



Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Two

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

WELCOME

Please stand

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Behold the Host Arrayed in White"
ELW 425

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE **pg. 120**

HYMN "This is the Feast" **pg. 122**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING:**Revelation 7:9-17**

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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

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 be- | side 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.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW 789

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother’s Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (especially), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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It is indeed right...

LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

ELW 764

Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION “Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus”

ELW 501

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

ELW 778

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Pam Nordstrom - Lector
Lee Nordstrom - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Marie DeGraff - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Prayer List

For Health:	Matthew A	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Bud J	Neri families	Andrew C
Joyce G	Marjorie F	Dick C	Todd S
Bill B	Jessica A	Karen R	Michael C
Cathy L	Charlotte D	Stacey T	Tyler G
Marion B	Jonathan A	Pat J	Erik B
Lily V	Pauline N	Lois B	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Curt R	Bruce G	Evan G
Dylan G	Matthew S	Peter W	David P
Lisa A	Phil O	Loee M	
Aiden J	Joan A	Family of	
Helen A	Diane E	Lorraine D	



**The flowers on the
Alter today
are in honor and
in memory
of all Mothers.**



May 17 Work Day

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, cleaners, ect. or any supplies to clean up the church for the spring.

Special Meeting Notice

Special Meeting of the Congregation

On **May 18th** right after the church service, there will be a special meeting about the bell project and a vote.



Anyone interested in renting the Promised Land or Fellowship Hall, should call the church office for price and availability.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for April, May and June** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



Sunny Hill Preschool will again hold their Annual Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Trike-a-Thon will take place on **May 16th at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** The back parking lot will be closed to traffic and the children will ride their trikes to raise money for the cause.



Zion's Worship & Music Committee would like to invite YOU to join us! The committee meets once a month with Pastor Sara to discuss upcoming worship services, evaluate past worship experiences, explore new ideas (what's working in worship, what isn't, what's new, what's exciting, what direction to go and ideas about worship and music). This group chooses the Sunday hymns. The next meeting will be **May 15th. at 11:00 AM.** If you are interested, we hope to see you there. Questions can be emailed to Joan Tester at jlgt172@gmail.com

Today: May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. N/A

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Fife and Drum

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. Worship & Music Committee

Friday: 7:00 p.m. N/A

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Work Day

12:00 Noon True Vine Meeting

Next Sunday:

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. The Chosen video

10:30 a.m. Special Meeting and Vote

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 52; Last year - 43

Next weeks readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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