

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 2, 2021

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross

When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

Pre-Service Anthems **Luther's Morning Prayer** **Carl Schalk**
The Morning Trumpet **Michael Richardson**
The Lord Bless You and Keep You **Peter Lutkin**

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

[Rise] **Easter Acclamation**



Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

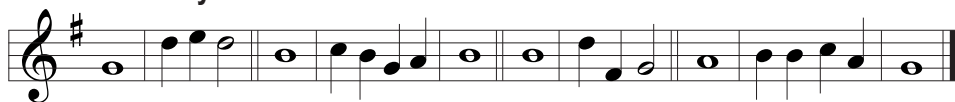
Our help is in the name of the Lord **Who made heaven and earth.**
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *A little while, and you will see me no | long-__ er; || and again a little while, and | you will see__ | me || I will extol you, my | God and King, || and bless your | name for- •ever• and | •ever•.*

Verse 1: **Every day I will | bless__ you || and praise your | name for- •ever• and | •ever•. || The Lord is gracious and | mer- ci- ful, || slow to anger and a- | •bounding• in stead- fast | love.**

Verse 2: *All your works shall give thanks to | you, O Lord, || and all your | saints shall bless__ | you! || My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord, || and let all flesh bless his holy | name for- •ever• and | •ever•.*

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on __ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord __ have mer - cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God _ the Fa-ther Al - mighty - y.



O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



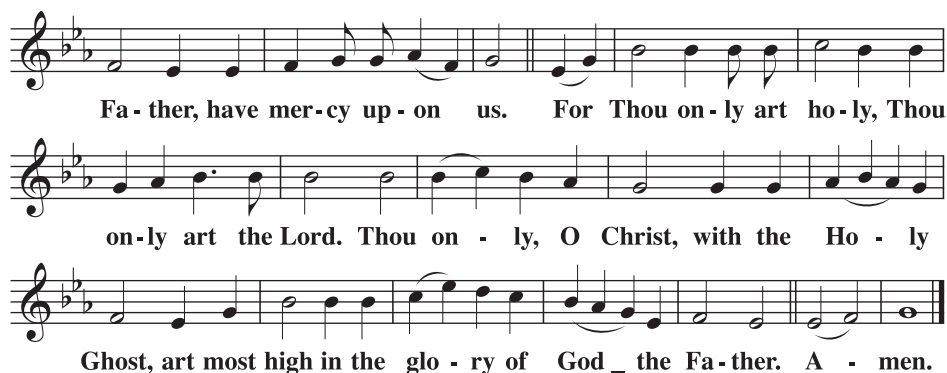
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the

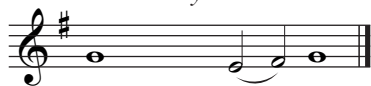


world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: *O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

First Reading..... Acts 8:26-40

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem Praise to the Lord F. Medius Christiansen

Epistle of the Day 1 John 4:1-21

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** We Know That Christ Burgundy Hymn 603

Holy Gospel St. John 15:1-8

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen!

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day At the Lamb's High Feast Burgundy Hymn 633

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men sing stanzas 3 & 5;
Women sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8. Rise for stanza 8.]

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] Offerings

Voluntary Cantate Domino Josu Elberdin

[Rise] Offertory Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir-it. We lift _ them up un-to _ the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet ___ and right so ___ to do. ___

Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

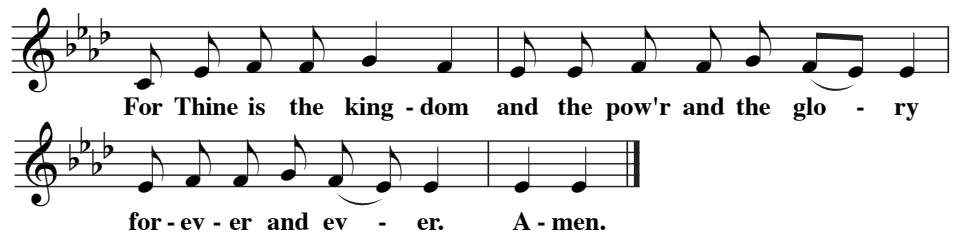
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

[Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.*

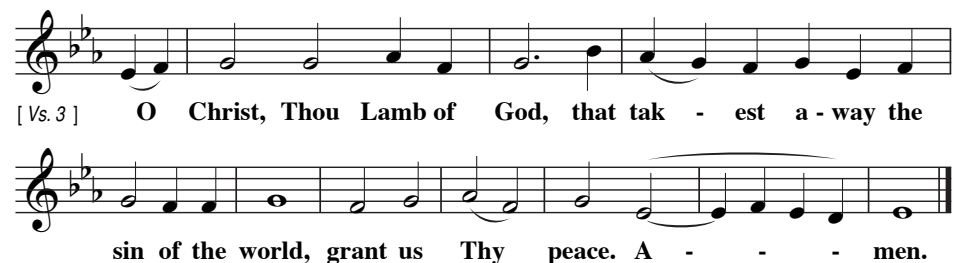
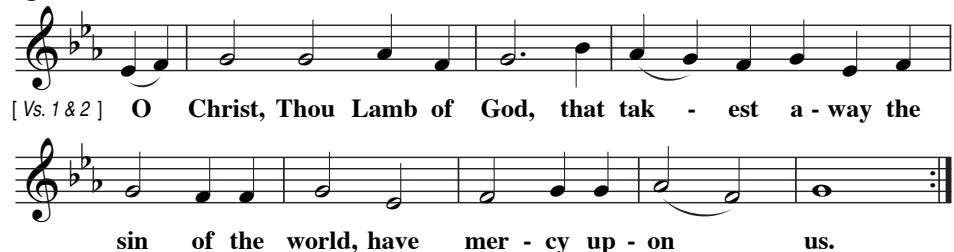


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

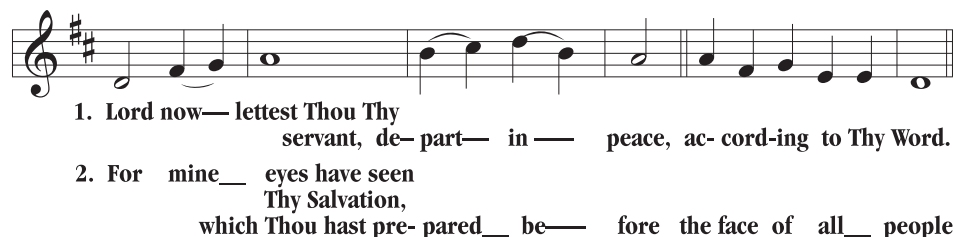
Distribution Anthems **We Shall Walk**..... **Moses Hogan**
I Love the Lord **Ronald Staheli**

Distribution Hymns **Draw Near and Take** **Burgundy Hymn 637**
O Blessed Spring **Burgundy Hymn 595**
God's Own Child **Burgundy Hymn 594**

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle **The Nunc Dimittis**





3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.



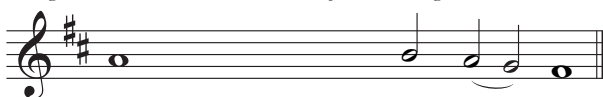
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



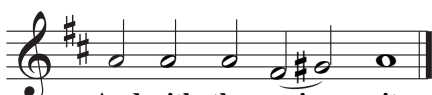
And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - rit.

Bless we the Lord.



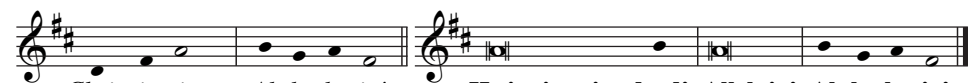
Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A - men.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Lord Jesus Christ..... Burgundy Hymn 585

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women sing stanza 3; Men sing stanza 4; All sing stanzas 5 & 6.]

Postlude

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Epistle is 1 John 4:1-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater

than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

The Gospel is John 15:1-8

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

LSB603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

John B. Geyer

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1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

LSB633 At the Lamb's High Feast

Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
3. Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

LSB637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord Latin, 7th century

1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now..

LSB595 O Blessed Spring

Susan Palo Cherwein

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1. O blessed spring, where Word and sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be
A branch of this life-giving Tree.
2. Through summer heat of youthful years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
The boughs will shout for joy again.
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
4. As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing
And trust the promise of the spring.

5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
That word and water thus revive
And join us to your Tree of Life.

LSB594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Erdmann Neumeister

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1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

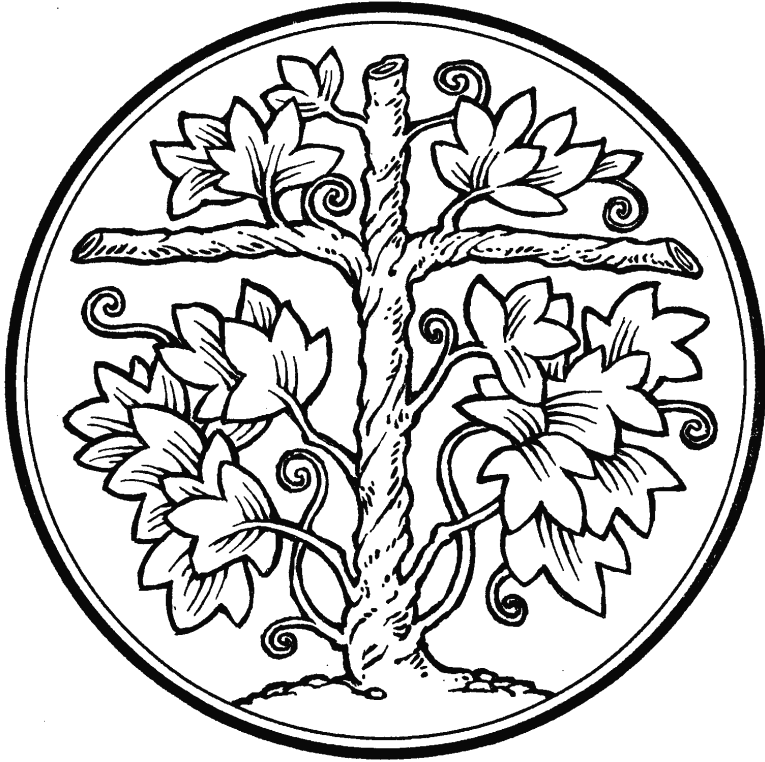
Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
4. May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through –
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

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Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik, and also for Peter, Tanner, and Caleb as they received their fieldwork assignments or call.
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Julie Ganaway, Jim Reid, Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Ruth Boxdorfer, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl and Altar Vases are given anonymously with thanks to God for His many blessings. Please complete an attendance/ communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

May 2, 2021 thru May 8, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	1:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Bach Collegium Concert	Church
MON.	6:30 PM	LSA Board Meeting	
TUES.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confessions	Church

May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class continues with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall. Please join us. Junior Catechesis meets in the Conference Room with Pastor Punke.

WELCOME to the Concordia Lutheran High School A Cappella Choir under the direction of Mr. Tavis Schlicker. Welcome to parents and other guests who are here to hear the choir sing God's praises amidst God's people. We do have the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Confirmed members of our sister LCMS congregations are welcome to receive the body and blood of Christ with us. If you are not a confirmed member, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. We are currently offering the Lord's Supper in stations: Station 1: the body of Christ; Station 2: the blood of Christ in the common cup; Station 3: the blood of Christ in an individual cup filled with a pouring chalice. If you desire to receive via an individual cup, pick one up from the tray of unused cups, and after receiving the blood of Christ, deposit the cup in the tray of used cups.

THE LORD'S BLESSINGS to Peter Wagner Wagner, Joel Peter whose vicarage assignment is to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH; to Tanner Post, whose call is to St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, both of Sumner, IA; and to Caleb Stoevers, whose call is to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Erie, KS, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hepler, KS. We will bid them Godspeed as they prepare to move to these areas of service.

THANKS to everyone who helped with the Fort Wayne Great American Clean-up on Saturday.

PROFOUND THANK YOU to Jim Carnahan, Dave Laisure, and Bill Krause, who, with short notice, responded to the call for help at Voigt's Retreat on Tuesday. They cleaned up many branches and debris from the winter which allowed them to mow and trim the property. Many thanks for your work time.

DIAPER DRIVE COLLECTION TIME: We are beginning the collection for diapers in order to get ready for the August diaper drive. Please help out with this act of love to our neighbors.

PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES, there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

MEN OF ZION are studying the prophet Zechariah. Join in on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

COVID PROTOCOLS should change beginning next Sunday. The Elders will be looking at the planned changes this Tuesday and giving their counsel on them. Check our posted protocols, if you're unsure of our current protocols. Today, we are urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, even by the vaccinated, if you are able — we have never mandated mask-wearing; and we always promote good hand hygiene. Please do your part.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5, but I'm hopeful that, with our metrics in the county going down, this could change in a week or two. Hospitalizations and ICU bed usage for COVID in District 3 have leveled off, and there has been no spike in COVID-related deaths. Thanks be to God. I continue to urge you get vaccinated, unless there is a health reason you cannot. *Hoosiers 16 and older are now eligible.* Unless there is a medical reason not to be vaccinated, odds are much better for you if you get the shot than if you get the virus.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE In this week's memory verse St. Paul reminds us that Christ's resurrection victory is ours: 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 15:22.

CLHS: Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as an Art Teacher, and also, a Cafeteria Assistant, who must be able to lift 50 pounds. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

CHRIST ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL is June 20-July 3. It is a two-week retreat for young men and women who are interested in theology and desire to learn more about pastoral or diaconal ministry. For more information, please visit www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

John 15:1-8

Luke 12:1-12

Luke 12:13-34

Luke 12:35-53

Luke 12:54-13:17

Luke 13:18-35

Luke 14:1-24

DAILY LECTIONARY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 8:26-40

Leviticus 21:1-24

Leviticus 23:1-22

Leviticus 23:23-44

Leviticus 24:1-23

Leviticus 26:1-20

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:34-48

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Who Are the True Vine and His Branches

5. *I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.*

Here Christ ... wants to be sure to impress on His disciples that they must look to Him alone and adhere firmly to Him. "For I," He says, "am the Vine, as you know, and you are My branches." As though He were saying: "No one will ever alter this relationship. No, God has, as you heard, ordained that I, and no other, am to be the Vine. You dare not investigate and search further for any other vine or suppose that you or others might be true branches in God's sight if you are not grafted in Me, the only Vine there is." For Christ foresaw very well, as I have said earlier, what would happen in Christendom, how both raging tyrants and false teachers would oppose this doctrine and many would falsely call themselves the vine and the branches. ...

Christ speaks the words "He who abides in Me, and I in him" (John 15:5) against the false Christians, to inform us that a person is not a true branch in Christ by his natural strength and works. For the branch ... must be of the nature or species of Christ the Vine. The vine and the branches are not assembled or grafted, as is done with a little twig or shoot on a dry stem; but the branches must be of the proper type — they must grow from Christ. For the mere name does not make you a Christian, nor does the fact that you live among Christians, as the apostle Judas and others did. People may dwell among Christians, pray, fast, partake of the Sacrament, and conduct themselves outwardly as Christians, so that they cannot be excommunicated; but in spite of all this they are not true branches. They are strange and withered twigs of thorns among the grapes, although they excel the others in appearance. But it will always be true that he who is a Christian must have emerged and grown naturally from Christ the Vine.

Luther's Works, 24:224-5.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Kennedy Hubbard	Javier Antione
Nycole Golden	Kika Edgell
Ethan DuMont	Jasmine Goree
Mayzon Win	DaeQuan Boone
Joshua DuMont	Denver Zarate-Garcia
Mrs. Damita Jordan our new office Employee	



Kindergarten Class is Un "Bee" lievable

Band & Strings Rehearsals and Concerts!

April 29 Thursday — Concert* 7:00 pm (3 people per student in audience)

May 5, Wednesday—Elementary & CLHS Strings Concert*, 7:00 pm (3 people per student in audience)

***Will be live-streamed**

LSUS Students Chapel Offerings

LSUS takes up chapel offerings for various organizations! The last two months the offerings went to Camp Lutherhaven and the total was \$250. These next two months are going to a missionary to Uganda Rachel Meyer.

Apr & May Chapel Offering

Rachel Meyer, Missionary to Uganda

Pray for Rachel as she serves in Uganda. Pray for the ministry in the Lutheran schools in Uganda, that God may work through His Word to build faith in the hearts of the students, teachers, families and communities. Ask God to continue to nurture Rachel in the faith and give her wisdom and encouragement to humbly share Christ's love in word and deed. Pray that God's name is glorified in all that Rachel does and says. Let us give thanks that Rachel has been given the opportunity to serve God's people in this part of the world.



Scriptural Encouragement

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10

Theology in the Parish Lectures

Zion Lutheran Church presents

Joseph in Genesis ... A Motif of Death and Resurrection

featuring

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse

Professor of Exegetical Theology at
Concordia Theological Seminary,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

followed by

**Sacred Song at Zion:
The Joyous Sounds of Easter**

led by

Michael Hollman, MM
Organist and Director of Music,
Zion Lutheran Church

**Saturday, May 15,
1:30 pm – 4 pm**

2313 Hanna Street,
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803
(260) 744-1389



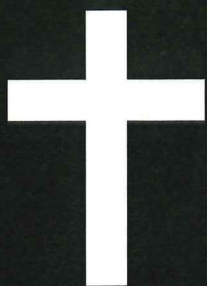
Images depicting scenes from Joseph's life from
folios in the Crusader Bible, Paris, France, 1240s.

Admission: \$5 for Adults; Children 14 and under Free

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Allen County metrics turned upward reminding us that COVID-19 is still active. Vaccines are available for Hoosiers 40 and older and soon for all Hoosiers 16 and older. We encourage you – be vaccinated!
- ✿ Some protocols remain the same; some are changed.
 - ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor;
 - ✿ Continue to practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer;
 - ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ We continue to encourage you to wear masks, especially for the sake of neighbor, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking;
 - ✿ risk of prolonged exposure there.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; *the recommended distancing is still 6 feet outside of school settings*; use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ We continue to inch toward normal, shaking hands if you're comfortable doing it, passing out bulletins, and having ushers gather the offerings. *Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.*
- ✿ More socializing can begin to take place if you continue to exercise precautions.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups continue to be offered for the blood of Christ.

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FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

JOHN T. PLESS | JACOB CORZINE

As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.