



# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

Memorial Service

## Welcome

### Before Service Prayer

*This holy and blessed day is the first of the week, the king and master of all days, the feast of feasts and the season of seasons. On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever. O faithful, come on this day of the glorious resurrection: Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard, of the divine joy, of the kingdom of Christ! Let us praise our God for ever and ever.*

Byzantine Liturgy

### This Doctrine Is Fundamental for Christianity

So you see that everything depends on our retaining a firm hold on this article in particular; for if this one totters and no longer counts, all the others will lose their value and validity. For everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. If, then, the article that is the foundation, cause, and end of all articles of faith is overthrown and taken away, all the rest must fall and go down with it. Therefore, it is certainly necessary diligently to stress and confirm this article. The Corinthians did so with their manner of Baptism, and we also do so with other, similar signs. Thus, we honorably carry the dead to the grave, follow the corpse, sing and pray as a testimony and indication of our faith that these very dead, and we together with them, will rise on Judgment Day and that the bodies will not be different bodies, although they will be constituted differently and transfigured.

Martin Luther, in *“What Luther Says”*, p. 1215

May 4, 2025 † 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!



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## Opening Versicles

*Psalm 51:15; 70:1 LSB 285*

- 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

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

### *Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*

*LSB 655*



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

## Reading

*1 Peter 2:21-25*

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 23*

- P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
- P** for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me;
- C** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- P** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Reading

*John 10:11-16*

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## Sermon

## Kyrie

LSB 285

- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

### Apostles' Creed

**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.

### Versicles

*LSB 286*

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

### Prayer of the Church

#### Collect of the Day

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

#### Benedicamus

*LSB 287*

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

#### Blessing

*LSB 287*

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



## Hymn

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

LSB 923



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text (sts. 1-2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637-1711  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
 Text and tune: Public domain



# ZION Life Together



## Memorial Service

**The Fruits of Our Faith 04/27/2025**

Worship Attendance: 70

Adult Sunday School: 20

High School Sunday School: 3

Children's Sunday School: 6

General Fund: \$ 973.00

Fall Fest: \$ 250.00

Sound System: \$ 5,000.00

## Ascension Day Service

There will be a service for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Zion. This marks 40 days after Jesus had risen from the dead on Easter! This is a high feast day in the life of our Lord Jesus, so we will gather in worship and receive Him in Word and Sacrament. We hope to see you there!

## Summer Sunday School

For the summer, the kids will be joined in one class, studying some of the songs and texts that we sing in our liturgy. The adults will soon begin their study that is led by the Synod's FAQ's page. Please join us for the Summer!

## Arkansas Travelers "Faith & Family" Game Night

All families of Zion are invited to enjoy a fun evening of baseball Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>! The Baggage Picnic Area is reserved for an all you can eat buffet of hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and drinks. Tickets are \$25, which covers the buffet and a reserved seat at first base. The kids' tickets are covered by Youth Group funds. Feel free to invite family and friends! Final numbers and payment are needed by June 1<sup>st</sup>! Sign up in the Narthex or text Phyllis Campbell at 501-725-1418.

## River Valley Christian Clinic

Zion is on the schedule to help serve supper to the volunteers at the River Valley Christian Clinic on July 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, we are needing it! Please contact Pastor Ralston or Rusty Dorn if you would like to help.

## VBS Is Coming!

2025's VBS will be Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. A pool party will be Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clarksville Aquatics Center. If you would like to help, please let a Board of Education member know.



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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).

### Listen to Lutheran Radio

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