

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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May 17,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2026



The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *"The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God"* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *"that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"* (1 Pet. 4:11).



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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: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring; Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Stand

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 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

C **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P Teach me your way, O LORD;

give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

C **for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

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 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

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



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.



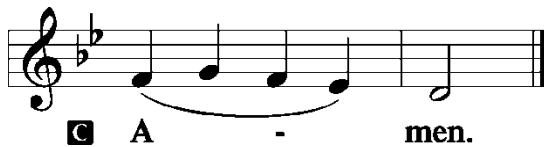
C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from

the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:7–14

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Victimae Paschali: 459 and 460

Holy Gospel

John 15:26—16:4

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

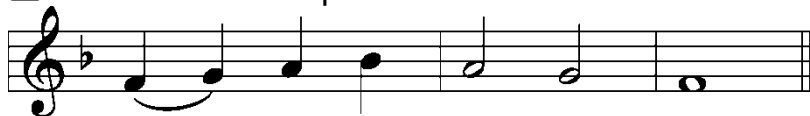
²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

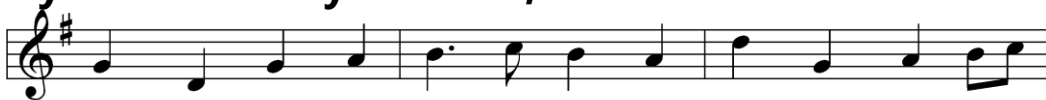
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n-ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C 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 boldness among God's children through the resurrection of Christ from the dead; for freedom from fear of this world, its temptations, ways and power; and that God would fix our eyes on Jesus alone, keeping us faithful to Him even unto death as we anticipate the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Church, that she would be strengthened to give witness to Christ, to bear persecution and to live in the confidence that since Christ is for us nothing can separate us from Him; and for the ministers and missionaries of the Church, *[especially]*

_____,] that God would send laborers into His harvest and sustain those He has sent, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the families of God's Church, that husbands, wives and children would be cleansed from their sins and live together in His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [_____ and] all who cry out in the name of Jesus, that as their stronghold, God would preserve them through their trials and into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who receive the body and blood of Christ, that they would have the peace that surpasses understanding, the gladness that no man can take from them, and the hope that does not fade away, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That as God has sanctified His saints of old, so He would sanctify us also and bring us with them into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Jerry and Connie Zetocha.

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Jerry and Connie from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep them in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Jerry and Connie in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness to Your dear Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Since the world cannot endure this testimony and persecutes us in every way, encourage and comfort us, we implore You, that we would not be offended by these crosses, but continue steadfast in Your testimony and be found always among those who know You

and Your Son until 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



☐ 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: 495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious



- 1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of
- 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies
- 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the
- 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -



Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,
 Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him
 Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,
 um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;



Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!
 While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!
 Oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!



Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and



vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.
 vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
 Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

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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,



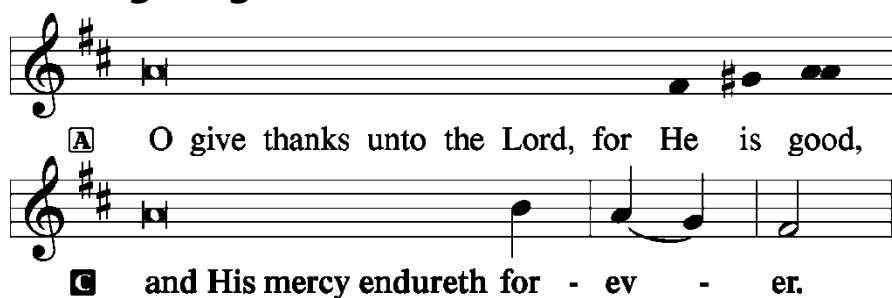
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



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

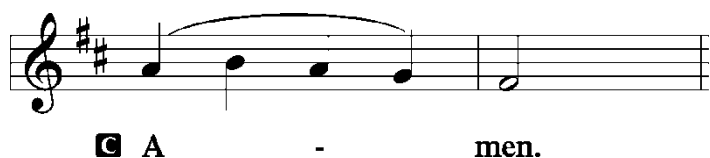
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

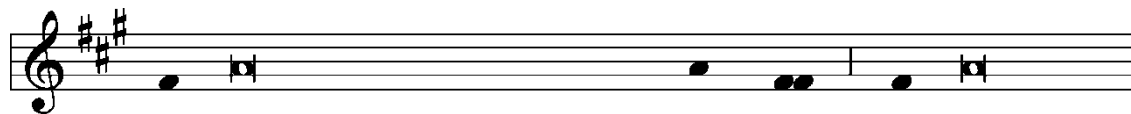
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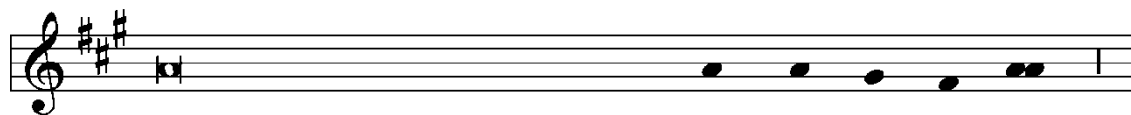
A Bless we the Lord.



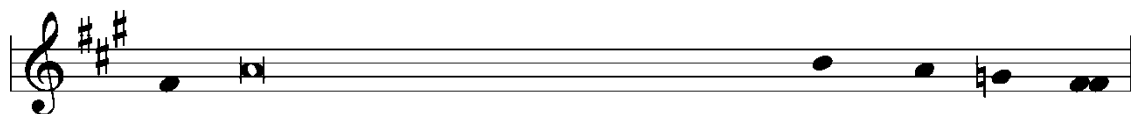
C Thanks be to God.



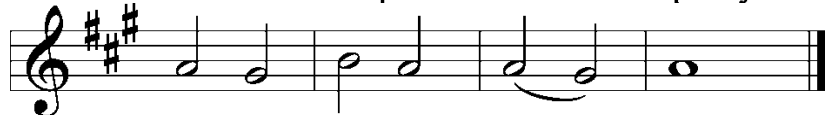
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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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

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Gwinner, ND 58040

Cleaners

May 17-23: Eric & Brook Olson, Sam & Beka Helm, Duane & Shelli Begemann

FB Live for the Month of May

17th Evan 24th Cindy 31st Andrew

Ushers for the Month of May

17th Brian 24th Andrew 31st Greg

Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-noon 1-3:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, 10-noon 1:30-4:30 pm (Redeemer)
Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm
Friday: 8:30-noon

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **9:15 am** Sunday School
10:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:15 am Coffee
11:30 am Bible Study
2:00 pm Confessions Study/Zion
3:30 pm Memento/BoC Feast (Parsonage)

Tues. 19th **2:00 pm** LWML

Wed. 20th **9:00 am** Bible Study

Sun. 24th **10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:15 am Coffee
11:30 am Bible Study

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, May 10

Worship Attendance: 57

Catechesis: 3

Category	Received Last Week	Received for May	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 13,124.83	\$ 45,183.37	\$ 54,518.54	\$ (9,335.17)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25		\$ 4.50		
Building Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 2,740.00		
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 1,200.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 8,863.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (137.00)
Mission of Month	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00		\$ 4,050.52		
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



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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



UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES... Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

From the ND District President: Preparations are underway for the 2026 Synod Convention, which will take place July 18–23 in Phoenix, AZ. The convention will be gathering under the theme of Christ Is Risen Indeed. In about a week and a half, the convention floor committees will meet to discuss the overtures their committees have received and turn them into resolutions for the convention to consider. Please keep in your prayers the floor committees and those involved in the enormous task of organizing all the moving parts to put the convention together. –Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Sign your children up **for VBS by Friday, May 29**. VBS will be at Redeemer in Lisbon Tuesday-Thursday, June 2-4, 4-7 p.m. each day. The theme is "The Life of Jacob." Thursday night will include a meal for all members of both congregations at 6:15 p.m., preceded by a topic at 5:45 p.m.

New Bible Study: The Book of Concord, The Christian Table of Duties, and a Pastor's Ordination Vows. How are these three things inter-related, and important for a life of unity and peace in Jesus' Church? We begin looking at that, and other questions in Bible study this week. Come and join us, and grow in God's word with your fellow Christians in the body of Christ.

What To Think When You Come To The Sacrament

Many thoughts may go through the mind of a Christian when coming to the Sacrament of the Altar. Sorrow over sin, joy over forgiveness, sadness over loved ones who are not in church, may all be part of attending the Supper of our Lord. We ought to think of the great price paid by Jesus for us to have His body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith. We ought to have the joy that the Holy Spirit gives in this holy meal,

which is given to us out of God's abundant grace and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us.

The following statement, written by the late Rev. Dr. Kurt Marquart (a long-time professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.), regarding the importance of the sermon and the Sacrament, is highly important: According to Article 24 of The Apology, which is a very rich statement concerning what we believe about the Sacrament, it is quite clear that one thing that is necessary is the public proclamation, so that you don't have a dumb rite going on – ritual without explanation. The sermon and the Sacrament belong together. Our forefathers, Luther and the Reformation theologians, always take the Pauline text, 1 Corinthians 11:26, 'As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes', as an indication that the Sacrament is to be celebrated in the context of proclamation. God's Word is there to be announced and then to be acted out and received in the Sacrament. (The Sacrament – An Easter Affair; Rev. Dr. Kurt Marquart, June 18, 1984)

From this we can also see the clear theological conclusion, that because there is a sermon every Lord's day, there also ought to be the Sacrament every Lord's day, something that our Lutheran Confessions make clear in multiple places.