

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Fifth Sunday in Easter
April 28, 2024***

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.

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.

*GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!

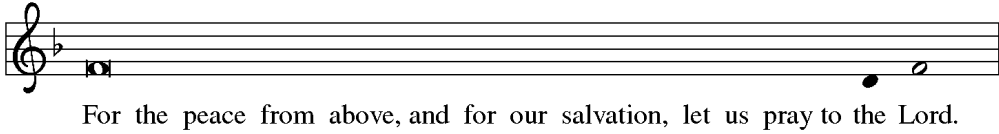
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℞ And also with you.)

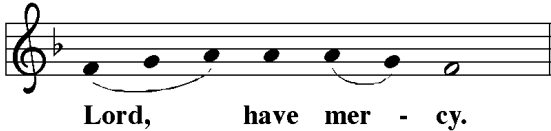
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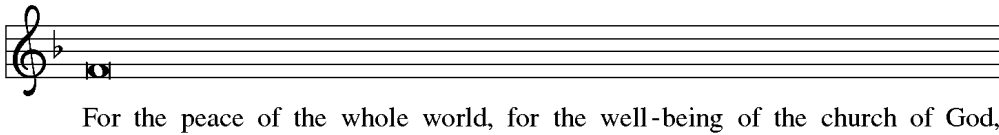
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



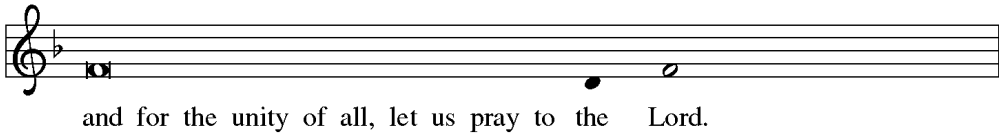
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



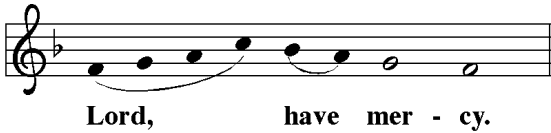
Lord, have mer - cy.



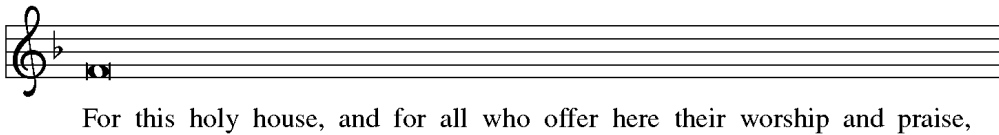
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



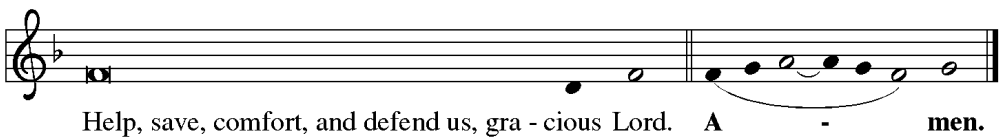
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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 8:26-40

- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

***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. John, the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON

***HYMN**

Abide With Me

ELW 629

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

p. 227

***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.



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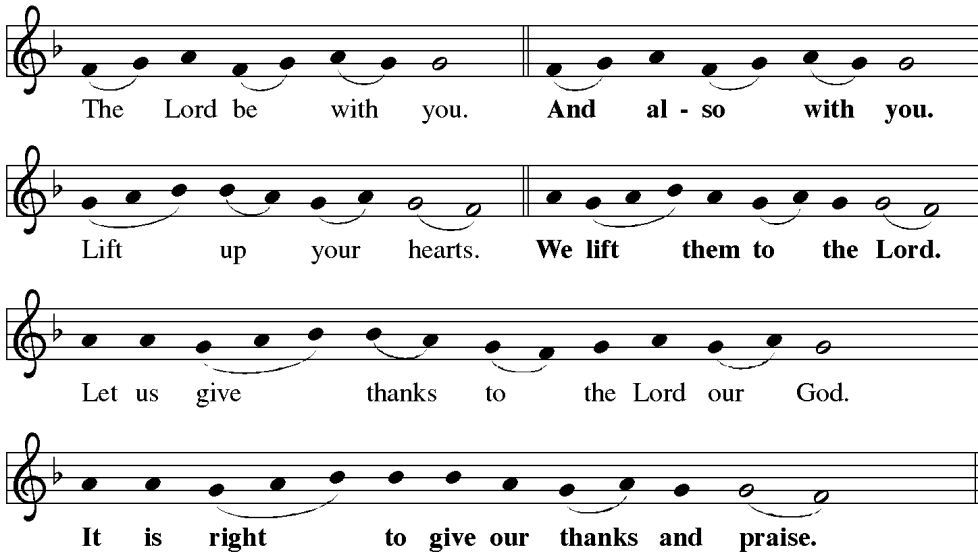
Yes, My Jesus Loves Me
Mary McDonald

Worship Choir

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (☞ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*SURSUM CORDA

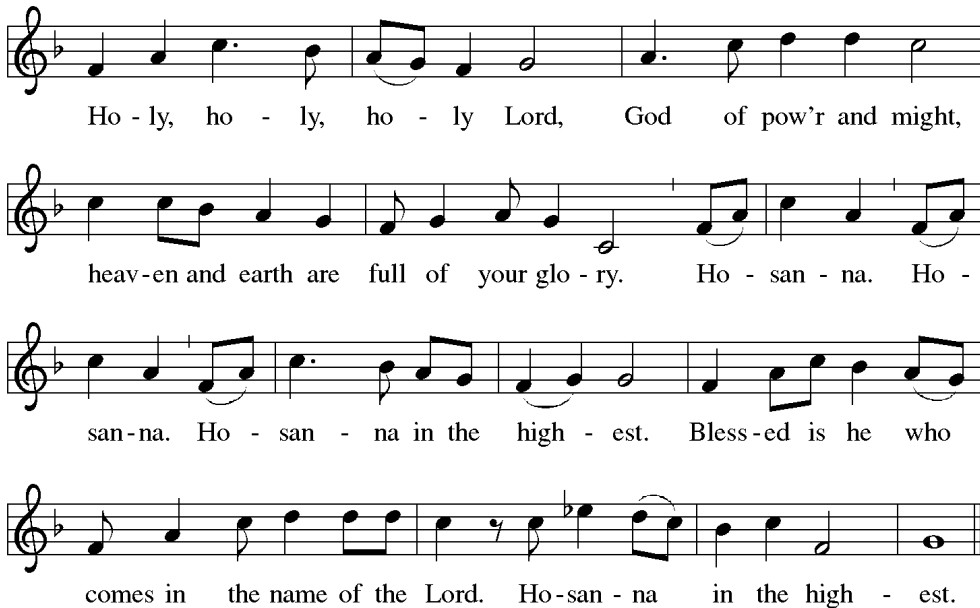


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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.

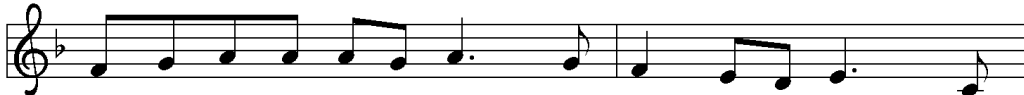
***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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**

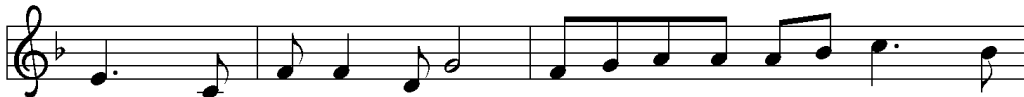
AGNUS DEI



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 (☞ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (☞ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (☞ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

ELW 742

***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

April 28, 2024

11 a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)

Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)

Joe McIntosh (Crucifer)

Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)

Bob Rockwell (Lector)

Lee Ropp (Head Usher)

Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)

Dorothy Moler (Comm Asst)

Karol Koogle (Sound System)

Bob Staples (Livestream)

Servants in God's House

May 5, 2024

11 a.m.

Sue Whitter (Greeter)

Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)

Linda Sanders (Crucifer)

Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)

Sharon Finley (Lector)

Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)

Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)

John Gruner (Comm Asst)

Karol Koogle (Sound System)

9 am (Livestream)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Schlosser Ropp for his birthday, April 24, by Larry and Linda Wiles



Zion Prayer List 4-28-2024

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

Joanne Stoughton, Diane Brining, Mary Wilbur, Junior Wiles, Joe Unangst, John Lettiere, Jr., Sherrie Cameron, Dick Greenawalt, Margaret Guyton, Bob Hetrick, Tim Quinn, Joe Elliot, Beth H., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Evelyn Hawker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Marianna Bere, Julie Swiney, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Lucretia Reaves, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Frank Roys, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazcek, The Hubble Family, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Deaths: Nancy Newkirk, Linda Crummitt

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.

Leaders

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and future-thinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

Communication

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

Relationship Building

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



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