

Zion Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:30 p.m. May 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. May 11, 2025

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 "The Lord's My Shepherd" by Powell & Young

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.**

HYMN: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



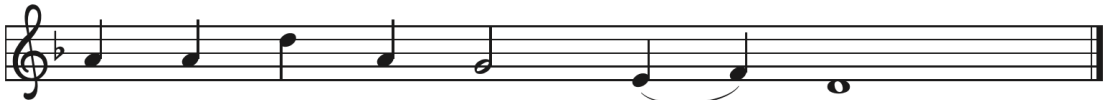
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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GREETING

P Christ is risen!

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

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 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.

The assembly is seated

Acts 9:36-43 *Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

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.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

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 your 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.

Revelation 7:9-17 *Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

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.

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.”

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 10:22-30 *Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

²² 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON WITH BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS & SQUARES

(9:00)

“I’ve Got the Joy”

Bell Choir

SERMON:

Pastor Julie Higgs

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

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

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

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

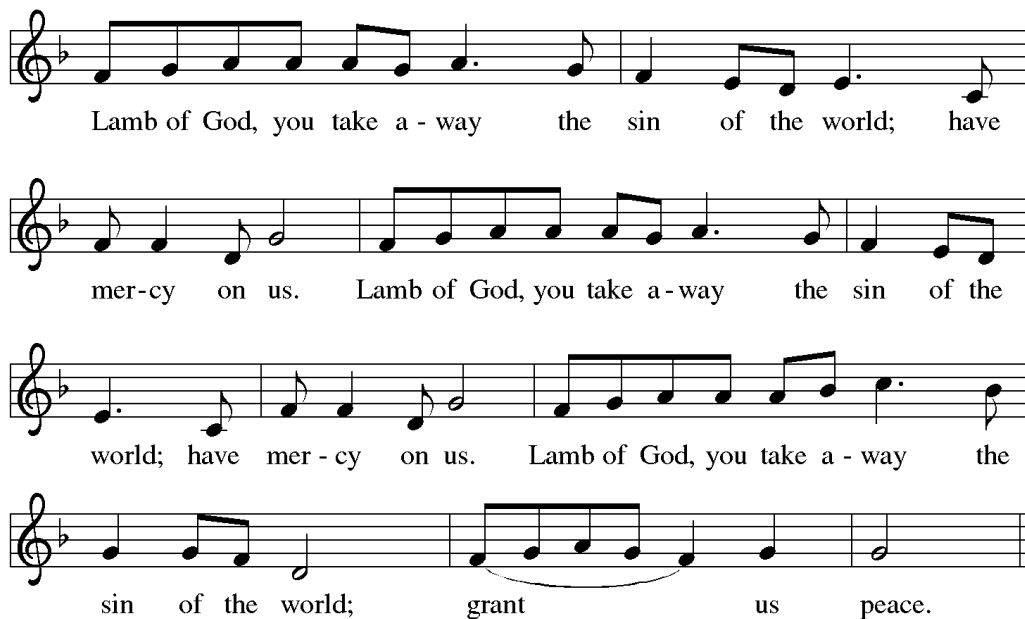
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

Communion hymn:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW (red book) # 502

The assembly may stand

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

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. 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:

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

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DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” by Anne Krentz Organ

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Julie Higgs

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Organist:

Christine Holmer

Christine Holmer

Bell Choir Director:

Donica Vonderohe

Worship Assistant:

Linda Dutchess

Jeanne Crow

Communion Servers:

Diane Dinning & Marsha Smith

Jolene Burnett & Jessica Hilgendorf

Greeters:

Helen Steen

Pat Reynolds

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Marsha Smith in memory of love ones.

PRAYER SHAWL & PRAYER SQUARE BLESSING: During worship services this weekend, the prayer shawls draping the altar rail will be blessed and prepared for giving as a comforting reminder of God’s love and Zion’s caring, sharing and serving. Prayer squares will also be blessed. They are a smaller, but similar offering that can be kept in a pocket or purse or on a table. We thank those who have prayerfully created these prayer shawls and squares: Jan Lamb, LeAnne Larsen, Patti Lauritzen, Pat Steensen, Shirley Wolf and Sylvia Zickau.

After worship, the shawls will be packaged and placed in the cabinet in the Library. Feel free to give a Zion prayer shawl to someone you know who may have a special need. Prayer squares are in a basket in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and/or for friends.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be May 12th. If you are willing to contribute something from our grocery list, or help prepare the lunches, check out the sign up in the Narthex! THANK YOU!!

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



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



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Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Lead Me, Guide Me



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you



lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each



day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways



dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

Text: Doris M. Akers, b. 1922

Tune: Doris M. Akers, b. 1922, harm. by Richard Smallwood

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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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: The Evangelism & Fellowship committees will be hosting a Ladies Night Out in the Dining room at **5:30 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 are sign-up sheets in the narthex for the type of dish you will bring. A free will offering will also be received. You are encouraged to bring a friend or family member with you.

KITCHEN SPRING CLEANING: It has been several years since the kitchen has had a Spring cleaning and is in dire need of one! The Rebecca Circle is looking for volunteers to assist with this cleaning on Saturday, June 7th, at 9:00 am. The women have hopes that each group that uses the kitchen, for any reason at all, will have two or more members representing the group at this cleaning. The more who assist with the cleaning, the quicker it can be done. Please contact Carol Gruhn with any questions.

THE FAITH FOUNDATIONS TEAM AND CHILDREN have completed another successful year of learning together on our Faith journey . Thank you for your continued support and prayers. There is a table in the Narthex with a little “thank you” made by the students. Be sure to stop and pick one up.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

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| Monday, May 12th: | 10:45 am– Sack Lunch Monday 5:00 pm– Girl Scouts |
| Tuesday, May 13th: | 5:00 pm– Child Care Board 6:00 pm– Congregation Council |
| Wednesday, May 14th: | 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study 1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle 6:30 pm– Adult Choir |
| Thursday, May 15th: | 5:30 pm– Ladies Night Out |
| Saturday, May 17th: | 8:30 am– Synod Assembly 5:30 pm– Worship |
| Sunday, May 18th: | 9:00 am– Worship |

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Saturday, May 3rd 5:30 attendance | 67 |
| Sunday, May 4th 9:00 attendance | <u>100</u> |
| Total Weekend In-Person Attendance | 167 |



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