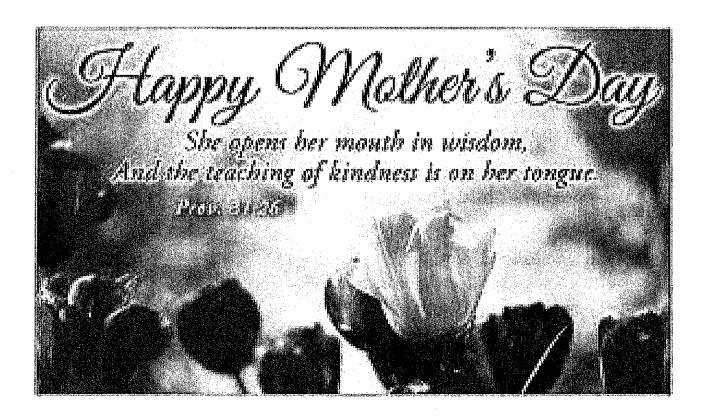
Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through God's Love and Guidance



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

PRELUDE

Tower Ringerz

"Bell Peal on Old 100th"

by Louis Bourgeois, Arr. Linda Lamb

"Hosanna!"

by Jason Krug (based on the hymn tunes Ellacombe and St. Theodulph)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and you staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

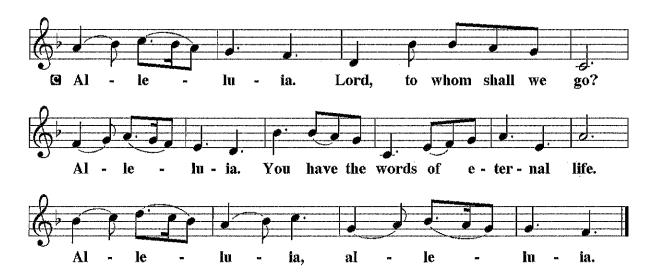
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #789

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

TOWER RINGERZ

"A Grand Celebration" by Derek Hakes

OFFERING PRAYER

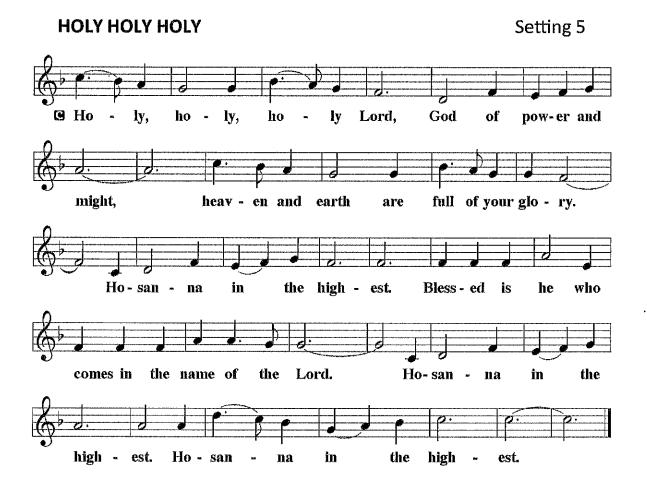
Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

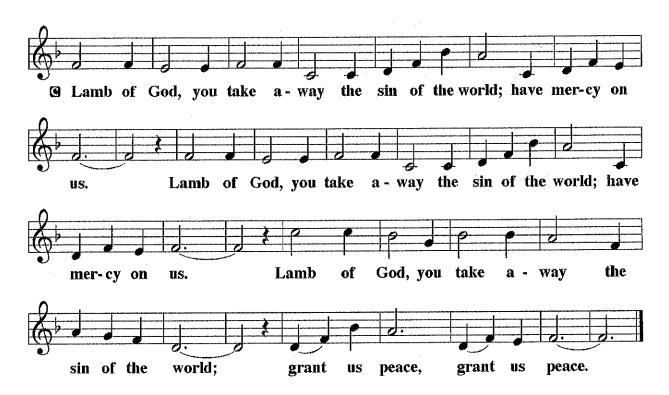
PREFACE



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

TOWER RINGERZ

"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Sandra Eithum

COMMUNION HYMN #502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Faith of our Mothers"

- 1. Faith of our mothers, living still, in cradle song and bedtime prayer; In nursery love and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air: Faith of our mothers, living faith! We will be true to thee to death.
- 2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith, Fount of our childhood's trust and grace, Oh, may thy consecration prove Source of a finer, nobler race: Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.
- 3. Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, For youthful longing, youthful doubt, How blurred our vision, blind our way, Thy providential care without: Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, We will be true to thee till death.
- 4. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church, And breathe thy spirit through our deeds: Faith of our mothers, Christian faith! We will be true to thee till death.

DISSMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance — thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Year: 93

Announcements!

With the donated funds from the Lenten Soup Suppers, Zion was able to purchase Easter meals for two neighborhood families. In partnership with the Columbus Boys and Girls Club, Zion donated meal fixings and Kwik Trip gift cards to one family of six and another family of two. Thank you to all who helped make an Easter day special for 2 families.

Happy Mother's Day to all women who take time to care for their family or someone in their life. Please remember to take a carnation if you didn't before service. Enjoy your day.

There will not be fellowship hour today.

Next Sunday, May 18th is Confirmation Sunday. Please plan to attend to show your support for Alexa Rusch as she is confirmed. Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service to celebrate the occasion.

Next Sunday is also the last day of Sunday School. It will start up again in the Fall. We will celebrate that in the fellowship hall also.

Thank you to those who ordered gift cards from Lynn last week. She has gift cards for sale today. They are \$25 Festival, \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Menards, \$25 Pick N Save, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, \$10 Target & \$25 Walgreens.

Here are some volunteer opportunities if you are interested. Greeter, Usher, Bell Ringer, fellowship hour, Communion Setup and Cleanup. We also need volunteers to help with the church picnic which will be held on June 29. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please see Lynn Walter and she will refer you to the person in charge of that job.

We are looking for volunteers to pick up food for our fellowship hour. You will be reimbursed for what you purchase or for the ingredients if you make something. Please see Lynn Walter, Colleen Malchow or Karen Luedtke if you can help.

Scholarship Information: Are you a Senior in High School and an active member of Zion? Get a Scholarship application from the Church Office window ledge. The awards are based on accomplishments, grade point, need, and an essay on the impact of Jesus Christ and the Christian faith in the life of the applicant. Only Zion members are eligible. ALL PARTS of the application (including reference support letters) must be IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 11:00AM ON SUNDAY, June 1, 2025. Call the church with questions at 920-739-3104.

The May 17 junior recital of our organist, William Surtees, has been postponed until Fall. As co-winner of the LU Concerto competition, our organist, William Surtees, will play movement 1 of Chopin's Concerto No. 1 with the LU Symphony on Friday, June 6 at 7:30 pm in the Lawrence Chapel. The event is free of charge and open to all.

The lunch social is Thursday, May 15 at 11:30 at The 10th Frame. The signup sheet is in the narthex. We always welome new people. Please plan on attending.

We will be having the church picnic on Sunday, June 29th at Telulah Park. More details will be coming soon.

Linwood Community is holding an educational session on Monday, May 19th at 11 AM as Yon Abel, our Wellness Coordinator presents information on the Mediterranean Diet. This diet is highly recommended because of its overall health benefits. It has been shown to reduce inflammation, lower blood pressure, improve cholesterol levels, help regulate blood sugar, provide a high intake of antioxidants, and help with weight management. It also has been shown to provide the nutrients essential for brain health and has been associated with a longer lifespan.

Congregants and families of Zion are welcome to attend Appleton Bilingual School's end of the year carnival on Friday, May 30th from 3:30-5:30pm. It is being held at Zion in the parking lot. At 5pm, Sue will address the ABS community with a message of thanks and farewell as they move into Huntley Elementary School in the fall. ABS would also like to give a parting message to the congregation at Zion at this time so please plan to attend if you can.

Sunday, May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day			
Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23	Pastor Karen Jewell			
Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30	Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt			
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am	Reader: Pennie Reis			
Worship Service 9:00 am	Acolyte: Freya Budde			
Followed by	Musician: William Surtees			
Sunday School & Confirmation	Opens: Jim Schley			
No Fellowship due to Mother's Day	Closes: Gwen Schwandt			
Tuesday, May 13	Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am			
Sunday, May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter & Confirmation Sunday			
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148	Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer			
Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35	Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck			
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am	8-8:45 am Reader: Confirmation student & parent			
Worship Service 9:00 am	Acolyte: Lily Gruselle			
followed by	Musician: William Surtees			
Coffee Hour	our Opens: Greg Pettigrew			
Sunday School	Closes: Jodi Hoesli			

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Sunday, July 13 2pm

Sunday, Aug 17 2pm

Sunday, Sept 21 2pm

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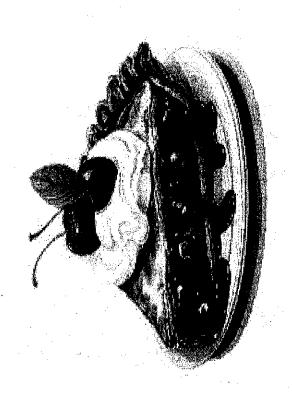
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Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us;
- 2 We are yours; in love be friend us,
- 3 You have prom-ised to re ceive us,
- 4 Ear ly let us seek your fa vor,

much we need your ten - der care. be the guard-ian of our way; poor and sin - ful though we be; ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,

Je-sus,

bless-ed

for our use your fold pre-pare. seek us when we go a - stray. grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. with your love our spir - its fill.

us, love us

still.





Je - sus,

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we yours. Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus. hear us chil - dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je - sus. bless-ed ear - ly Je - sus, let us turn to you. Bless-ed Je - sus. bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love still. us

you have loved

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Bless-ed

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

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