

Zion Lutheran Church

Memorial Service

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Heal us, O
Lord our God,
from the pain
of our heart;
and weariness
and sighing do
Thou cause to
pass away from
us; and cause
Thou to rise
up healing for
our wounds.
Blessed art
Thou, O Lord,
who healest the
sick of Thy
people.
Amen.*

No one is to understand this message as granting him leisure to wait with going this way until he lies on his deathbed. Let nobody think that though he will, of course, travel this way someday, he can first lead a fast life, gratify his desires, and for the present indulge in excesses. Thereafter when the hour comes, he will cling to this passage. Not so, dear brother. See to it *now* that your efforts will not fail you *then*. A Christian is a person who through faith begins to pass out of this life into heaven as soon as he leaves baptism. For him Christ is already the Way, the Truth, and the Life and does not cease to be these things till his last hour. Indeed, a Christian always proceeds on this way, led by the truth, to the goal of eternal life. He has already caught the vision of the other shore and the haven of rest and is so prepared that whether he dies on the way, this morning or tomorrow morning, or in one, two, or ten years, in spirit he has already crossed over through Christ. For we are not safe against death for one moment, and in Baptism all Christians begin to die, and continue to die until they reach their graves.

Martin Luther, *Luther's Works:*
Weimar Edition 45; 406

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Responsive Prayer 2

Processional Hymn

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

Stand for the final stanza of the hymn.



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Invocation

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
 - C** and my mouth will declare your praise.
 - P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-14, 42-56

- P** A reading from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [...]

¹⁵So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ¹⁶It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ¹⁷It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ¹⁸Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ¹⁹But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ²⁰The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ²¹As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ²²Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

²³I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ²⁴Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ²⁵in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ²⁶For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ²⁷When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

²⁸“O death, where is your victory?”

O death, where is your sting?”

²⁹The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ³⁰But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** ¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- C** ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- P** ³You return man to dust
and say, “Return, O children of man!”
- C** ⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- P** ⁵You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- C** ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- P** ⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- C** ⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- P** ⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C** ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- P** ¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- C** ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- P** ¹³Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- C** ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P** ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- C** ¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- P** ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Reading

John 11:20-27

P A reading from John, the eleventh chapter.

²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

P Together, we confess our common faith

C 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.



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
 5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
 gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
 da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
 pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
 good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
 my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
 all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
 did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
 bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."

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Luther's Small Catechism - The Third Article with Meaning

- P** What is the third article of the Apostle's Creed?
- C** 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.
- P** What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

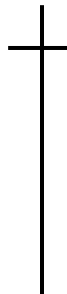
Sermon

Bodies Are Cherished

1 Corinthians 15

Versicles

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
P Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
P For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!



Such being the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, the only wise thing to do is so to live in the one as to be prepared at all times for the other.

Martin Luther

- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.


Prayers of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** [...] Lord in your mercy;
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** [...] through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.



Know ye, then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.

Martin Luther, Luther's Works: Weimar Ed., 32:44

Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Blessing

- P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
 9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
 cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
 teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A
 strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
 Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
 in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
 where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
 teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
 heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea
Afghanistan
Somalia
Libya
Pakistan

Partner Church

Lutheran Church of Papua
New Guinea

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Darlene McGuire (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Peggy Flatt (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Dave Louk (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Linnea Skura (*daughter of Mike Skura, friend of the Campbells*)
Toby Baldwin
Earl Schrock
Diane Ragsdale

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Betty Bocksnick
Nettie Grant
Gwen Hale
Tom Harms
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Helen Rick
Glenda Schrock

Catechumens

Emmett Schlittenhart
Gavin Rion
Tatum Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston anytime at 501-454-0581.*

ZION Life Together



The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

The Fruits of Our Faith 4/25/2021

Worship Attendance: 53

Adult Sunday School: 11

Children's Sunday School: n/a

General Fund: \$ 2,110

Food Pantry: \$ 45

Summer High School Bible Class

Pastor Ralston will be teaching the High School Youth in June, July, and August during the Sunday school hour. Parents, talk to Pastor about having your high schooler attend!

Adult Bible Study

We are still continuing with our Bible Study on Matthew downstairs in between services. However, we will take a break for Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings in June, July, and August. Alternatively, Pastor will have a class over the Augsburg Confession, which is a defining confessional document for Lutherans. This class will begin Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we encourage you to still send in offerings. During this time, it's important to remember that we are borrowers, not owners, of everything we have. The Lord generously gives us means to support us in this life. Yet, he also expects "tithes and contributions" (Malachi 3:8) to be made to Him. By so doing, you are spiritual discipling yourself, demonstrating where your heart's treasures are. Jesus says, **"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve God and money."** (Matthew 6:21, 24).

Family Fellowship in the Summer!

On the first and third Wednesdays in June, July, and August, Zion plans to host gatherings for our church family to bond together! The festivities will begin around 7:00 PM. There will be games for kids outside, board games, or enjoy fellowship with other adults by the fire! You're welcome to bring friends, snacks, drinks, and games.

Activities this Week:

05/05 - Confirmation at 6:00 PM



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Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 10:15 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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