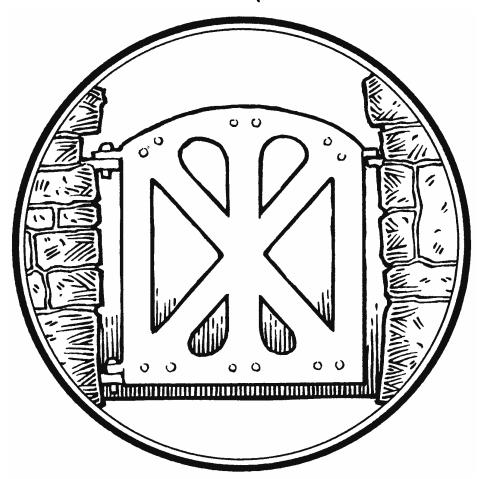
# Divine Service



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we "were straying like sheep," the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "hear his voice" and "know his voice" (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship" and in "the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

#### 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



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

- **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.

- 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.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; 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.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,\*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,\*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

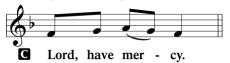
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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 al - so 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.



First Reading Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

adapted 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.

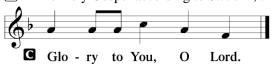
**Epistle** 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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



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



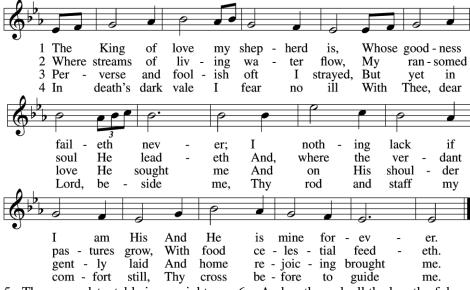
<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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



#### 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth: And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days 6 Thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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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

Sit

#### Consecration of the Offering

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



Preface LSB 160



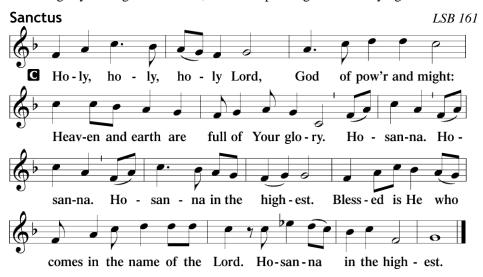
**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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:

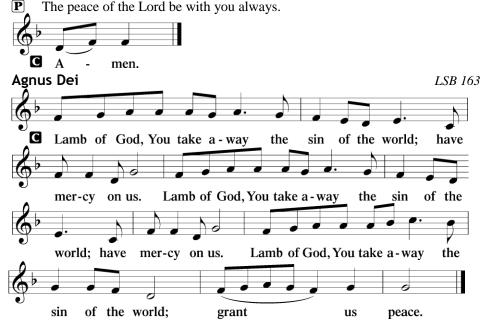
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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



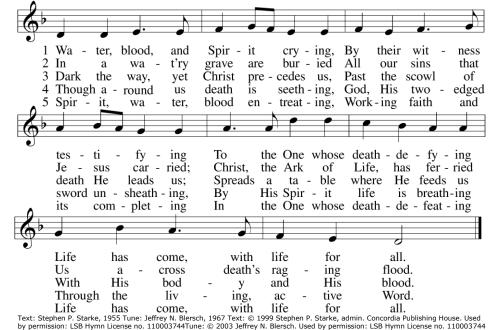
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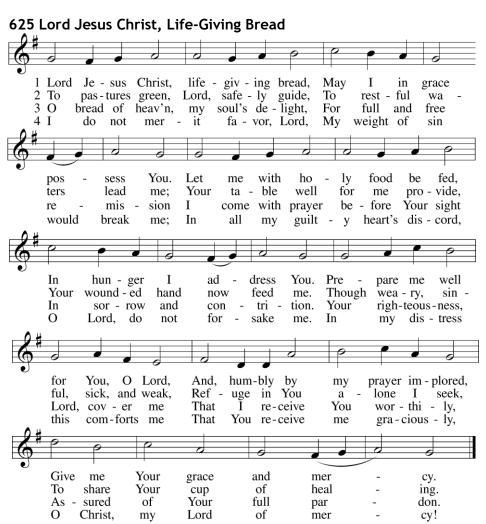
#### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



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### 597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying





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### 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



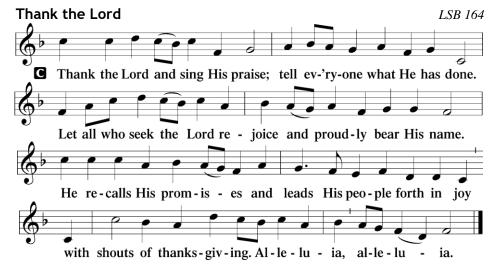
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#### The Dismissal

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.



# **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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  $\mathcal{L}$  give you peace.

C Amen.



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Prayers for Our Members		
Madisen Skaggs	Expecting	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Vi Fox (St. Johns)	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
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Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends		
Lana Fattig (Eric's wife)	Expecting	
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's	
Joan Bentley (Family friend of the Kreutzer's)	Healing	
Greg Blum (Junge Family Friend)	Healing	
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing	
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing	
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing	
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing	
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing	
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing	
Autumn & Terri Asche (HLHS student and Mom)	Healing	
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing	
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing	
Aaron Russell (Becky Thornton's son-in-law)	Healing	
David & Carol Shiers (Jessica's parents)	Healing	
Ruth Shoen (Joy Barefoot's sister)	Healing	
Pat Snyder (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing	
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing	
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer	
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer	
Gay Koopman (Todd Koopman's sister)	Cancer	
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer	
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer	
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer	
Cindy Pietsch (Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)	Cancer	
Don Todd, Jr. (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer	
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer	
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer	

# Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/23/2023 Offering: \$12,287 Weekly Need: \$7,500

## Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or 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.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Dan Oertwig & Cinda Ward, in memory of Merna Oertwig

Sunday, April 30th - 9:00a

Elder: Eric Rosenthal
Acolyte: Amy Tonniges
Engineer: Reilly Fisher

Announcer: Brooke Fisher | Altar Guild: Sue Bartels & Ellen Hockemeier

# Sunday, May 7th - 9:00a

Elder: Ken Hockemeier Acolyte: Makenna Starkey Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Usher: Fred Flessner Engineer: Jamie Nikodym Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Chelsea Herrera

This Week at Zion

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Sun 4/30	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	Udeane Fischer
		Alexis Wollberg
Mon 5/1		
Tues 5/2	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
Wed 5/3	8:30a	Chapel
	Birthdays	Carol Herron
Thurs 5/4	Anniversaries	Bruce & Joni Brooks
	Birthdays	Kenzie Ahrens
		Lincoln Florang
		Robert Vos
Fri 5/5		No School - Heartland Field Day
	Birthdays	Ann Fattig
Sat 5/6	Birthdays	Sharon Hockemeier
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# Announcements for April 23rd, 2023

<u>Vi Fox Visiting Schedule:</u> The Zion office has created a sign-up for congregation members to visit Vi Fox. This will help her know when she will have visitors and keep it more organized. Use the QR Code below or the link to sign up for a slot.



Or shorturl.at/fhms2

**Employment Opportunity:** Zion needs a part-time custodian for the church and school. The position is 30 hours a week. Please contact Zion's office for more information.

<u>Alton Schmitt Card Shower:</u> Alton Schmitt will be turning 92 on May 19<sup>th</sup>. His family would like to have a card shower for him. His address is below.

Alton Schmitt

2900 Grand Ave Lot 150

Kearney Ne 68847

<u>Receipts:</u> Family Fresh discontinued its school program for receipts. The Apple Market receipt program ends March 31 and will start again in September. Please turn any receipts dated before April 1<sup>st</sup> into the office. We will still be collecting UPC from Best Choice and Our Family products. We also collect Coke Codes from bottle caps and multi-packs (12 or 24 packs).

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the 2023 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

<u>Heartland Field Day:</u> There will be no school this <u>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup></u> for the Heartland Field Day.

<u>K-8 Spring Musical:</u> The Spring musical, Esther-Ordinary Faith, will be Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Merryman Performing Arts Center. **There will be no dress rehearsal available for the public.**