



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Following Jesus means dying to yourself and living in Him: “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me” (Mark 8:34). Following Jesus leads to persecution (Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:20). Being a disciple of Jesus is an adventure that stretches our natural comfort zones (Matthew 14:13-21; 17:1-8).

This turns modern conceptions of happiness upside down. “The happy life” in our world is often depicted as a life of personal and spiritual freedom in which one is able to pursue whatever one wants: charting your own course, chasing down your dreams, and taking hold of whatever seems good to you. Happiness is understood as never having to go without, never having to suffer pain or discomfort; happiness is never having to do something you don’t want to do. *Real happiness, as Jesus describes it, is totally different.* It is about dying to ourselves and receiving new life in Christ Jesus. It is obedience to God’s will, no matter what it costs us, not obedience to our inner passions and desires. It is dependence on Him in all things and for all things, not independence and autonomy to pursue whatever we want. Eternally sustainable and truly authentic happiness can only occur under the reign and rule of God.

Being happy, at least as it is depicted in Scripture, is not something that we get to grab for ourselves. Nor is happiness something that we get to personally define or determine. *Biblical happiness is defined by God, given by God, and sustained by God.* Happiness is not something to pursue; happiness is something God provides.

Before Service Prayer

*Lord, when the
tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the
Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by Your
side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when Your
hand is guiding,
in peace I go.*

“Lord, Take My Hand
and Lead Me”, LSB 722

Trevor Sutton, *Clearly
Christian*, p. 115-116

May 8, 2022 ✠ 10:00 AM

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *bold, italic text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



Divine Service, Setting Three

The Preparation

Processional Hymn

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597

Stand

Invocation

LSB 184

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: vv. 1-2

- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.
- C** Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”
- P** Come and see what | God has done: *
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
- C** Bless our God, O | peoples; *
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
P who has kept our soul among the | living *
and has not let our | feet slip.
- C** 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** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

The Old Testament reading for The Fourth Sunday of Easter is from Isaiah, the fortieth chapter.

To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people.

C Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia

Epistle

1 Peter 2:11-20

The Epistle Reading is from First Peter, the second chapter.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

Holy Gospel

John 16:16-22

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish,

for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

LSB 756

Sermon

Patience in the “Little While”

John 16:16-22

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer



Repentance is always, in some measure, painful. Because it takes something from you. Maybe something you had been cherishing in your flesh.

Adam Koontz , on *The Gottesdienst Crowd* Podcast, Episode 189

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. [...] Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament


The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.

Communion Hymn	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	<i>LSB 633</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	<i>LSB 767</i>
Nunc Dimittis		<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving		<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect		<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction		
<i>Sit</i>		
Recessional Hymn	<i>Voices Raised to You We Offer</i>	<i>LSB 795</i>



[T]here is an attitude of joy in life which can and does encompass it all, even in the face of severe trial or death. "Even Job on his dunghill was not deserted by the Lord (Ambrose, ACCS 6:296)." In fact, there is a kind of joy so profound, so enduring, that it can only be known and felt in one way. Its weaker shadows must be completely dashed and lost. Here's the secret: if we seek joy for its own sake, we will not find it. If we seek Jesus, we shall be engulfed and inundated by joy, and quite by surprise.

Matthew Harrison, *A Little Book on Joy*, p.8-9

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

ACOLYTE

Gavin Rion, Alison Waldo

USHERS

David Boswell, Rusty Dorn, Robert Sims

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Choate, Kathryn Higgs, Jan Grant

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Joe Grant

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Dave Boswell

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea
Afghanistan
Somalia
Libya
Pakistan

Partner Church

The Lutheran Church in
Norway

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Elizabeth Sharp (*friend of the Campbells*)
Betty Hefner & Warren family (*friends of the Villalobos*)
Deborah DeJohnette (*relative of Meshell Ward*)
Amber Beatty (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Tracy Boswell (*sister-in-law of Barbara Smith*)
Leotta Choate (*mother of Don Paul Choate*)
Jesse Lea (*brother of Wanda Choate*)
Alissa Wicker & Jace (*friends of Katie Villalobos*)
Ashton Schrock (*relative of Earl Schrock*)
Mildred Greathouse (*grandmother of Tony Waldo*)
Keith Olson (*nephew of Linda Shott*)
Diane Caple (*sister-in-law of Eunice Lamar*)
Kristen Brown (*friend of Earl Schrock*)

Continued Prayers

Landell Aday (*friend of Greg Kremers*)
Toby Baldwin
Carl Frederking (*friend of Earl Schrock*)
Josh Dodson (*brother of Tasha Schlittenhart*)
Ryan Stripling (*brother of Kim Schroeder*)
Debbie Keeling, Molly Wiley, Tami Robinson (*friends of Phyllis Campbell*)
Dennis Pistole (*co-worker of Patrick Callahan*)

Homebound

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

Serving in the armed forces

Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Dale Ozment
Hunter Greenfield
Abigail Manuel

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

ZION Life Together



The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 5/01/2022

Worship Attendance: 83
Adult Sunday School: 12
Children's Sunday School: 6
High School: 3

General Fund: \$2,869.00
Weekly Need: \$2,870.00
Food Pantry: \$1,000.00
Fall Fest: \$1,100.00

Youth Event: Movie Night!

Put it on your schedules! We will be having a movie night here at Zion on Friday, May 13th! We'll meet in the fellowship hall, bring some snacks, some popcorn, and maybe even a friend. All youth are invited to attend!

Friendship Sunday

Sunday, May 22nd is Friendship Sunday! Plan now on inviting friends and family to church for service! After church, we will grill hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone to enjoy!

Banners for the Church Seasons

The banners for Lent and Easter have added another element of beauty and praise in the Chancel. Additional banners will be purchased for the church seasons yet to come. Four to five sets are being planned, each set costing between \$200-\$300. If you would like to help with this initiative, please designate your additional offering "Parament Fund". If any questions, see Susan Colles or Pastor.

Vacation Bible School

Start planning your summer with VBS! Zion will have Vacation Bible School on August 1st-5th. Make sure to get these dates on your calendar, and keep an eye out for more details!

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by Diane Ragsdale in memory of her parents Ignatius and Ruth Haidacek.



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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 9:00 a.m. 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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