



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Father, thank
You for loving
me first and
forever by
sending Your
Son and making
me a part of His
Body. Train my
heart in hope
and my hand in
mercy in
harmony with
Jesus words and
deeds. Amen.*

Lutheran Service Book

Conviction of sin is best described in the words: My sins, my sins, my Savior, How sad on Thee they fall. Conviction of sin is one of the most uncommon things that ever happens to a person. It is the beginning of an understanding of God. Jesus Christ said that when the Holy Spirit came He would convict people of sin (see John 16:8). And when the Holy Spirit stirs a person's conscience and brings him into the presence of God, it is not that person's relationship with others that bothers him but his relationship with God - "Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight [...]" (Psalm 51:4). The wonders of conviction of sin, forgiveness, and holiness are so interwoven that it is only the forgiven person who is truly holy. He proves he is forgiven by being the opposite of what he was previously, by the grace of God. Repentance always brings a person to the point of saying, "I have sinned." The surest sign that God is at work in his life is when he says that and means it. Anything less is simply sorrow for having made foolish mistakes - a reflex action caused by self-disgust.

Oswald Chambers,
My Utmost for His Highest

May 15, 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	<i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i>	<i>LSB 912</i>
<i>Stand</i>		
Invocation		<i>LSB 184</i>
Confession of Sins and Absolution		<i>LSB 184</i>

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b*

- P** Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.
- C** His right hand and his | holy arm*
have worked salva- | tion for him.
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
- C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
- 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** Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. 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.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 12:1-6

The Old Testament reading for The Fifth Sunday of Easter is from Isaiah, the twelfth chapter.

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

James 1:16-21

The Epistle Reading is from James, the first chapter.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

Holy Gospel

John 16:5-15

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to 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

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

Sermon

The Holy Spirit Informed Conscience

John 16:5-15

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer

No one believes what an effort is required again to comfort and raise up a despondent, fearful conscience, and, on the other hand, what an effort is required to terrify and frighten a stubborn, hardened conscience. Both seem impossible, and God Himself must perform the task

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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>Your Table I Approach</i>	<i>LSB 628</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i>	<i>LSB 620</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>He Is Arisen! Glorious Word</i>	<i>LSB 488</i>



Christ is more of an artist than the artists; he works in the living spirit and the living flesh. He makes men instead of statues.

Vincent Van Gogh

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Dennis Steuber

ACOLYTE

Gavin Rion, Alison Waldo

USHERS

David Boswell, Rusty Dorn, Robert Sims

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Choate, Kathryn Higgs, Jan Grant

ELDER

Joe Grant

TRUSTEE

Dave Boswell

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Sudan
Eritrea
Yemen
Iran
India

Partner Church

The Portuguese Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Larry & Lillian Sell (*relatives of Linda Shott*)
Lucas Bachman (*student of Katie Villalobos*)
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 5/08/2022

Worship Attendance: 64
Adult Sunday School: 11
Children's Sunday School: 11
High School: 3

General Fund: \$1,695.00
Weekly Need: \$2,870.00

Food Pantry: \$ 670.00
Fall Fest: \$1,900.00
Youth Group: \$ 102.00

Food Pantry is Next Week

Box prep for the Food Pantry will be next Friday, May 20th. If you have a few minutes, please stop by the Family Center and fill a few boxes!

If you would like to help with the distribution (Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) please contact Tanya Schroeder. Any help is greatly appreciated!!

Friendship Sunday next Sunday

Sunday, May 22nd is Friendship Sunday! Plan now on inviting friends and family to church for service and a cook-out afterwards. Please bring a side dish or dessert. The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs!

Summer Sunday School Schedule

Summer is coming up! So, the normal Sunday School classes will change. During the months of June, July, and August, Pastor Ralston will teach the High School and Junior High Classes on Sundays. Middle, Elementary, and Preschool will meet downstairs as usual.

Adult Sunday School will be on Thursday evenings starting at 7:00 PM. We will be deciding on Thursday, June 2nd, what we will study for the summer. Make sure to be there!

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by Joe and Jan Grant in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.



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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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