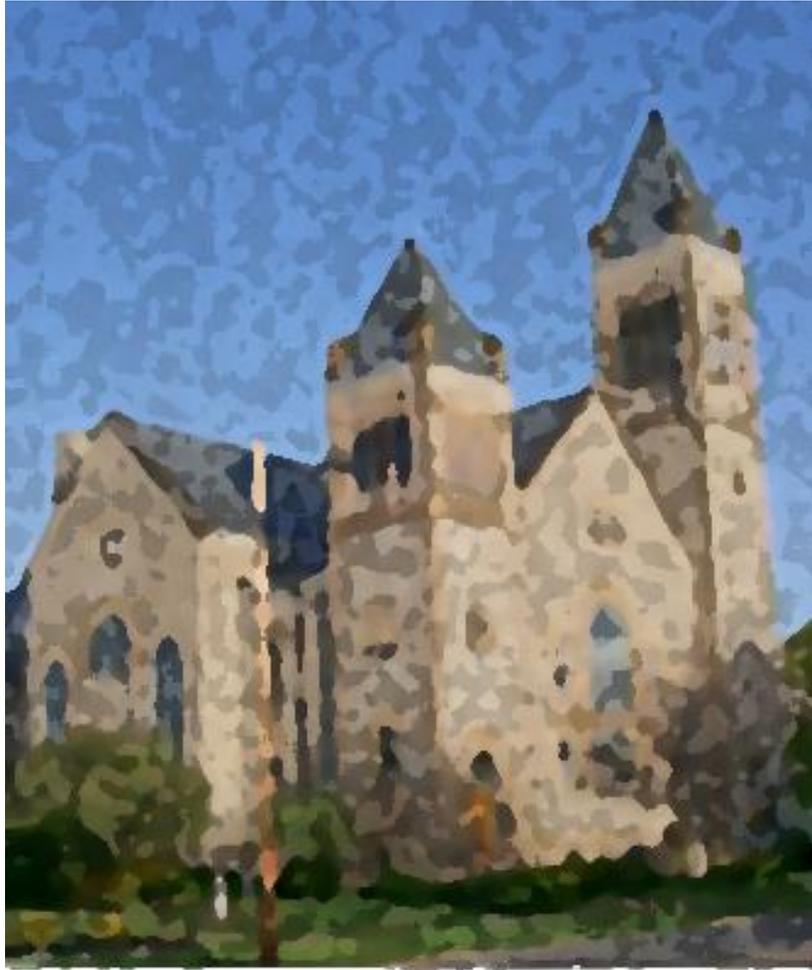


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Introduction to the Day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, please know that the restrooms are out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, up the ramp to the left, across that room, and down the hall to the offices on the right side before you get to the offices.

If you need the nursery, go out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, down the steps to the right, and through the door at the bottom of the steps to your right. It has a sign on it. There is a changing table and a rocker available there. The nursery is not staffed.

Communion Statement

The belief of this congregation is that participation in the Lord's Supper is the reception of "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166). We believe that "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166).

Prayers for before worship and before receiving communion can be found on page 72 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

At this service, communion is distributed continuously. When you come forward, you will be given a piece of bread to eat. If you need gluten-free bread, just ask. Then you move to the next person and you be given a small cup filled with wine to drink. If you need grape juice, just ask. Then you move to the next person and put the empty small cup in the tray.

Prayers for after receiving communion and after worship can be found on pages 72 and 73 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

May the Spirit bless our time of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *My Redeemer* arr. Ritter

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG:

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW 835)

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

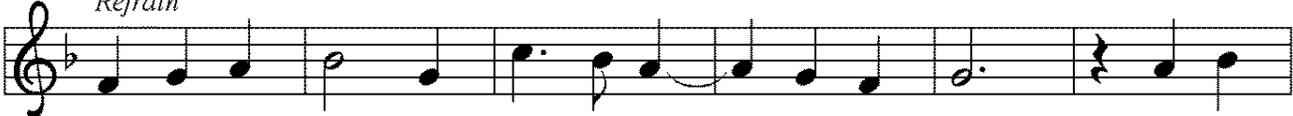
GREETING

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

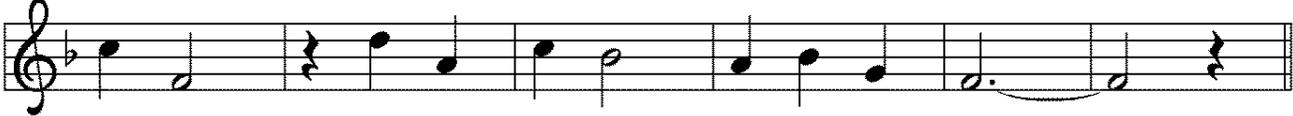
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

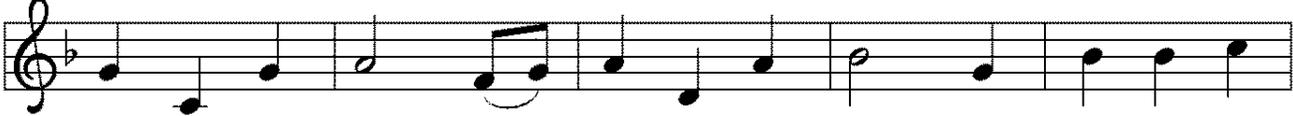
Refrain



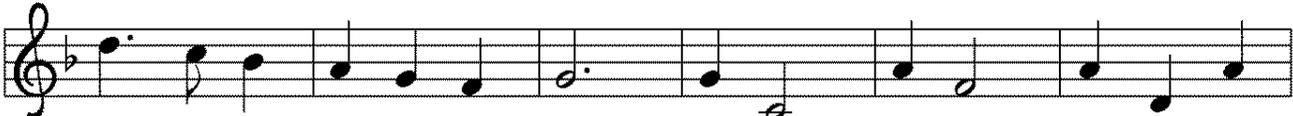
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

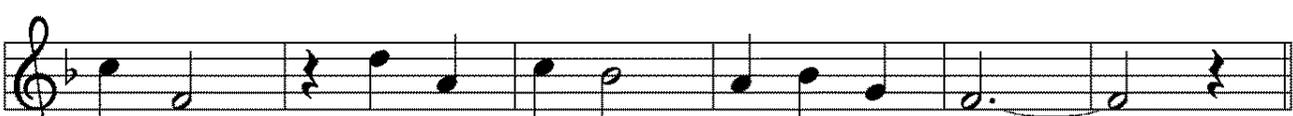


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

(10:30) CHOIR ANTHEM: *Give Me Jesus* Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

A reading from Acts.

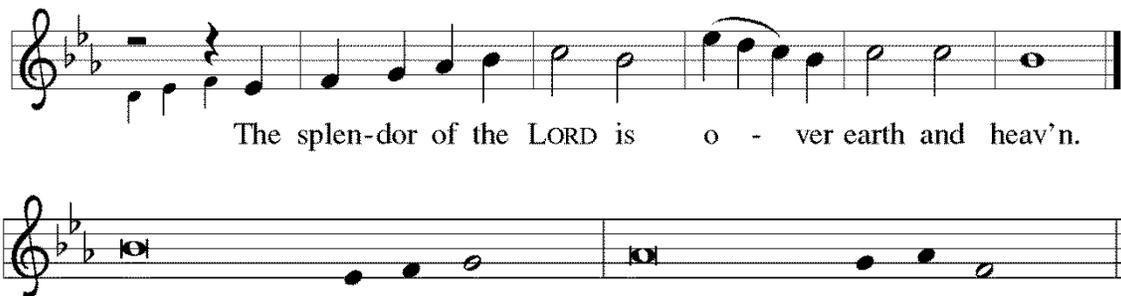
¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’
¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148



- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
- ³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. **R**
- ⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. **R**
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and
heaven.
¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. |
Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Everyone will know that you are | my disciples
if you have love for | one another. (*John 13:35*)

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)***

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became
truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayer concludes:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY: *A Crown for Me* arr. Southbridge

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)



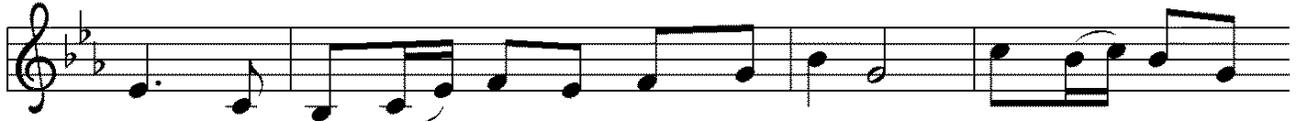
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

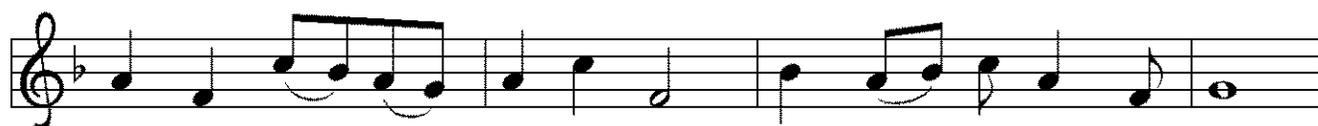
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

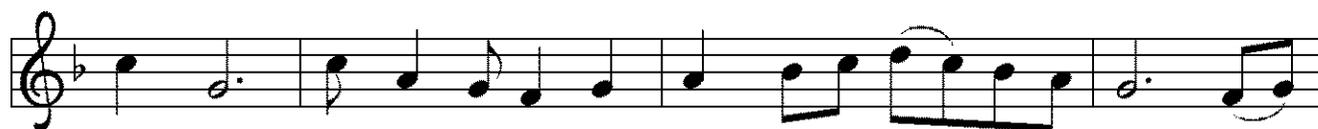
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy,... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



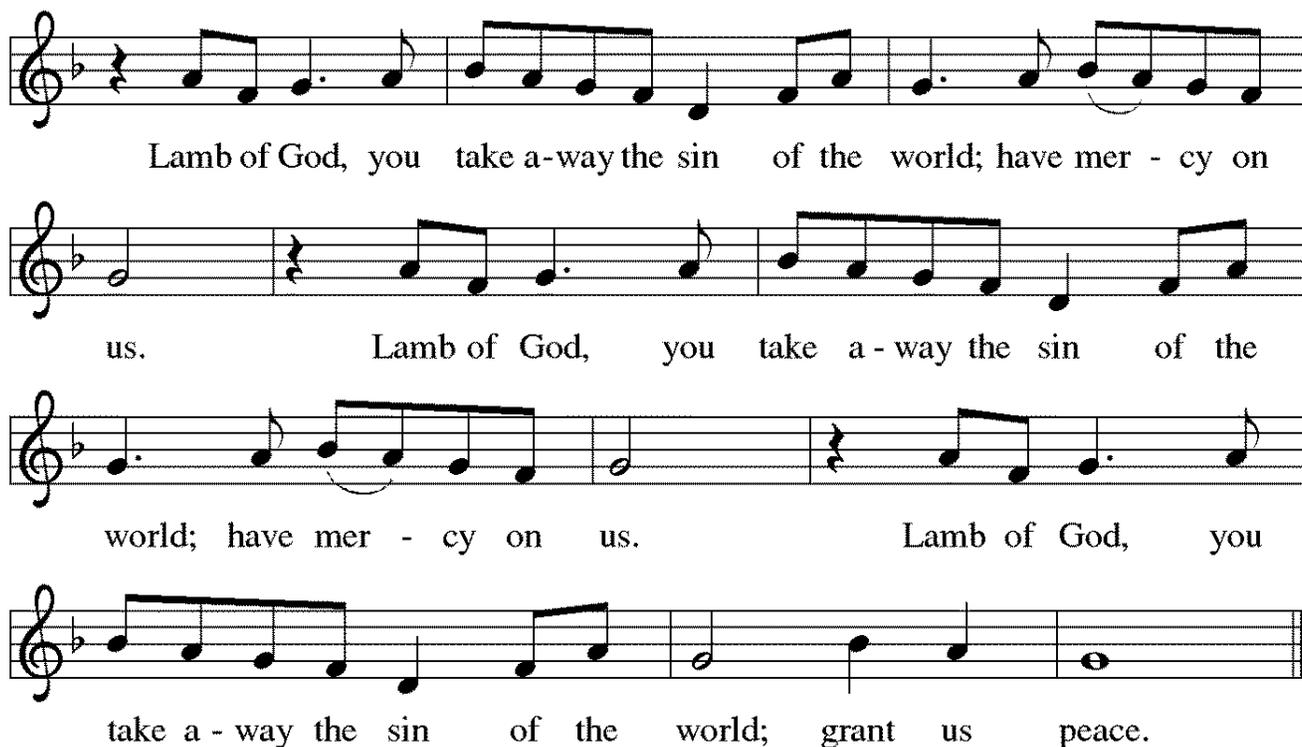
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG



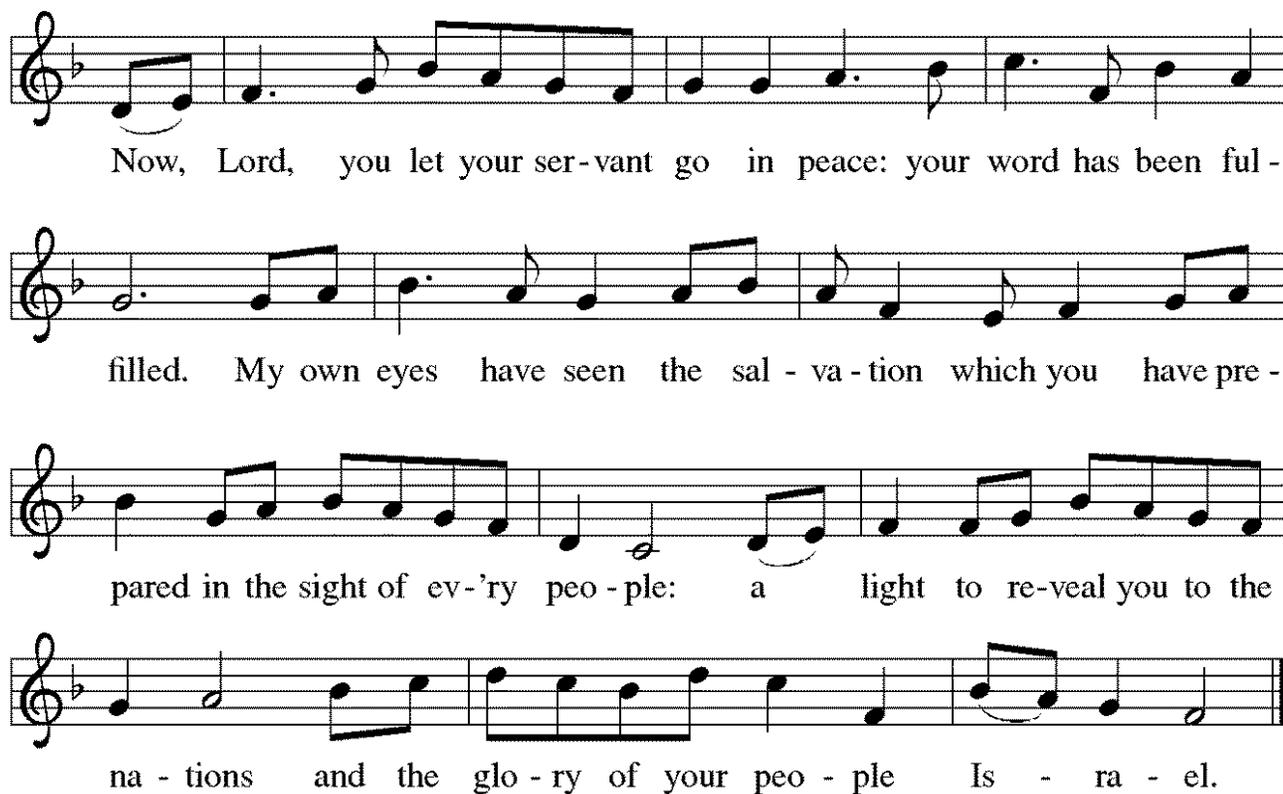
DISTRIBUTION HYMN:
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

Refrain
**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain**
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain**
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. Refrain**

Please stand.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION: *Now Lord*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Please stand.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)

- 1 **In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 **In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**
- 3 **Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**
- 4 **In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *In Christ There Is No East or West* arr. Wood

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Love divine All Loves Excelling
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Attendance/Offering

May 11-12 **(268)** General Fund Offering received **\$5,956.00**

Midweek General Fund received **\$1,905.50**

Weekly budgeted amount **\$7,480.77**

Total General Fund amount received **\$7,861.50**



One side vase is given by **Julie Kessler & Vicki Boesch** in loving memory of their dad, **Leonard Kessler**, on his birthday. The other side vase is given by **Nancy Stewart** in loving memory of her husband, **John**, on his birthday. The center vase is given by **Peggy Lazzara** in loving memory of her mother, **Claudine "Zimmie" Zimmerman**, on her birthday.

Worship leaders today are:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Monty Kaufman

Assisting Minister: Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

Acolyte: (8:00) (10:30) Madison Yontz

Crucifer: (8:00) (10:30) Antonyio Tackett

Organist: Cathy Nye

Senior Choir Director: Jeff Kearney

Lector: (8:00) Addison Stradtman (10:30) Alaina Keegan

Prayers of the People: Judy Burrows

Children's Message: Hope Bailey

Serving Bread: Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Dick & Marlene Long

(10:30) Ron Dahs & Suzanne Jeffery

Sound Board: (8:00) Janet Stradtman (10:30) John Nejedly

Ushers: (8:00) Bill Wood, Chris Antel, Bill Biehl, Andrew Castello, John Castello, and Terry Pearston

(10:30) Dave & Pat Volz, Walter & Deborah Kaufmann, and Julie Kessler

Gathering Host: (8:00)

(10:30) Elaine Conley

Greeters: Dale & Ann Cerny

Altar Guild: Jean Wieber

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148,
Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

CARE & SHARE VOLUNTEERS FOR MONDAY, May 20th :
Michael & Hope Bailey and Tom & Nancy Kinsel



Graduation Recognition

We want to celebrate you!

If you are going to graduate this year or if your child is going to graduate this year, please contact the church office at 419-625-2112 or email Loriwobser@zionsandusky.org with your name, the school you are graduating from and what your future plans are.

We need your information by the end of the day **TODAY**. Recognition will take place during the weekend of May 25-26th



Sondra Anderson, Director of Crossroads, gave an excellent program to the NE Synod

Women's Spring Conference. She talked about the improvements made to the facility and how their program has expanded.

They are in constant need of toiletries. Zion has offered to donate soap and shampoo as ongoing gifts. There will be a labeled box in the gathering room for these donations. Thank you, for your help and generosity in this important endeavor!

It is greatly appreciated!



**Teacher Appreciation
Brunch**

Sunday, May 26th at 9:15

The Adult Sunday School class that meets in room 205 will start a study of the Minor Prophets beginning with Hosea.



It's that time of year again. Zion will begin school supply collection from now until July 15th. We plan to give away over 800 book bags this year.

We need donations of 24 pack crayons, yellow #2 pencils, glue sticks, blunt scissors, erasers, and folders. Please place in the office or gathering area.

The Back to School Rally will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from Noon until 3:00 pm at the Sandusky Bay Pavilion

We would love participation for our Zion booth or food/bag distribution. Contact Linda Kerst at 419-357-2897 or lkerst98@gmail.com



Looking to the weeks and months ahead, mark your calendars with these important dates and events:

- May 25-26th: Graduate Recognition at Worship Services.
- May 26th: Teacher Appreciation Brunch
- May 27th: Office Closed – Troop 8 Scouts in Memorial Day Parade at OVH
- May 29th: Confirmation Mentor Night
- June 12th: Lifeline Screening – See information posted on our website at Zionsandusky.org
- July 22-26th: Vacation Bible School
- August 3rd: SCAASP Back to School Rally
- August 18th: Church Picnic

Please look to your Zionews as well as bulletin for more information as events draw near.



View the full calendar of events for the month at:

Zionsandusky.org

Join us on Facebook at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. (You must use Evangelical in name in order to access the current Facebook page.)

Sunday, May 19

8:00/10:30 am Worship
9:15 am COZ

Monday, May 20

5:30 pm Temple Caretakers
6:30 pm Quilters
7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts
7:00 pm FLAMe Board Mtg. at
St. John

Tuesday, May 21

Zionews Deadline
9:00 am Quilters
12:00 pm Year of Scripture Study at
Mr. Smith's
NO Lectionary Study this Week
7:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with
Elaine
7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 am Lectionary Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting
2:30 pm Book Connection
5:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Property & Facility
7:00 pm Outreach

Thursday, May 23

9:00 am Card Making
10:00 am Year of Scripture with Marj
1:00 pm 2019 Lakeside Planning at
Down Thyme Café in Fremont
5:30 pm Cherub Choir
6:00 pm Year of Scripture with
Carolyn
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Friday, May 24

Church Office is Closed

Saturday, May 25

6:00 pm Worship

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