

Zion Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 9:00 AM



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP - God's Joy Choir

*(*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Gather Us In”

#532

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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments.
Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

SERMON PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY “Day By Day” #790

Presentation of New Members

Today we rejoice with and invite them to come forward:

Timothy & AnMarie, Tyler, Taylor, Thea & Cooper Cook	Dorene Myers
Mark Beedy & Mark Pope	Ashley Myers & Haedyn Nelson
Alissa Halvorson	Larry Nelson
Maddie Huot	Stephanie Walseth
Lori Keller	Jeanette Walseth
Marie Longo, Madeline & Rachel Thorlacius	

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome into the life and ministry of this congregation.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

We pray: We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.
Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY ELW #186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG “God of Grace and God of Glory” #705

DISMISSAL

Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD EXTENDS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING. MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianists: Laura Rude, Jenna Von Holtum Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Tim & Kristen Michalke Ushers: Ron Ostby, Jim Fulton Reader: Stephanie Walseth
Acolyte: Brielle Walseth, Cora Jensen Communion asst: David Kirkeby, Ruth Ostby

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, all who are moving through a challenging season, especially Cassie Wilson & Dan Bartsch. Sympathies to Mike & Jodi Flaagen family on the death of Mike's father Odell.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by the Dahlen family in memory of RW Dahlen.

WEBSITE sponsor for May is Zion Memorials

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT worship folders & bulletins are available from an usher.

WELCOME new members! There will be a **Pot Luck Dinner at 11:30 AM today** to welcome our new members. All are welcome.

RECITAL Everyone is invited to a voice recital presented by students of Laura Rude~ Sunday May 5th @ 4:00pm. Students from Zion include Julia Rude, Andraya Bakken, Nora Fay, Hailey Halvorson and Brooklyn Leines.

THANK YOU to the Sunday School leaders. Next week is our last day of Sunday school. Kids will be singing the Call to Worship.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet on Tues. May 14th due to WELCA Prayer Brunch.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

April 22-28: \$3,105. April 1-28: \$20,833. YTD: \$107,588. Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

Offering plates are available on the table at the back of the church

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING –Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

QR code to giving page:



Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact. YTD received \$1,989.
Thank you to all who have directed dollars!

MAY SALAD LUNCHEON Tues., May 7 from 11 am to 1 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church. \$10/ person.

PARISH NURSE NOTES —

We all could use a little extra support at times. Inter-County Council has a variety of programs that support individuals/families in need in our service area. Many are eligible for these programs without realizing it so here are some that are available to consider if needed:

- **Employment and Training**-helping those that are unemployed, underemployed, or are just getting into the workforce.
- **Energy Assistance**-helping cover costs of heating their homes and possibly furnaces.
- **Family Services**-helping with housing and completing applications for SNAP, HUD, and medical insurance.
- **Head Start**-helping families that are expecting or have a child up to age 5 with school readiness, parent education, referrals for other services, and much more.
- **Weatherization**-helping make homes more energy efficient.

Check out the videos on their website for more information on their programs at www.intercountycc.org

There are forms for Energy Assistance in the Parish Health holder if you need one and also in the Parish Health Office. The time to sign up for it is now. You may also call the Inter-County Community Council for more questions on these programs at 218-796-5144 or Toll Free 888-778-4008

Have a great spring! *God's Blessing and Peace Parish Health*

THE GROCERIES TO GO & HANDYMAN PROGRAMS are available through our church. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and Darlene will get back to you.

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Sunday School & Cornerstone Kids— Last class day is May 12th. Students will sing during worship.

May 12th Noisy Offering will go to TRF Food Shelf

Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday. Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,

May 5: Ryan & Roberta Sagsteun, Stephanie Walseth, Ryan Olson, Sam & Kayla Kofstad

May 12: Sean & Ashley Ranum, Seri Rusillo, Shawn & Amber Larson, Shawn & Kelly Bugge, Taryn Kostrzewski

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is May 19th

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast to celebrate our seniors on **Sunday, May 19th.** Breakfast will be served by **6th & 7th Grade students.**

Confirmation Classes— 6PM; Supper served at 5:15

Menu: May 8: Taco Bar

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, May 5:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/ New Members received/ God's Joy sings/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/Cornerstone

10 Coffee Fellowship

11 Potluck Dinner to welcome New Members

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 GV broadcast ch. 37

4 Laura Rude students voice recital

Monday, May 6:

Falls Delivered Meals week

9 SAIL Exercise

Tuesday, May 7:

9 Bible Study

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours

11 Ev/Lay Ministry

1:30 Parish Health

5:30 Parish Education

6:30 Parish Fellowship

Wednesday, May 8:

5:15 Confirmation supper

6 Confirmation

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, May 9:

9 SAIL exercise

10 Prayer Shawl Ministry

2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

6 Foundation Board

Friday, May 10:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, May 12:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/ Sunday School & Cornerstone sing/ Baptism/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/Cornerstone

10 June Sharing Servants mtg

10 Coffee Fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 GV broadcast ch. 37