Zion Lutheran Church





May 7^{th} , 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul Jones in Memory of Harry Jones and Megan Richards in Memory of her mother, Luella Rilius.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Lois Sauro in Memory of her Father.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE... is from JODI FITZGERALD Jeremiah 29:11 NIV. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

A BIG THANK YOU from the youth group! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the youth groups chili cook-off fundraiser. They raised over \$600 towards their Youth gathering trip. The big winner was Sarah Grimenstein and her Pizza Chili!!

VBS REGISTRATION for students aged 4 through 12 is now open! Registration forms are available at the VBS display in the back of the sanctuary.

PLEASE SIGN UP for the upcoming women's ministry events. We have Ladies night with Bunco on May 11th and a summer book club. Sign ups are in the narthex!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS are needed for the May and June units. Please consider volunteering your time to teach during one of these months. Contact Katie Gielarowski at sundayschool@zlcb.org to volunteer.

CONCORDIA FASHION SHOW and Luncheon will be held at the Butler Country Club on Saturday May 12th. More details on the bulletin board in the back of church. Contact Barb Fisher with any questions!

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Opening Hymn - Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P 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.
- P 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

- Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
- P Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

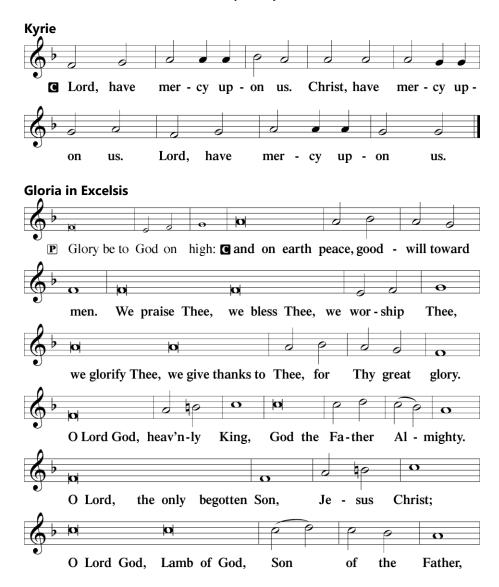
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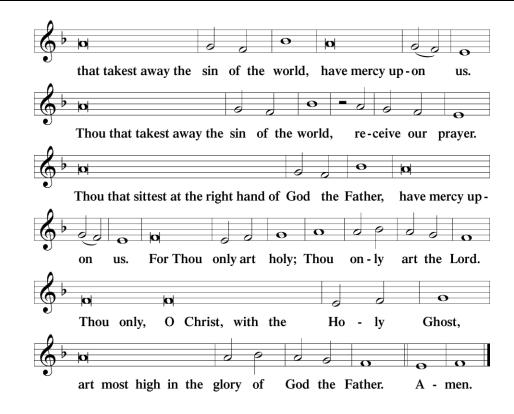
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

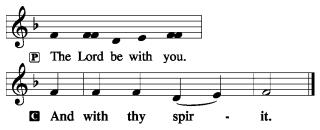
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.





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 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

Epistle – 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is

the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

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



As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 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 worshiped 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,

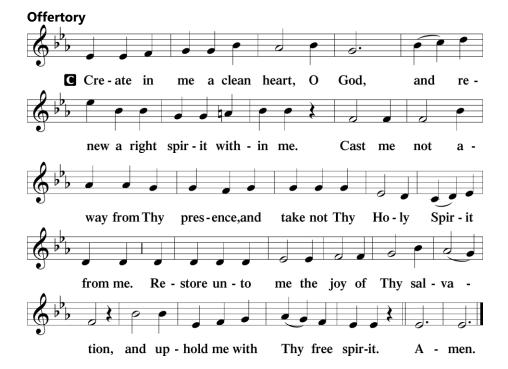
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – Our Father, who from Heav'n Above

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Sermon



Jesse Carter (8am)

Faith Ringers - Celebration #1 (10:30am)

Offering

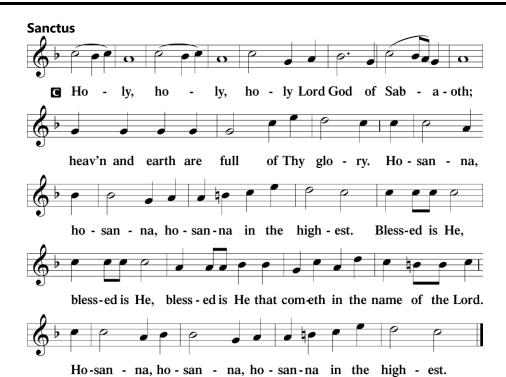
Prayer of the Church

- **P** ...Lord in your mercy.
- **C** ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly meet, 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:



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.

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."

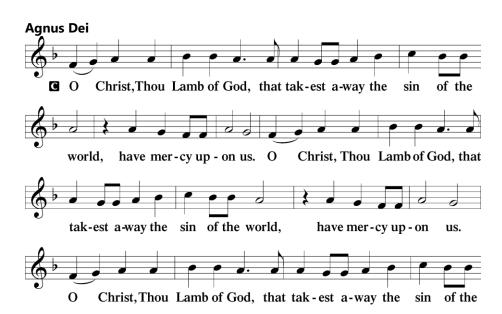
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.







Sharing of Peace

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns. We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

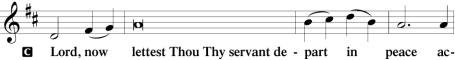
During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Son of God, Eternal Savior #842 Spread the Reign of God the Lord #830 Lord of All Hopefulness #738

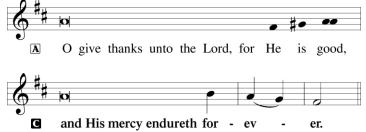












Let us pray.

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.

G Amen.





P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus



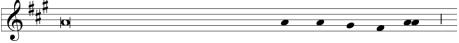
Bless we the Lord.



Benediction



keep you. The Lord make you and



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn – Lift High the Cross

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois & Henry Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.
- -Healing for: Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Ryen McCaffrey, Mary Lou Neill, and Dottie Heslop.
- -For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

- -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 those affected by the recent hurricanes.
- For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger
The Organist: Sandra Quinlan

The Elders: Paul Klemash & James Neill

The Acolyte: Alex Yellig (8:00)
Faith Wallace (10:30)

The Greeters: Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00)

Bill & Nancy Koester (10:30)

The Ushers: Kathleen Conn, Michael Grimenstein

Janet & Larry Zreliak (8:00)

Dan Harris, Sam Dragan

Chuck LaJeunesse & Ed Malachosky (10:30)

Altar Guild: Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein &

Megan Pasquini

Nursery: Megan Glasser & Adele Goodge

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/29) –184 Wednesday Worship Attendance (5/2) - 16 Sunday Offering (4/29) - \$3,428.00 Online Offering (4/23-4/27) - \$624.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

May 6th - May 13th

8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
6:00 PM – Confirmation Class
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
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6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir
7:15 PM – Adult Choir
8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
6:00 PM – New Member Class
10:00 AM – Bible Study
7:00 PM – Ascension Day Worship Service
7:00 PM – Ladies Bunco Night
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
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8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
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10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
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Happy Mother's Day!!

Vacation Bible School

June $25^{th} \sim 29^{th}$ 9am ~ Noon

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Cost: \$15 / child or a maximum of \$40 /family Ages: 4 years old (before 9/1/18) through 12 years old Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Forms available in the back of the sanctuary or at www.zlcb.org/vbs

Email questions to sundayschool@zlcb.org



Sanctuary video projectors and screens

During the next several days two projectors and retractable screens will be installed on the far right and left sides of the sanctuary for use by our Preschool, Sunday school and VBS programs. This equipment will provide greatly enhanced visual capabilities during

Christmas, end-of-school-year and VBS programs, when hundreds of children and their family members visit our sanctuary. The projectors will be ceiling mounted and the screens fully retractable so that they are inconspicuous in our sanctuary.



The installation of this equipment has been discussed for several months by Pastor, the Board of Christian Education, Board of Elders, and Church Council all of whom voted unanimously for the installation. All of the monies for this equipment came from Preschool fundraisers during this past year; not a single penny from Zion's budget or offerings was used for this equipment. Please also note that this equipment will NOT be utilized during our Sunday morning or Wednesday evening worship services.

If you have any other questions regarding this equipment please feel free to speak with an elder or member of church council. We are very excited to have this equipment at our disposal and pray it will be a benefit as we continue to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

