

The Holy Trinity

May 31,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2026



The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out *"Woe is me!"* For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. *"Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"* (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, *"Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for"* (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!"* (Is. 6:3). *"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen"* (Rom. 11:33–36).



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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church—among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 947 All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



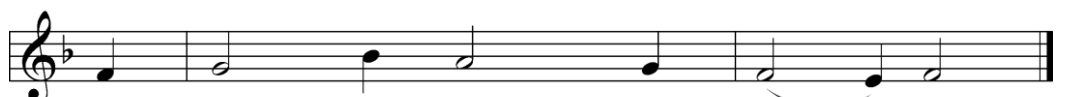
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Introit

Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

C O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.

C When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

C 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.

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



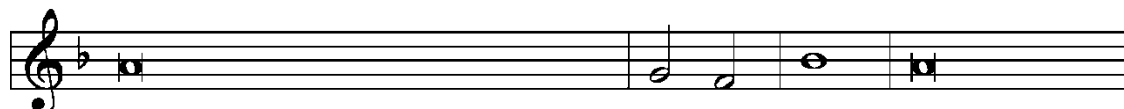
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Liturgical Text

P Blessèd are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep,
and who dwells between the cherubim.

C **Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven,
and greatly to be praised forever.**

Epistle

Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is

old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed- pg. 319

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 948 All Glory Be to God Alone



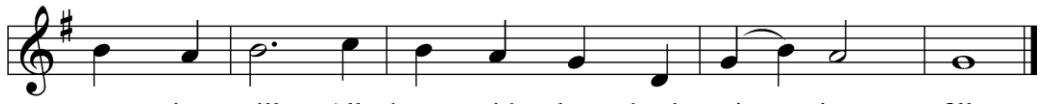
1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

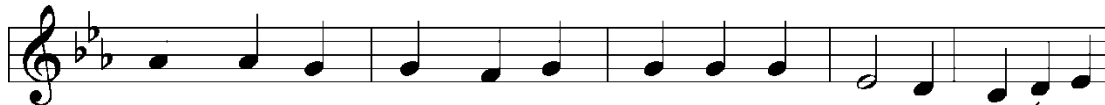
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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



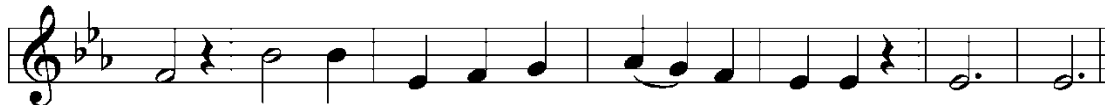
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For an ever-growing understanding of the depths of God's riches, wisdom and knowledge through His Word, that we may glorify Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors, that they would patiently teach the faith to all who question the way of salvation, in this and every generation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the floor committees who prepare the work of our Synod's Convention, that they would walk in a manner worthy of Christ and be guided by God's Word throughout their labors, so that the Lord's good and gracious will may be done among us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [*and*] all who rule us, that the Lord, enthroned as King forever, would bless them with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [*and*] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord of hosts would uphold them in the truth that, since He is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken; and that He would gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to hear the word of Jesus; to trust in His death on the cross; and to receive His body and blood for forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Evan Asche
C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Evan from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep him in the certainty of his salvation that he has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold in our Evan prayers this week and let him know that we love him in Jesus Christ.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. If we are left to ourselves, we will die in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. Grant us, we implore You, Your grace and mercy and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to regenerate us, that we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in Baptism and daily increase in Christian love and good works, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

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



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle.

When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify which cup you would like to receive from. Please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the bowl near the font.

Distribution Hymn: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed

our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our

heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,
 And Your abiding peace bestow;
 With You as our protecting guide,
 No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And You, from both, as Three in One
 That we Your name may ever bless
 And in our lives the truth confess.

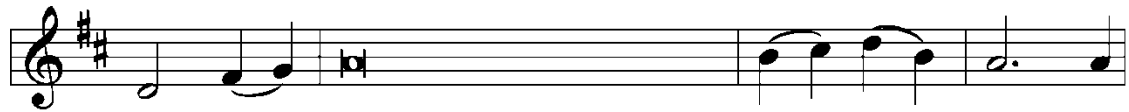
△7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



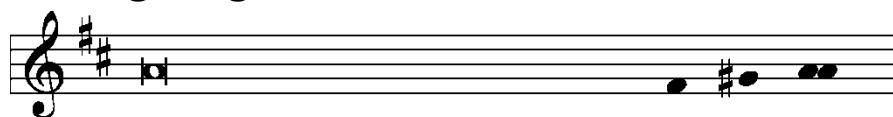
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



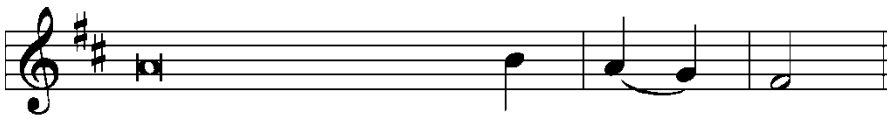
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus & Benediction

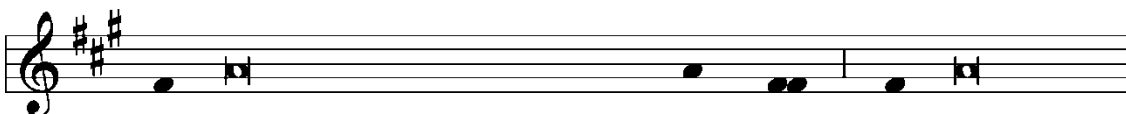
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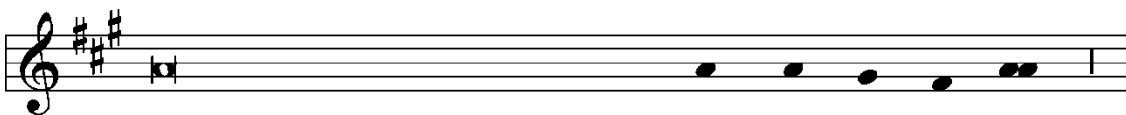
A Bless we the Lord.



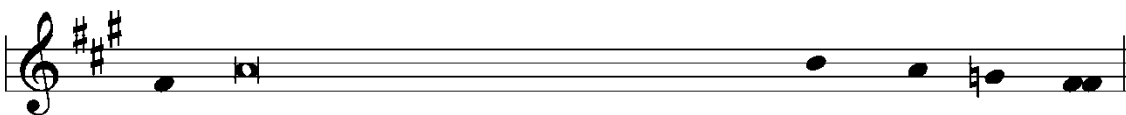
C Thanks be to God.



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn to Depart: 765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH -Riding for Dreams

Riding For Dreams is an Adaptive Riding Program located in Lisbon, ND. The program started in 2009 by 3 incredible women who had a passion for improving the lives of students with disabilities through equine therapies and adaptive riding. We have witnessed the benefits achieved with the healing spirit of the horse.

Riding for Dreams ensures top-notch therapeutic and adaptive riding experiences for participants, with our horses playing a pivotal role. We prioritize the well-being of our equine partners, providing compassionate care and expertise from our dedicated staff, veterinarian, and trained volunteers. This level of attention isn't just about our horses' health and happiness; it's integral to fulfilling our mission effectively.

Your contributions help cover a substantial amount of the expenses for our participants' services. Each horse requires \$5,400 annually to cover expenses such as hay, supplements, veterinary care, and farrier services. It's crucial in guaranteeing that families in dire need aren't denied our assistance. Your generosity has the potential to profoundly impact the lives of both children and adults who depend on our services for essential physical, emotional, or cognitive support.

Prayer Family

Evan Asche

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Cleaners

May 31-June 6: Brian & Lindy Orn, Greg & Janet Nelson

FB Live for the Month of May

31st Andrew

Ushers for the Month of May

31st Greg

Pastor's Study Hours

Tues: 8:30-noon, 1-3:30

Wed. 8:30-9, 10-noon, 1:30-3:30 (Redeemer)

Thurs. 8:30-noon, 1-2:30

Fri. 8:30-noon

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion
 11:15 am Coffee
 11: 30 am Bible Study

Tues. 2nd **4-7 pm** VBS @ Redeemer

Wed. 3rd **9 am** Bible Study
 4-7 pm VBS @ Redeemer

Thurs. 4th **4-7 pm** VBS @ Redeemer
 5:45 pm VBS Topic for all Congregation Members
 6:15 pm Dinner for all

Sun. 7th **10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion
 11:15 am Coffee
 11:30 am Bible Study

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, May 24

Worship Attendance: 40

Catechesis: 5

Category	Received Last Week	Received for May	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 9,915.00	\$ 13,124.83	\$ 51,753.37	\$ 63,604.96	\$ (11,851.59)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.25	\$ 1.00		\$ 5.25		
Building Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 2,890.00		
Cemetery Fund	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00		\$ 1,700.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 9,783.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ (717.00)
Mission of Month	\$ 115.00	\$ 771.38		\$ 4,576.90		
Parking Lot						

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

Did you know.... We offer the convenience of electronic giving?

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.zionwinner.org
- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Prayer and Petitions



May 31, 2026

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon

Iris Meyer at Forman Villas

Teresa Rodahl and Corrine Haussler at Four Seasons Manor, Forman

Remembering Those Who Serve

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mother with child

Alexys McFarland



The 2026 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference

Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, 2026

at Concordia University Chicago. See their website for more information.

From the ND District President: The Holy Trinity is a mystery revealed in the Sacred Scriptures that our reason ultimately must submit to. It doesn't make sense to human reason and logic how there is one God in three distinct Persons. Yet, this is the God who has created you, redeemed you, and sanctified you. Let us praise this Triune God and confess Him faithfully. For "We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance." —Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

The people of Zion are providing the Wednesday meal, **June 3rd**, for VBS. Tacos are what is on the menu. Please see the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes for items that are needed and sign up. Please have your items over at church by **Monday**, so they can be transported and there ahead of time.

Please let Krista know that you have placed food into the refrigerator. If you are willing to help in any way for VBS, serving food included, please sign your name up on the volunteer list.

Watch for the following coming in June: 1) Sign-up sheet for our summer book study: "Will The Real Church Please Stand Up," by Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard. 2) Sign-up sheet for the Book of Concord, in preparation for the congregational Lutheran Confessions study 3) Sign-up sheet for the next joint Zion/Redeemer family night in June

Your **summer newsletters** can be found in your church mailboxes. Make sure to pick yours up, so you know the summer schedule.

What Does This Ordination Vow Mean?

Ordination is the service in which God places the man into the office of the ministry, through the mediation of His Church which He purchased with His own blood. Vows are 2nd

commandment promises that the man makes as to what he is promising to do in the ministry into which Christ has called him. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, is the 2nd commandment. Like confirmation vows, and marriage vows, ordination vows are 2nd commandment vows that one makes in the name of the Lord. One such vow the man entering the office of the ministry makes is in response to this question: Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of the Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you?

The doctrine that the pastor teaches in accordance with the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions, the promise to forgive repentant sinners, and to never divulge sins confessed to him, are all tied together. An article of this faith is the 5th chief part of the catechism on Confession and the Office of the Keys. The Bible and catechism assume that private confession and absolution are happening in a Christian church, for we notice that part of the man's vow is that he will never divulge those sins confessed to him. Both Article XI and XXV of the Augsburg Confession teach that private confession and absolution are happening in our churches: XI begins: Our churches teach that private Absolution should be retained in the churches, although listing all sins is not necessary for Confession. XXV begins: Confession in the churches is not abolished among us.

Not only does this ordination vow mean that private confession and absolution will be available in our Lutheran churches, but that the pastor is also under a sworn oath to the living God that he will never divulge (reveal) those sins confessed to him.