

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. 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 the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

Give Thanks

Worship Team

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

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

***BENEDICTION (R Amen.)**

***SENDING SONG**

Take to the World

Worship Team

***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!



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 Keyfauver, 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.

Servants in God's House

May 21, 2023

9 a.m.

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)
Patricia McMorrow (Lector)
Eddie Main (Head Usher)
Shelly Gladhill (Sanctuary Usher)
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)
Nancy Allen (Comm Asst)
Carolyn Milauskas (PowerPoint)
Rick Milauskas (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.



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