

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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

*Song 13 (Orlando Gibbons)—
Percy Whitlock*

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.

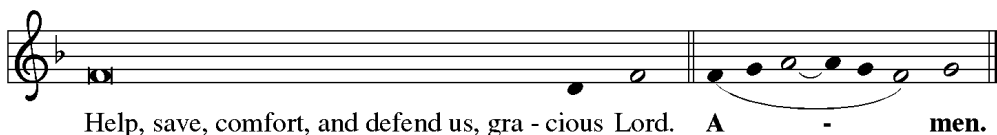
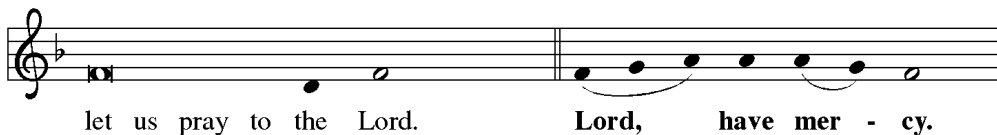
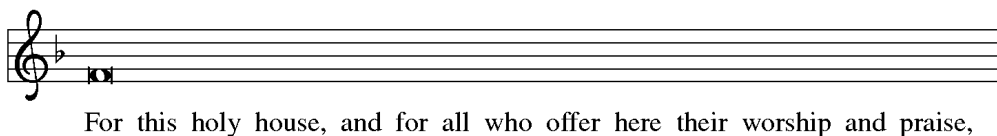
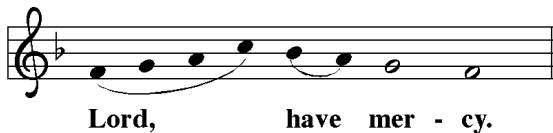
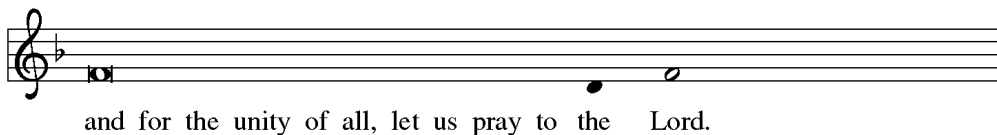
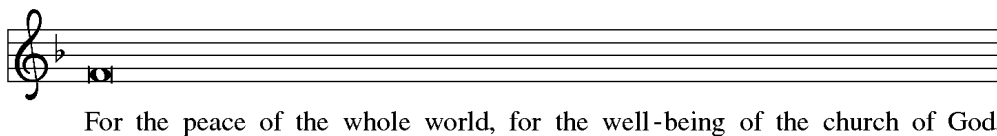
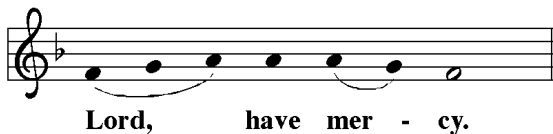
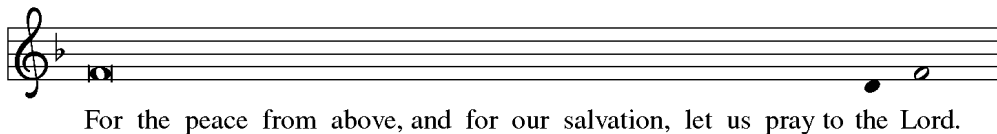
*GATHERING HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

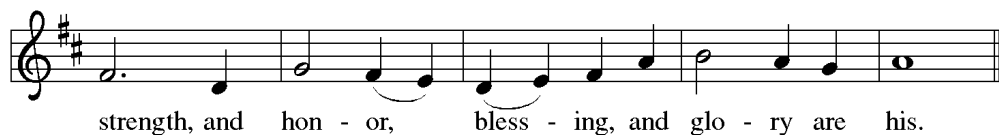
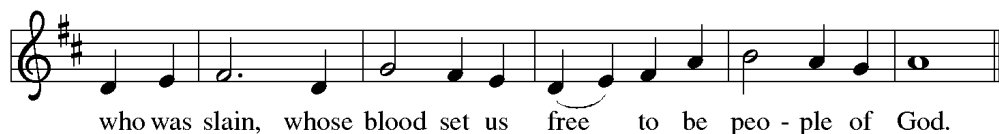
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℣ And also with you.)

***KYRIE**



***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





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



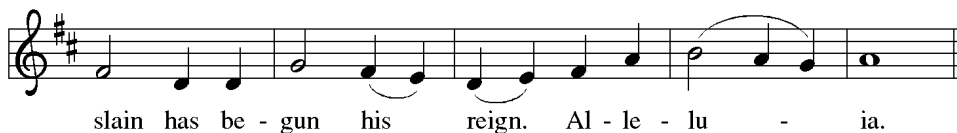
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.



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 11:1-18

PSALMODY

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

***GOSPEL VERSE**



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 13:31-35

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

***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

***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

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Musical notation for the Offertory Canticle, featuring three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

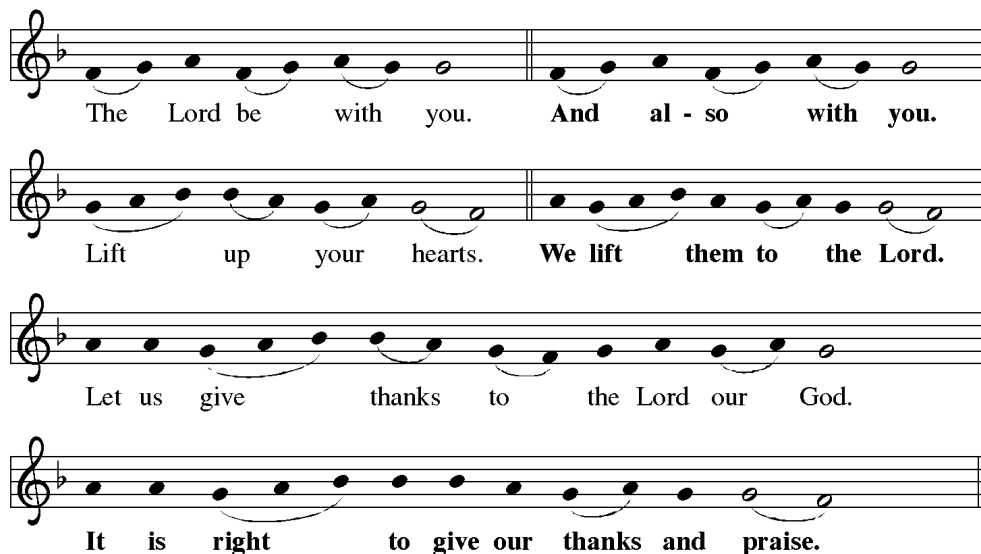
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

***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.

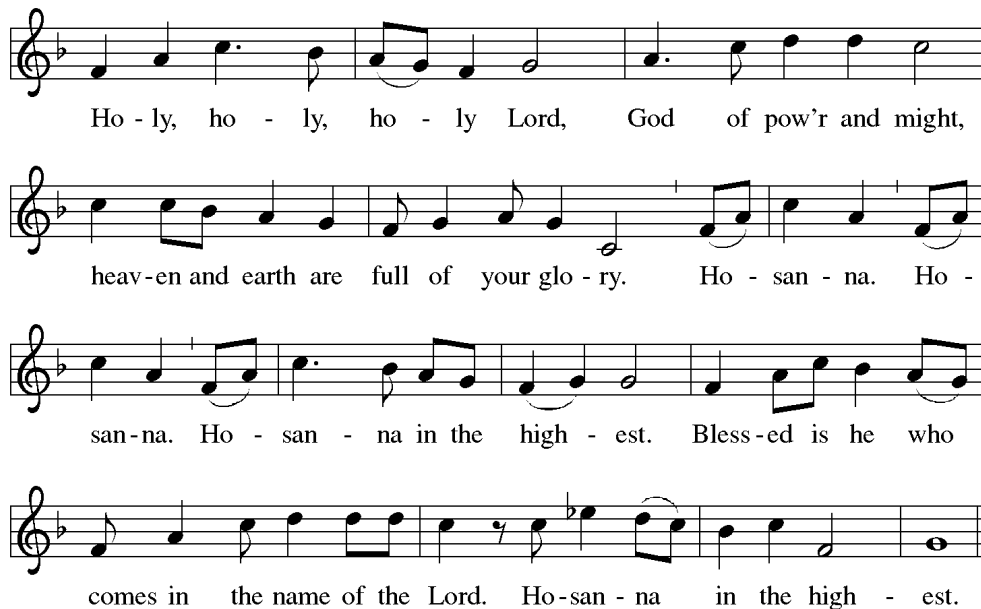
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

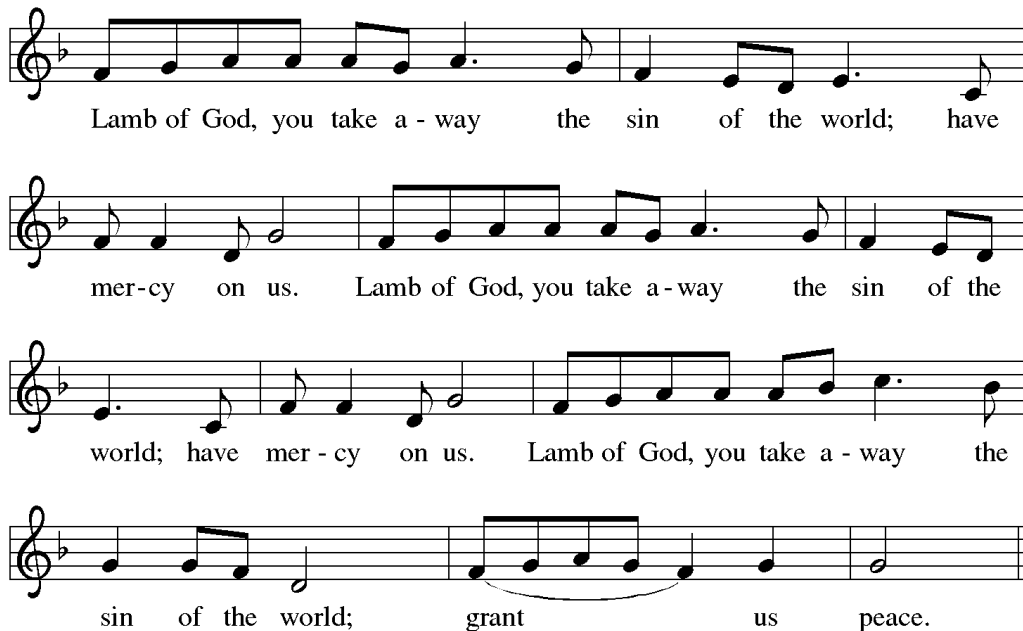
***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Call –R. V. Williams/Alec Wyton

Kirk Denton, organ

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

Now the Green Blade Rises

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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

At Eastertide – Charles Villiers Stanford

Kirk Denton, organ

Servants in God's House

May 18, 2025

11 a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst Minister)
Linda Kinna-Engel (Lector)
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)
Karol Koogle (Sound System)
9 a.m. (Livestream)

Servants in God's House

May 25, 2025

11 a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)
Pat McIntosh (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)
Bob Staples (Livestream)

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 to celebrate all the dedicated volunteers at Zion who strive to welcome, educate, and serve the needs of our members and the surrounding community



Zion Prayer List 5-18-2025

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

Gwen Bowlus, Marion Damato, J. Richard Staples, All Federal Workers, Beverly Smith, Jimmy Nichols, Dana Carmichael, Brenda Ward, The Gunsallus Family, Junior Wiles, Samn Huffer, Barry B., 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

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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