Divine Service



The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

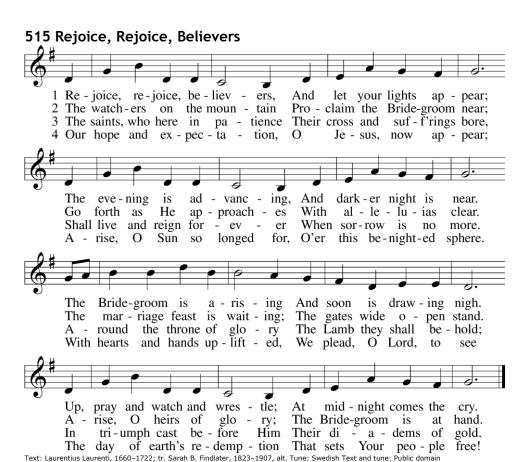
November 12th, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. 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 Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).



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,
- 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,
- 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 ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

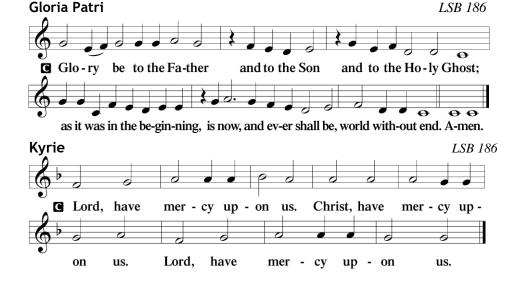
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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



Holy Gospel

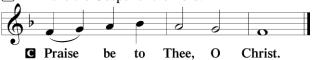
Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

No

eye

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.

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

has

seen the light,

No

ear

has heard the might

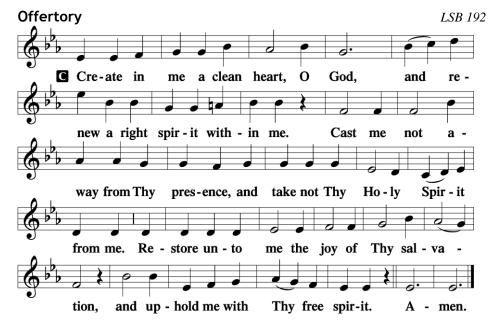




Sermon - "Watch with the Wise Ones"

Matthew 25:13

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,".

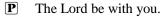
Sit

The Offering

The altar is set for the Lord's Supper as the offering is gathered. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





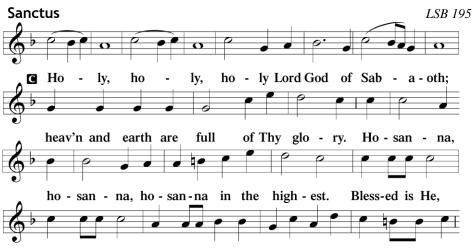
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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



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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

C 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

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."





Sit

Distribution



- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure. Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me For our good, Your glory, given. As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

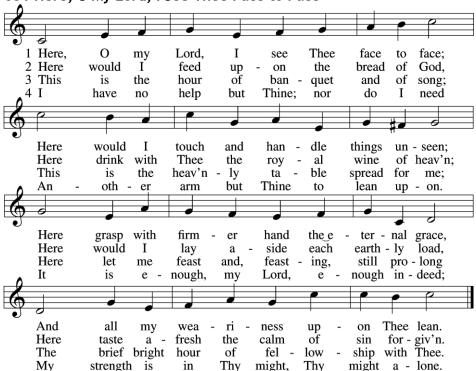
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- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,

The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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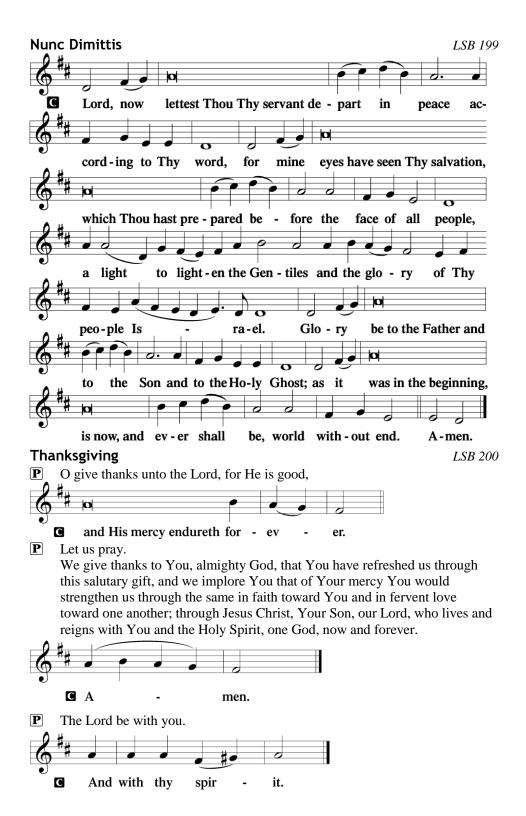
The Dismissal

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

→ in peace.

C Amen.

Please stand



Benedicamus LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



- 1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
- 2 There shall we see in glo ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
- 3 There God shall from all e vil For ev er make us free,
- 4 In that fair home shall nev er Be si-lent mu-sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease. The long - a - wait - ed sto ry Of heav'n - lv joy takes place: From sin and from the il, dev From all ad - ver - si - ty, With hearts and lips for - ev We shall in God er



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band; From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears, While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



with Him May find door! That we. re - turn - ing, o - pen A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet that ce - les - tial land. us In And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe tears. a - way our might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of feast.

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Prayers for Our Members		
Norm Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Hospice	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Bob Glanzer	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (St. Luke's)	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Recovery	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Frie	ends
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman (Jared's wife)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Chris' wife)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias Wollberg's wife)	Expecting
Ethan Arevalo (Luis Arevalo's brother)	Military
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Military
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Don Axeman (Bartels' friend)	Healing
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing
Gloria Egge (Judy Tadlock's sister)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Judy Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Randy Fritson (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Zona Fritz (Judy Tadlock's sister)	Hospitalized
Lorin Hartmann (Marla's father)	Healing
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristen Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Diane Brandt (Junge's and Helmbrecht's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 11/5/2023 Offering: \$6,546.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 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.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Pam Uhlir and Mary Ann Mertz, in honor of Pam's birthday today.

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Cheryl Scarborough, in honor of her birthday (November 14th).

Sunday, November 12th - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks
Acolyte: Jase Blattner
Usher: Steve Junge
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller | Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

Sunday, November 19th - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Eli Randolph Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer | Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

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This Week at Zion

9:00a	Divine Service
10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30a	Radio Broadcast
	1460AM & 92.1FM
5:00p	Divine Service
Birthdays	Pam Uhlir
7:00p	Mary Martha
1:30p	Sleeping Mats
7:00p	Bd of Ed
	Bd of Elders
	Bd of Trustees
Birthdays	Cheryl Scarborough
8:30a	Chapel
5:00p	Midweek
7:00p	Adult Choir
7:00p	Men's Bible Study
Birthdays	Ed DeLaet
12p-4p	District Youth Gathering Service Project
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Announcements for November 12th, 2023

<u>Universal Church Directory App:</u> The directory app is ready! Holly sent out your Unique Identifier Codes. It will show up as Universal Church Directory. Please sign up ASAP!

<u>4th Quarter Missions:</u> Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting Zion students studying to be Church Workers: Peter Kreutzer (Concordia) LTD

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia) LTD

Those wishing to donate, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex and place them in the offering plate.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Pie Pick-Up:</u> Pies will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, November 15th. Families are expected to deliver to the people who ordered.

<u>School Pictures:</u> School pictures went home on Thursday. Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th at 9:00am.

<u>Give Where You Live:</u> This year Zion will be participating in Give Where You Live Campaign. It will be December 7th (giving day), but donations will be accepted beginning November 9th. To contribute online go to: https://www.givewhereyoulive.net/organization/ZionLutheranSchool . If you would rather give in person feel free to stop by the office. Please share this with family and friends.