

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Third Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2025***

*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 *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*, 1755 -arr. R. Elmore Kirk Denton, organ

## \*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

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

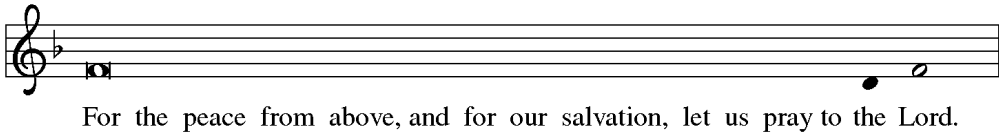
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## \*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℞ And also with you.)

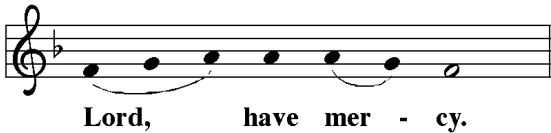
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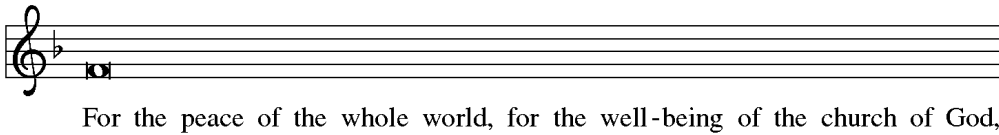
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



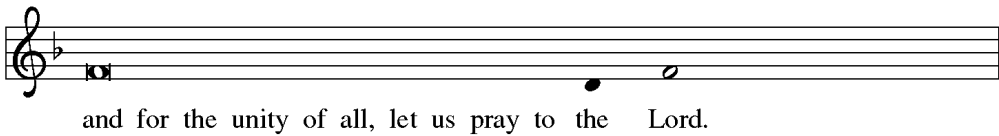
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



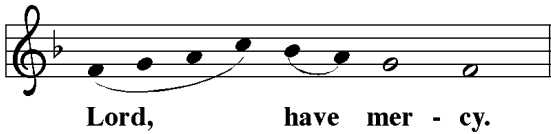
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



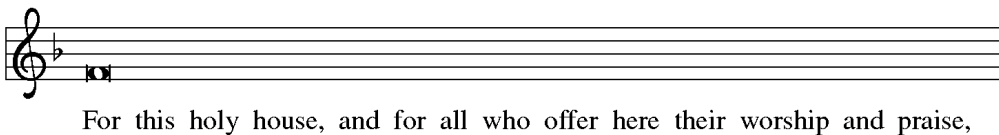
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



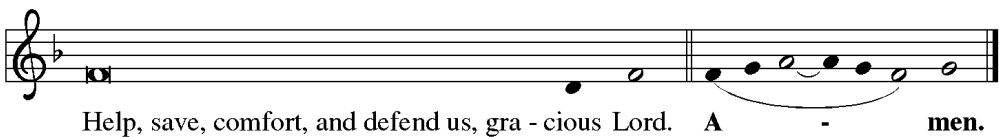
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

*Refrain*



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.

*Refrain*



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.

*Refrain*



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 9:1-20

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."**

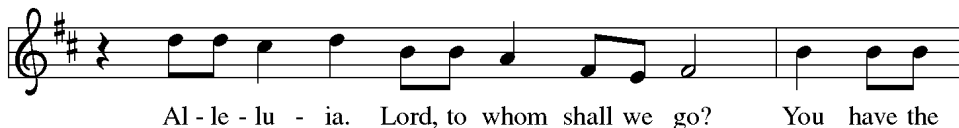
<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;**

**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE**



**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 21:1-19

*(after the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

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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.*



**SPECIAL MUSIC**

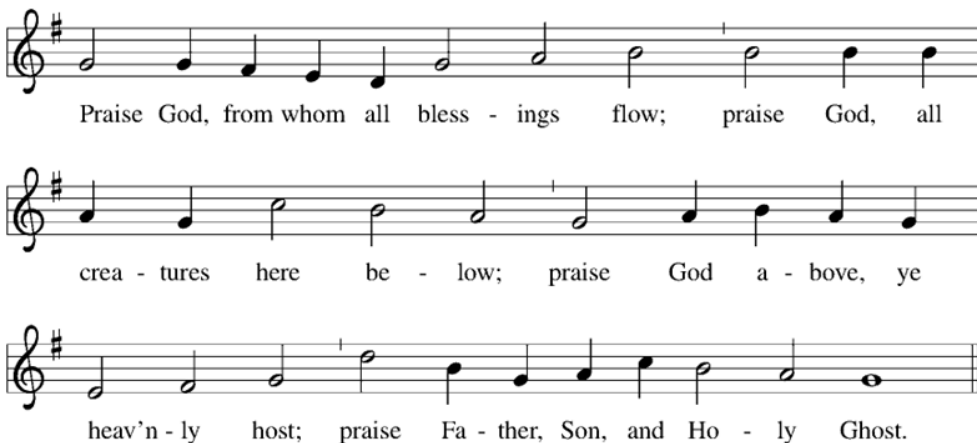
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - arr. by Hal Hopson

Worship Choir

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (☒ **Amen.**)

**\*OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

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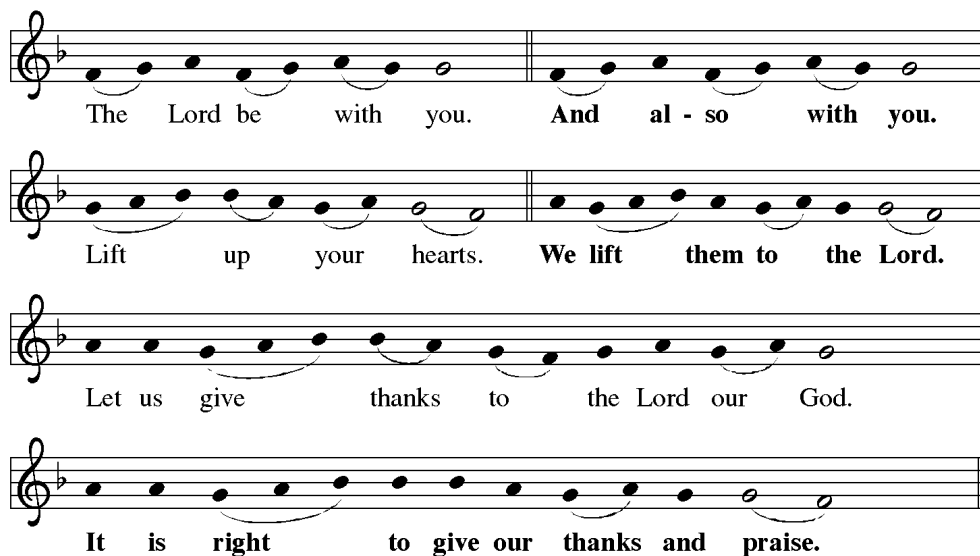


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*SURSUM CORDA

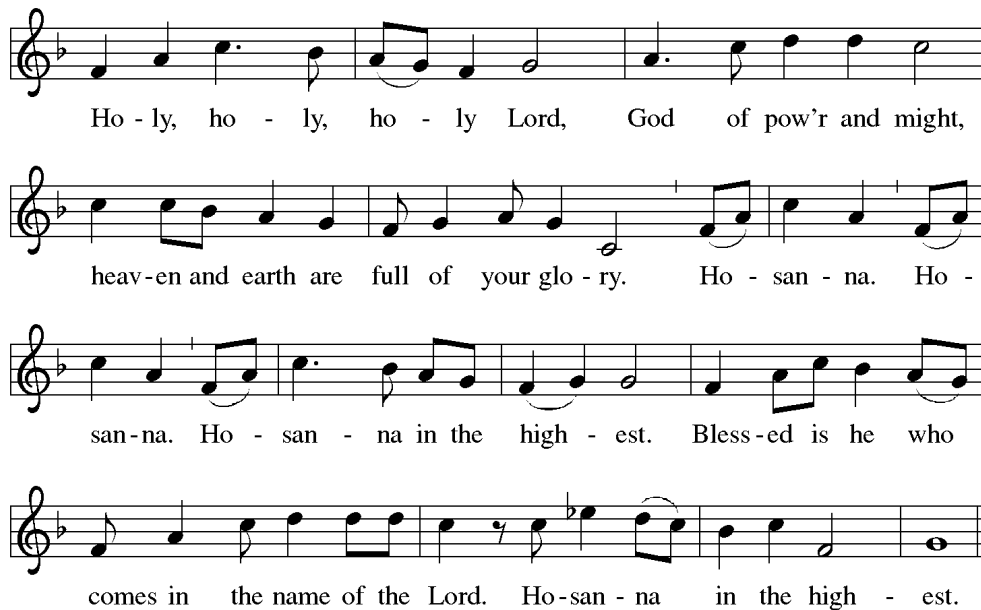


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \*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

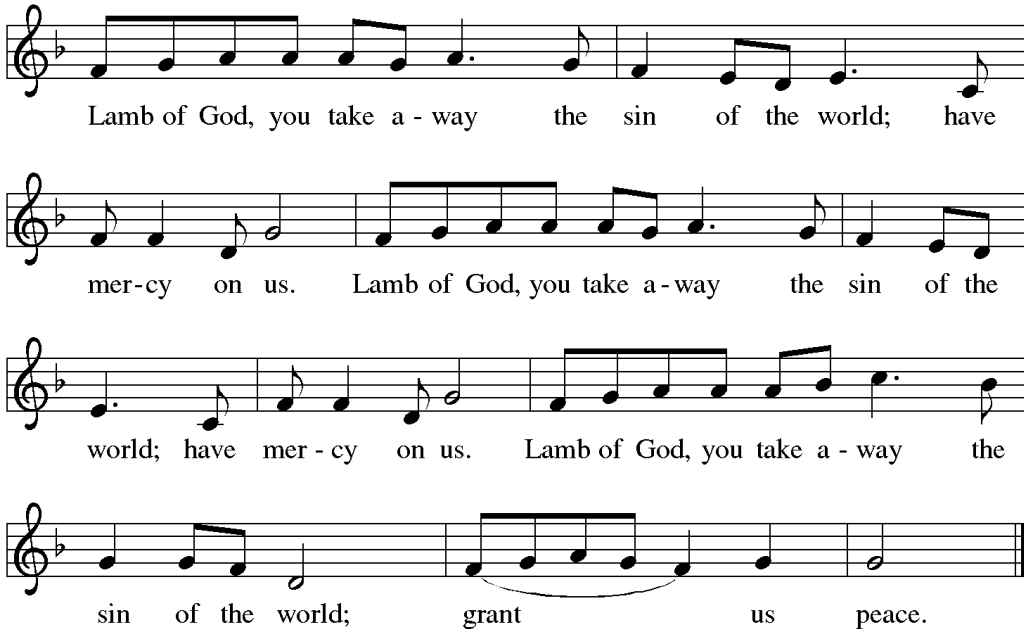


**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *In This Still Room (Are Angel Voices)* -G. Walker Kirk Denton, organ

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (☒ Amen.)

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (☒ Amen.)

**\*BENEDICTION** (☒ Amen.)

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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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

*Go Forth With Joy!* -G. Walker

Kirk Denton, organ

**Servants in God's House**

**May 4, 2025**

**11 a.m.**

Sue Whitter (Greeter)

Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)

Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)

John Gruner (Lector)

Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)

Pat Staples (Sanctuary Usher)

John Gruner (Comm Asst)

Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)

9 a.m. (Livestream)

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Sharon Finley (Lector)

Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)

Bob Rockwell (Sanctuary Usher)

Linda Kinna- Engel (Comm Asst)

Doug Davis (Sound System)

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**2025 Ministry Priorities**

**Leadership**

Called by the Spirit to be transformed as God's loving people, the Council will continue to discern where God is calling Zion in its defining of vision. We will be open to new ways and opportunities God is calling us to serve beyond our building in sharing Christ's love. We will support one another in our ministries as we share cherished traditions and try new things.

**Communication**

Celebrating new tools we have learned to communicate information, we will hone and plan strategies to more effectively use them to share what God is doing at Zion. We will use these tools and new avenues to share how God's love is nurturing and changing us.

**Relationship Building**

With Jesus as our example and guide, we will grow in building relationships with one another and those beyond our building through practicing welcome and invitation. We rejoice and celebrate our generational diversity. We will practice grace and understanding as we make mistakes. We will focus on serving one another in love, especially those in need and who are often forgotten. care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my grandchildren, Blake and Eva Gordon, in celebration of their birthdays this month, given by Nana Gordon



### Zion Prayer List 5-4-2025

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

Marion Damato, J. Richard Staples, All Federal Workers, Beverly Smith, Jimmy Nichols, John Lettire, Pastor Anita Disbrow, Pastor Diane Day, Dana Carmichael, Brenda Ward, Gwen Bowlus, The Gunsallus Family, Kathi Hayter, Junior Wiles, Samn Huffer, Barry B., Katana Lewis, Mike Fath, Ursula Powell, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Tristan Vail, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Deaths: Christa Grunwald, Frank Grunwald, Pope Francis

### 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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