

# Divine Service



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

# Welcome to Zion!

*All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.*

## Holy Communion at Zion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, 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, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

## *Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father*

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them *“from the evil one”* and preserve them in His name (John 17:11-12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, *“that they also may be sanctified in truth”* (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father's Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things *“to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life”* (1 John 5:13). For *“this life is in his Son,”* whom He has given by His Word, and *“whoever has the Son has life”* (1 John 5:11-12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together *“with one accord,”* as one Body in Christ, *“devoting themselves to prayer”* and waiting upon the Lord in *“the upper room”* of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13-14).

# Confession and Absolution

## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

*Stand*

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

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**G** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**G** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!  
The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*,  
whom | shall I fear?  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*,  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*,  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- |  
on a rock.  
For my father and my mother have for- | saken me;\*,  
but the LORD will | take me in.  
Wait | for the LORD;\*,  
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning;\*,**  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*,  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*Refrain*



**C** 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-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

### Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Epistle

*1 John 5:9–15*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

<sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## That You May Know

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:11b–19*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyr's bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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Sermon

Stand

## Nicene Creed

***℟*** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

### Offering Options:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to [zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give](http://zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give)
- 3) Go to [zionkearney.com](http://zionkearney.com) and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

## Offertory

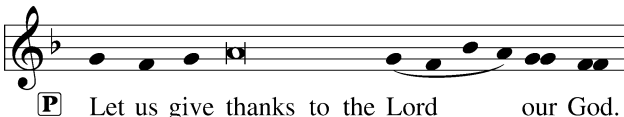
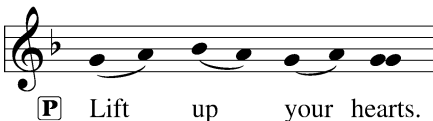
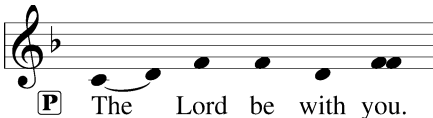
*LSB 159*

**G** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name  
of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*



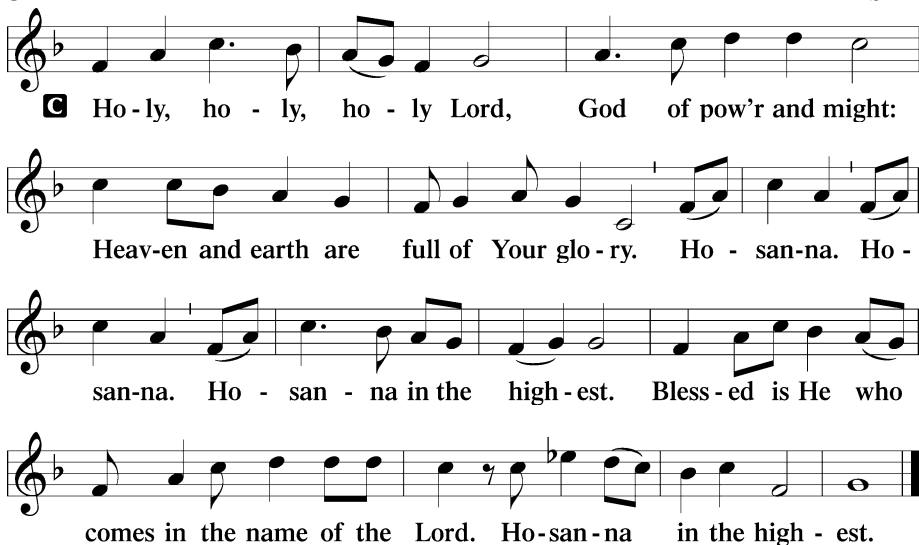


## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, 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 161*



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G** 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

**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 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

# 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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# 701 Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.




That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Stand

The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  in peace.

**G** Amen.

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.


**G** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## 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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## Prayers for Our Members

Jade Florang, Monique Pohlman	Expectant Mothers
Norman Abels ( <i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i> )	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht ( <i>Mount Carmel</i> )	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden ( <i>Mother Hull</i> )	Healing
Pat Flodine ( <i>Cambridge Court</i> )	Healing
Vi Fox ( <i>Prairie View</i> )	Healing
Verleen Gentry	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Boyd Millsap	Healing
Michelle Millsap	Healing
Roger Riekenberg	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Fran Junge	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer
Bev Nuttelman	Cancer
Kim Vos	Cancer

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## Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Nicole Teten ( <i>Chris &amp; Sarah Hoehner's daughter</i> )	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg ( <i>Andy &amp; Jeanne Wollberg's daughter-in-law</i> )	Expecting
<b>Pr. Micah &amp; Dawn Gaunt (Pr. &amp; Carol Gaunt's son &amp; daughter-in-law) birth of a baby girl Lucia</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
Will Brennemann ( <i>Jami Helmbrecht's father</i> )	Healing
Tom DiMartino ( <i>Don &amp; Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law</i> )	Healing
Reg Duke ( <i>Westman's brother-in-law</i> )	Healing
James Gentry ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son</i> )	Healing
Roger Hoffman ( <i>Marc's father</i> )	Healing
Sharon Kreutzer ( <i>Richard's mother</i> )	Healing
Lyra Mais ( <i>Zion student</i> )	Healing
Bailey Markowski ( <i>Steve &amp; Fran Junge's great niece</i> )	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz ( <i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i> )	Healing
Tim Powers ( <i>Kim Wilken's brother</i> )	Healing
Roy Reynolds ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i> )	Healing
Lynne Saathoff ( <i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i> )	Healing
Randy Solomon ( <i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i> )	Healing
Spellman Family ( <i>Quentin &amp; Janel friend</i> )	Healing
Janet Stalder ( <i>Carol Florang's sister</i> )	Healing
Angela Well ( <i>Charles Marineau's granddaughter</i> )	Healing
D.D. Dugger ( <i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i> )	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller ( <i>Lonna's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen ( <i>Jeff's dad</i> )	Cancer
Carol Haubold ( <i>Don Helmbrecht's sister</i> )	Cancer
Randy Jochum ( <i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Fred Koch ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer ( <i>Rich &amp; Carol's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
John Moore ( <i>family of Susan Tonniges</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Jeannie Schmidt ( <i>Lisa Splittgerber's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir ( <i>Pam's nephew</i> )	Cancer

Today's Radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of the Lord by  
Elaine Stuehm in memory of Lavern's birthday

## **Worship Assistants**

**Sunday, May 16 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Ken Hockemeier

Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Robert Glanzer

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Carolyn Westman & Linda Nuttelman

**Sunday, May 23 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Usher: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Carolyn Westman & Linda Nuttelman

### **Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 05/09/2021

Offering: \$5,071.00

Weekly Need: \$7,542.37

## **This Week at Zion**

<b>Sun</b> <b>05/16</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460am</b>
<b>Mon</b> <b>05/17</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>  <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Marian Allwardt</i> <i>Michelle Millsap</i> ---
<b>Tues</b> <b>05/18</b>	<b>1:30p</b> <b>7:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</b> --- ---
<b>Wed</b> <b>05/19</b>	<b>10:30a</b> <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Last Day of School-11:30a</b> <b>dismissal</b> <b>Chapel</b> <i>Alton Schmitt</i> ---
<b>Thurs</b> <b>05/20</b>	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Summer Office Hours (9a-1p)</b> --- ---
<b>Fri</b> <b>05/21</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>  <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>James Hatfield</i> <i>Alfred Westman</i> ---
<b>Sat</b> <b>05/22</b>	<b>5:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> --- ---
<b>Sun</b> <b>05/23</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460am</b> <b>S. Schmid FH</b> <i>Addison Splittgerber</i> ---



**Zion  
Lutheran  
Church**

Where our Triune God strengthens us  
through His mercy in faith toward Him and  
in fervent love toward one another.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Card Shower** - Zion is hosting a card shower for:

- Anthony Splittgerber for 21 years in Lutheran Education
- Darcy Willers for being at Zion for 20 years
- Carol DeLoach for 10 years at Zion.
- Phil Vogel for 7 years at Zion and for blessing on

Zion is extremely blessed to have all of them on staff and part of our family! Congratulations! Thank you for all that you do for Zion and the students!

Please place the cards in their church mailbox or drop them off at the office.

**Men's Bible Study** - The Men's Bible Study **WILL NOT** meet this Thursday. The group will resume in August.

### **Offering Options:**

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to [zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give](http://zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give)
- 3) Go to [zionkearney.com](http://zionkearney.com) and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

**A Bible Study** - is prerecorded and available each Sunday, along with a study guide you can use to follow along. We are studying the three lessons for the day—the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Go to Zion's website [www.zionkearney.com](http://www.zionkearney.com) to access the video and study guide.

**Church Management System** - Zion has switched to a web-based church management system called ChurchTrac. Please pick-up a yellow sheet in the narthex to get setup today to view all of the benefits and features.

**Radio Broadcast** - Please help Zion spread the Gospel! There are several open dates.

**Mission Offerings** - The second quarter missions will support Higher Things and Issues Etc. If you would like to donate to these missions, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support. To learn more about these organizations please visit:

<https://higherthings.org/about>

<https://issuesetc.org/support/>

**Crossroads Mission** - Mary Martha Peace Circle is collecting items for the Crossroads Mission Avenue, the homeless shelter in Kearney. If you would like to contribute, a collection bin for their critical needs will be located at the church through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your support.

Critical needs include:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Non bleach floor cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Disposable gloves (large & extra large)
- Trash bags (13 & 33 gallon)
- Disposable cups
- Laundry detergent
- Bath towels
- Twin sheets
- Pillows
- Cough drops
- Ibuprofen/Tylenol
- Cold medicines
- Shaving razors
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Canned food
- Butter/flour/sugar
- Cooking spices



**Vacation Bible School** - The date has been set for July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00pm . It will be for preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will also be recruiting volunteers for anyone from 6<sup>th</sup> grade up to help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those that are willing to volunteer and for those that would like to participate. There will be more information to come, please continue to watch the bulletin.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Last Day of School** - The last day of school for the students will be this Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with an 11:30am dismissal.

**Summer Office Hours** - Summer office hours will begin on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

**Best of Kearney** - Congratulations to the Zion preschool for being voted Best of Kearney by the Kearney Hub readers seventh year in a row.

**Registration Open** - Registration is now open for the 2021-2022. There are limited preschool spots available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Please tell your family and friends about Zion. Enroll early to make sure you have a spot.

**Scrip Cards** - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during normal hours to purchase your gift cards.



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*Christ-Centered, Classical Education*



Nebraska  
District LCMS  
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## Two Concerns for the Church:

**1 The Equality Act**  
currently before  
Congress in  
Washington D.C

**2 K-12 Health Education  
Standards** proposed by  
the Nebraska Department  
of Education

### What is it?

The Equality Act that is being considered by Congress sounds innocent. All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of the religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools and individuals.

In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man and a woman could be punished for simply standing on our consistent beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ and our free exercise of religion.

The Equality Act expands the definition of "public accommodation" and puts an ultimatum to individuals, religious non-profits, food banks, schools, charities, adoption agencies and others: "Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment."

\*Read a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and find additional information and resources at the link provided.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recently released a **first draft of K-12 Health Standards**. These standards are meant to guide curriculum for all Nebraska schools, including public and non-public schools.

The Health Standards are a deeply flawed, ideologically driven document. Should such standards be adopted by schools, children will be placed in peril, many educators will find their professional judgment and conscience under attack, and the culture will move toward a further normalization of child sexualization.

Read the proposed Health Standards and take special note of the "Human Growth and Development" section in each grade. Here are a few highlights:

- In Kindergarten, students will "discuss different kinds of family structures (e.g. single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same-gender, interracial). Note that traditional marriage between a man and woman is not mentioned.
- In 1st grade, students "define gender, gender identity, and gender-role stereotypes."
- In 4th grade, students "distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain how they may or may not differ."
- In 8th grade, students would be taught that abortion is "reproductive care" and how to develop a plan to eliminate an unplanned pregnancy.

\*Find the proposed Health Standards and additional information and resources at the link provided.

# What can you do?

## The Equality Act

1. Treat all people with kindness and respect (“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:31).
2. Become informed about the **Equality Act** and the issues of gender dysphoria.
3. Consider your role as Christian citizens and make your voice known to your elected officials. Our friends at Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) have created a **simple web tool** to allow you to reach out to your congressperson.
4. Pray for our officials, government, and the church in these challenging days.

[Additional resources regarding the Equality Act:](#)

- **Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty**
- **Alliance Defending Freedom** — The True Impact of the “Equality Act”
- **Heritage Foundation** — 11 Myths About H.R. 5, the Equality Act of 2021

## K-12 Health Education Standards

1. Pray for Christian teachers and staff serving in our public schools, that they may find opportunities to freely share their faith.
2. Double down on your commitment to Christian education for your own family.
3. Talk about your concern for the new health education standards with your friends. Make sure that they are aware of the educational standards being proposed for every public school in Nebraska.
4. The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking feedback about these standards. Please take some time to fill out the **NDE online survey** and speak up for all Nebraska kids!
5. Watch for local Health Education Standards.

## Looking for more information?

\* Full details and all resources mentioned can be found on the Nebraska District LCMS website at [www.ndlcms.org/action-alert](http://www.ndlcms.org/action-alert)



### Directions for Distribution of the Lord's Supper

1. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle for you to use prior to communing.
2. Those sitting in the south pews will commune on the right side of the altar.
3. Those sitting in the north pews will commune on the left side of the altar.
4. The usher will alternate between the south and north sides when releasing people to commune. Please allow the group from the other side to exit the aisle before you enter it so there is only one line at a time in the aisle.
5. Each side of the table will have a maximum of five or six people at a time (except when family members commune together) so we can keep an appropriate distance from others.
6. The first person of a group from the south side will stand just to the right of the center of the communion rail and the others will follow as they fill in around the right half of the altar.
7. The first person of a group from the north side will stand just left of the center of the communion rail and the others will fill around the left side of the altar.

# The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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