Zion Lutheran Church





May 17th, 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.



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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



- P Your word is a lamp | to my feet and a light | to my path.
- Forever, O | LORD, your word is firmly fixed | in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations; you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.

By your appointment they | stand this day, for all things are your | servants.

If your law had not been | my delight,

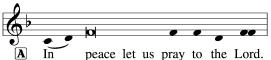
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.

I will never forget your | precepts,

for by them you have giv- | en me life.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Your word is a lamp | to my feet and a light | to my path.

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



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





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







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

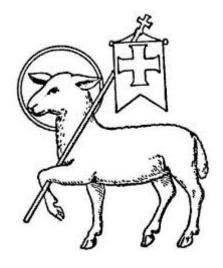






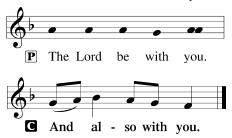
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading -- Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who

made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle -- 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus

Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day – All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

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- All Christians who have been baptized,
 Who know the God of heaven,
 And in whose daily life is prized
 The name of Christ once given:
 Consider now what God has done,
 The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
 Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception, Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception. For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good, You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—
 Immersed and drowned forever.
 The water of your Baptism day
 Restored again whatever
 Old Adam and his sin destroyed
 And all our sinful selves employed
 According to our nature.

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered. For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good Before our heav'nly Father.
- O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever! It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor. When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation! As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness Bestowed on you forever!

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

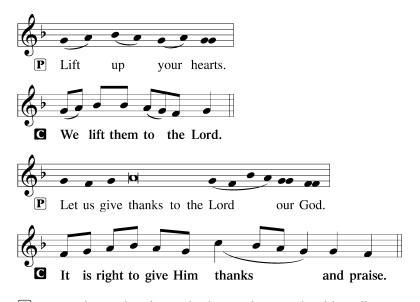
Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface P The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

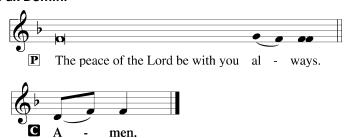
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

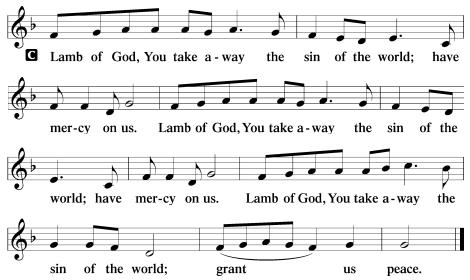
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Distribution Hymns

Come, My Soul, with Every Care #779
Jesus Comes Today with Healing #620

Thank the Lord



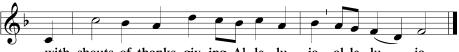
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

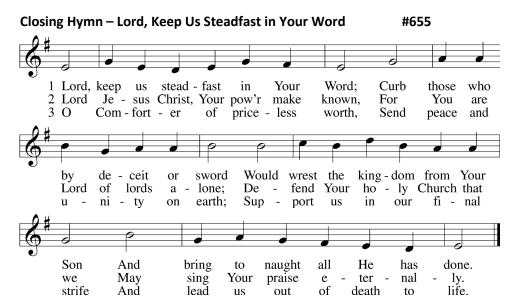


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Judy Bridges, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Jan Nemanick, Ruth Rostron, Steve Johnson, The Watt family, Patti Neill, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, and Tim Fitzgerald.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Sandy Quinlan The Elders: Sandy Quinlan Bill Bishop & Mike Sterba

The Acolyte: Joshua Grimenstein (8:00)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

Luke Lemonovich (10:30)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Tracey Coyle and Florence Boehme in memory of their father and husband, George Boehme; and by the Klemash Family in honor of their son-in-law Josh's birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Megan Richards in memory of her mother, Luella Rilius.

THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN, a monthly newsletter that details news and events of our local LCMS congregations, is seeking a Layout Editor. This volunteer role requires about 5 hours/month working in Microsoft Publisher to layout and design articles; best of all, this person will work closely with TPL editors (and Zion members) Mary Lou Rilee and Nancy Koester! Contact Mary Lou at Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com with any questions.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/10) –25 (8 am); 38 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (5/13) -- 8 Thursday Small Group Worship Attendance (5/14) -- 8 Sunday Offering (5/10) – \$4161.00 Online Offering – \$2332.36

[~]Online giving is now available by going to the Zion's website: www.zlcb.org/donate

May 17th - May 24th

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
5/17	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	Sunday School/Bible Study for All Ages Online
MONDAY	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation Online
5/18	7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation Online
TUTCDAY	
TUESDAY	
5/19	
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
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THURSDAY	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
5/21	Communion See details in back of bulletin
	7:00 PM – Women's Book Club Online
	7.00 TW - Women's book club online
FRIDAY	
5/22	
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
5/23	Communion See details in back of bulletin
SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
5/24	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	Sunday School/Bible Study for All Ages Online
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H H H KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Another great big word of love

In the Bible we hear the wonderful
Good News of Jesus and all He has
done for us. We hear about how
He has saved us from our sins
through His perfect life, death and
resurrection. What you may not
know is how the Holy Spirit fits
into the picture. "Sanctification"
(pronounced sank-ti-fi-KAY-shun) is
the word used by the Church to describe this.

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What does "sanctification" mean?

"Sanctification" comes from the root word "sanctify" which means "to make holy." The Holy Spirit sanctifies, or makes us holy, by giving us faith in Jesus and enabling us to do good works. All of this He does for us through the wonderful Gospel, and the Gospel can be found all wrapped up in the Word and Sacraments. Wow! The Holy Spirit is really at work in our lives!



Parents: Our Savior paid the price, and the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts! What a great combination and promise. Before or after the service, visit the baptismal font with your children and remind them that this is where the work of sanctification began. In Baptism we are washed clean and made holy before God!



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Pastor Wokoma, our LCMS Missionary in Nigeria, and the seminary students in his care, are currently facing a dire situation. Because Covid 19 came at the same time of year as the season for Malaria, countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, like Nigeria, could literally face more deaths from starvation than Covid 19 and Malaria combined. The situation is serious. Recently, representatives from the United Nations World Food Program warned that the world could face "multiple famines of biblical proportions within a few short months."

Last Day for Special Offering!

Please join the members of Zion in supporting Pastor Wokoma and the students at his seminary by giving a special offering by <u>May 17th</u>. Offerings may be given online at our website. Under "church contributions" please find a special tab marked "<u>Nigeria Support</u>." Checks and cash may also be included in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or mailed directly to the church. Please make checks out to "Zion Lutheran" and in the memo line write "<u>Nigeria Support</u>." Thank you for your generosity in partnering with Pastor Wokoma as together we care for the saints in Nigeria.

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¹ https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-famines-united-nations-warning/



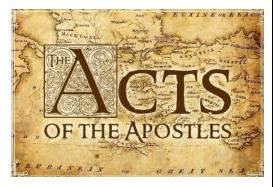
We're excited to begin offering Sunday School lessons online via Zoom this Sunday for kids in Preschool through high school! Our Sunday School Director Katie Gielarowski sent an email with details to all Sunday School families earlier this month. Teachers are emailing their students' families this week with specific instructions for each class.

Please contact Katie at sundayschool@zlcb.org if you didn't receive the email.

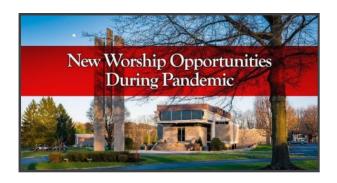
We hope your child(ren) can join us!!!

LEARN ONLINE! Pastor's Bible Study for Adults Resumes TODAY

Whether you've been part of our Sunday morning Bible Study for years -- or this will be your first session -- it's always a great time to study God's word! Starting this Sunday, Pastor will record his instruction and visuals on the book of Acts.



Check the Video Page of our website each Sunday for the Bible Study Recording -- http://www.zlcb.org/video



With the extension of pandemic restrictions into May, Zion will continue to offer two shortened, spoken Divine Services each week. These services will complement our already scheduled Wednesday evening service and two Sunday services and are being offered for our members whose medical conditions or age would make them more susceptible to the effects of the coronavirus.

- Services will be held from 10-10:30 am on Thursdays & Saturdays.
- A MAXIMUM number of 12 persons will occupy the sanctuary at any given time (10 worshippers, 1 pastor, 1 elder). Congregational members will be seated by the elder in "reserved" areas in the sanctuary to maximize safe distance between worshippers
- Participants should sign up via Sign Up Genius (go to "www.signupgenius.com/findasignup". In the "Search for a Sign Up" box, enter the email address "secretary@zlcb.org". This will take you to the Zion Worship Sign-Up page where you can choose a service date). Or, you may call Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066 to sign up.
- Communion will be offered to individuals/families as separate units in order to maintain a safe distance. An offering plate will be available in the narthex rather than passed

If you would like assistance signing up or have any questions, please contact Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066.

The Lord be with you, Pastor Grimenstein