

Zion Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Easter

5:30 p.m. April 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. April 27, 2025

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.

Worship details: In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Each petition ends:

P Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

p Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN:

"Great Are You, Lord"

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

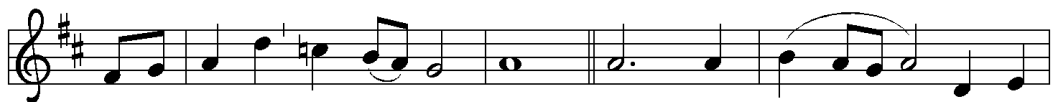


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated

Acts 5:27-32 *Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 (read responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

² **Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³ Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵ Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Revelation 1:4-8 *The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:19-31 *The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then

he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON:

Pastor Julie Higgs

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Alleluia! Christ is Arisen"

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: **God, in your mercy.** Please respond with: **Receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

We share Christ's peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

NOISY OFFERING Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **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



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... .. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The assembly may stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P 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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"Great Things"

Pages 15-16

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Proclaimer:

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Greeters:

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Great Are You Lord

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan
and David Leonard

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of several systems of music with lyrics underneath. The score includes first and second endings, a double bar line with a repeat sign, and a double bar line with a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) instruction. The lyrics are: 'You give life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re - store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. And great are You, Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You on - ly. You give pour out our praise to You on - ly. It's Your pour out our praise to You on - ly. And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You, Lord!" And Lord!" It's Your pour out our praise to You on - ly.'

Living Waters

Words and Music by
Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

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1. Are you thirst-y? Are you emp-ty?
2. Christ is call-ing, find re-fresh-ing
3. Spir-it mov-ing, mer-cy wash-ing;
4. Are you thirst-y? Are you emp-ty?



Come and drink these liv-ing wat-ers. ___ Tired and bro-ken, peace un-spo-ken,
at the cross of liv-ing wat-ers. ___ Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Heal-ing in these liv-ing wat-ers. ___ Lead your chil-dren to the shore-line,
Come and drink these liv-ing wat-ers. ___ Love, for-give-ness, vast and bound-less,

1. 2, 3, 4.



rest be-side these liv-ing wat-ers. ___ wat-ers. There's a
rise up in these liv-ing wat-ers.
life is in these liv-ing wat-ers.
Christ, He is our liv-ing



riv-er ___ that flows with mer-cy ___ and love, bring-ing joy to the cit-y of our

Last time to Coda ⊕



God; ___ There our hope is se-cure, do not fear an-y-more,



praise the Lord of liv-ing wat-ers. ___ praise the Lord of liv-ing



wat-ers. ___ Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___



Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___

D.S. al Coda

⊕ Coda



praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. — There our hope is se - cure, do not



fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. —

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Great Things

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham)
(original key - B)

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin



1. Come, let _ us wor - ship _ our King.
(2.) faith - ful _ through ev - 'ry _ storm. _ You'll be



Come, let _ us bow at _ His feet. He has _ done great things.
faith - ful _ for - ev - er - more. _ You have _ done great things. And I



See what _ our Sav - ior _ has done. See how _ His love o - ver -
know You _ will do it _ a - gain for Your prom - ise _ is Yes and _ A -



-comes. He has _ done great things. He has _ done great things. _____
-men. You will _ do great things. God, You _ do great things. _____



— O He - ro of Heav - en, You con - quered _ the grave. You



free ev - 'ry cap - tive and break ev - 'ry chain. O God, You have _ done



great _ things. We dance in Your free - dom, a - wake and _ a - live. O



Je - sus our Sav - ior, Your name lift - ed high. O God, You have _ done great _ things.





2. You've been great ___ things.



Hal - le - lu - jah, God a - bove it all! _ Hal - le - lu - jah, God un - shak - a - ble! _



Hal - le - lu - jah, You have done great _ things! _



___ You've done great _ things! ___ O He - ro of Heav - en, You



con - quered _ the grave. You free ev - 'ry cap - tive and break ev - 'ry chain. O



God, You have _ done great ___ things. We dance in ___ Your free - dom, _ a -



-wake and _ a - live. O Je - sus our Sav - ior, Your name lift - ed high. O



God, You have _ done great ___ things. You have _ done great ___ things. ___



___ O God, You _ do great ___ things!

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE this Sunday the Fellowship Committee is hosting their monthly Birthday fellowship in the Gathering Space after the Sunday morning service.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: The Evangelism & Fellowship committees will be hosting a Ladies Night Out in the Dining room at 5 pm on Thursday, May 15th, for all the women of Zion. This will be a potluck dinner that will be served by the men of Zion. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex that will be color coded for the type of dish you will bring. There will also be a sheet for those who will be unable to bring a dish, but will give an offering towards the meal. A free will offering will also be taken. You are encouraged to bring a friend or family member with you.

CARD SHOWER: Joyce McCabe will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 17th. Her family would like to shower her with cards for this special occasion. If you would like to help shower her with cards, they may be sent to: Joyce McCabe 1400 River Run Dr. Apt 111 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380 Tuesday, April 29, 2025

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Philip and James, Apostles Thursday, May 1, 2025

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373 Friday, May 2, 2025

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 28th: 9:00 am– Quilting
10:30 am– Courier Assembly
5:00 pm– Girl Scouts
Tuesday, April 29th: 5:30 pm– Boy Scouts
Wednesday, April 30th: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations & Confirmation
6:00 pm– Bells Rehearsal
6:30 pm– Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 3rd: 5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, May 4th: 9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 19th 5:30 attendance	86
Sunday, April 20th 9:00 attendance	<u>265</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	351

Zion Lutheran Fellowship Luncheon
Sunday, May 4
In Dining Room after the 9 a.m. Service

Cinco de Mayo Luncheon

Menu



Taco/Enchilada Bar consisting of

Seasoned ground beef	lettuce	Onions	Tomatoes
Cheese	Sour cream	Salsa/taco sauce	Refried beans
Soft or hard taco shells	Enchiladas		

Spanish rice *Snickerdoodle cookies*
Drinks: Water, Coffee, Mexican festive drink

FOLD on dotted line; tear or cut bottom section and put in basket by offering plate:

Zion Cinco de Mayo Luncheon

Sunday May 4 (after 9 a.m. service)

* I/We will be attending the Fellowship Cinco de Mayo Luncheon:

Name _____

Number attending _____

* Give to Eleanor Stever, usher, or to Amanda in the church office by **April 30th**



**IT'S SHOWTIME!!!!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 @ 3 pm**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to mark your calendars for an afternoon at the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre 🎭 for the presentation of "Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver." 🎵

Among the most beloved entertainers of his era, John Denver was an American musical icon who achieved great success with his down-to-earth acoustic sound. Come join the talented showboat cast as they celebrate the life & times of Denver with over 25 of his chart-topping hits: "Rocky Mountain High", "Annie's Song", "Sunshine on my Shoulders", "Thank God, I'm a County Boy", & many more.

Tickets for the performance are \$18/person and must be purchased in advance to reserve your spot(s). (a minimum of 20 tickets must be sold) Reservation forms need to be filled-out & returned, along with payment, to the church no later than Monday, May 12, 2025. (These tickets would make great Mothers Day gifts!!!) Reservation forms can be found in the weekend bulletins and Zion's office. Any questions you have can be answered by calling Amanda at the church office. Your reserved tickets will be available on the day of the performance.

Hope to see you there for an afternoon of fun, song & great fellowship!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Paid Cash: \$ _____

Paid Check: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church



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The 9:00 am worship service will be broadcast on
KROS, 1340 AM and 105.9 FM, at 10:30 am