# Divine Service



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

#### Welcome to Zion!

<u>Guests</u> please record your attendance on a card in the pew rack and let us know how we can 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.

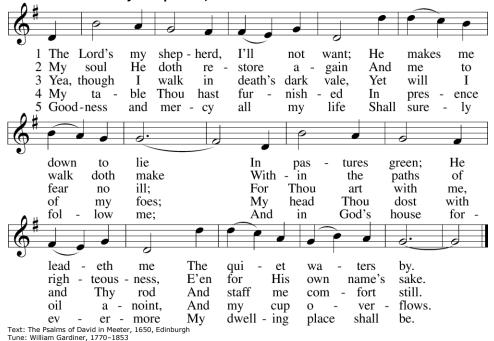
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The 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.

#### The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") "care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

#### Confession & Absolution





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

#### Invocation

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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

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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### Introit

Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;\*

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people,

Israel his in- | heritance.\*

With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*

and guided them with his | skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;\* from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Kyrie LSB 152

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



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



P 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.



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



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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.

Sit

#### First Reading

Acts 20:17-27, 31-35

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

#### **C** 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** Revelation 7:9–17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their

hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

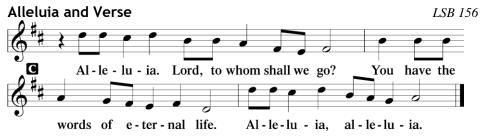
the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel John 10:22–30

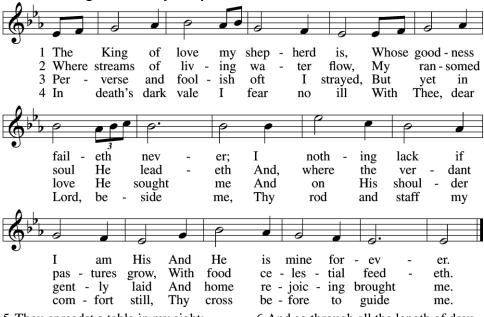
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

#### **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise

Within Thy house forever!

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#### Sermon

Stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

#### Consecration of the Offering

After the prayers please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.



## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### **Proper Preface**

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer LSB 162

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

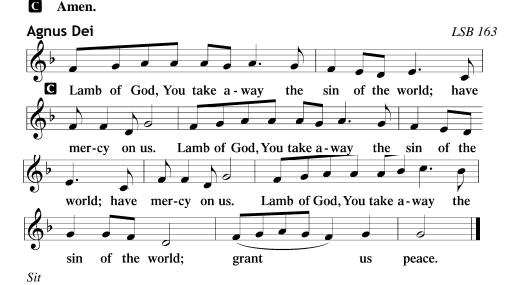
#### The Words of Our Lord

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.



#### Distribution

#### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



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- Let me praise God's boundless favor,
   Whose own feast of love I savor,
   Bidden by His gracious call.
   Wedding garments He provides me,
   With a robe of white He hides me,
   Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
  Comfort in my tribulation,
  Balm to heal the troubled soul.
  God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
  Cleanses me from sin and error,
  Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Stand

#### The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \( \mathcal{+} \) in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164



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**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

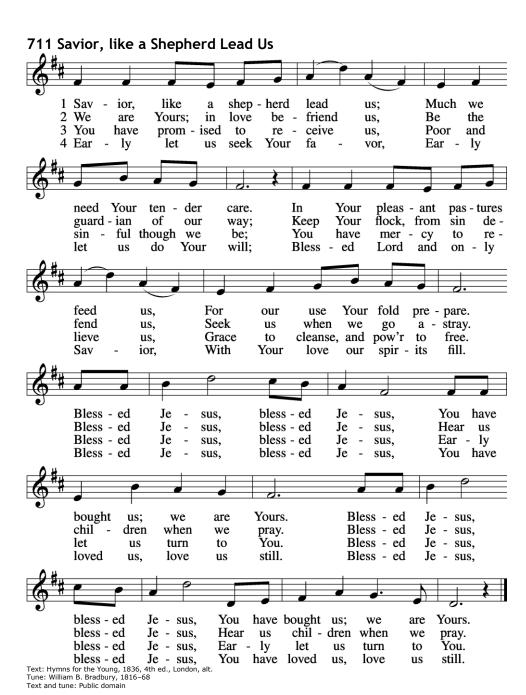
Benediction LSB 166

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.

C Amen.



Prayers for Our Members		
Family & Friends of Kim Vos	Grief	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing	
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing	
Verleen Gentry	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Pauline Jacobson (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Cheryl Scarborough	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

#### Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 5/1/2022

Offering: \$7,893

Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

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

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Prayers for Our Members' Family & Fr	
Family and Friends of Linda Gable (Pr. Charlie Gable's	Grief
wife)	
Shaylee Kreutzer (Philip's wife)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Keith's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Larry Bombeck (Ivan's brother)	Healing
Reg Duke (Westman's brother-in-law)	Healing
James Gentry (Verleen's son)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Jerry & Sandy Poe (Friends of Bartel's)	Healing
Tim Porter (LaRae Crow's brother-in-law)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (Verleen Gentry's son-in-law)	Healing
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Andrew Leising (Teresa's grandson born prematurely)	Hospitalized
Beth Brown (Westmans' Neighbor)	Cancer
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (Lonna's brother-in-law)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Larry Saathoff (Verleen Gentry's brother)	Cancer
Rick Schnacker (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer
Scott Catterson (Jim & Pat's Son)	Deployment
Tim Smallcomb (Wilkens' friend)	Deployment

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Dan & Shirley Oertwig, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

#### **Worship Assistants**

Sunday, May 8th - 9:00am

Elder: Steve Junge Usher: Eric Rosenthal Acolyte: Lauren Starkey Engineer: Zach DeLoach

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht Book Nook: Carolyn Wilkens

Sunday, May 15th - 9:00am

Elder: Dan Oertwig
Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Lindsay Wilkens
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

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### This Week at Zion

Sun 5/8	9:00a	Divine Service
Mother's	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
Day	10:30a	
<b>,</b>	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Anniversaries	Dan & Shirley Oertwig
	Birthdays	James Catterson
	_	Don Helmbrecht
		John Musfelt
Mon 5/9	10:30a	Kim Vos Funeral Service
	7:00p	Mary Martha
Tues 5/10	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	7:00p	Bd of Trustees
	7:00p	Bd of Elders
	Birthdays	Carol Herron
Wed 5/11	8:30a	Chapel
	Birthdays	Sophia Strong
Thurs 5/12		
Fri 5/13	Anniversaries	Ed & Connie DeLaet
Sat 5/14	Birthdays	Paige Ahrens
Sun 5/15	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	Anthony Wilbur

# Announcements for May 8th, 2022

#### Oertwig Family Message:

Thank you for the kindness shown to our family at the death of our mother. We appreciate the prayers, cards, phone calls, and kind words. Thanks to all the who provided the luncheon for our family. A special thank you to Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt for their visits. Thanks be to God for blessing us all through Merna.

Dan Oertwig, Cinda Ward & Families

Annual Budget Update: The Proposed Annual Budget for Zion's Church and School for 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 was approved at our April 24th Voters Meeting. The total budget is \$950,000. Our congregational offerings will cover \$390,000 (\$7500 a week) of the budget.

<u>Wilkens' Graduation:</u> Mike and Kim Wilkens invite you to a reception honoring Lindsay's graduation from Gibbon High School. The celebration will held at the Wilkens residence at 7185 Maple Rd, Gibbon on Saturday, May 14th from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Thank you so much, Kim Wilkens

<u>Men's Bible Class</u>: The Men's Bible will meet for the last time for this program year on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will enjoy barbequed ribs and some salads while we finish this year's study of Ecclesiastes. All men age 18 and older are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex or on the church office window.

<u>Card Shower:</u> Sharon Kreutzer (former member and Richard Kreutzer's mother) is celebrating her 80th birthday on May 24. Her family would like to honor her with a "Card Shower". If you know Sharon, please send her a card. Her address is:

CHI St Francis Skilled Care Sharon Kreutzer 2116 West Faidley Grand Island, NE. 68803

<u>Individual Confession and Absolution:</u> is available by request. Please text or call Pr. DeLoach or Pr. Gaunt for an appointment.

<u>Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers</u> - The sign-up sheets for the 2022 radio broadcast and altar flowers are up by the mailboxes. Please help Zion spread the Gospel and decorate the sanctuary.

#### Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to 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.



# **SCHOOL NEWS**



The theme for our school year is "Together by Christ's Love" based on 1 John 4:7-8.

- ★ Best of Kearney: Zion's Preschool program has won the Best of Kearney! This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year we have been voted the best! We are very proud of our program and are thankful to all who voted this year.
- ↑ 22-23 Calendar: The calendar for the next school year went home recently. Be sure to look for it or search for the most recent email from Sycamore.
- ★ Registration for 2022-2023 School Year: Be sure to have your registration fees in soon!