Divine Service



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21st, 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.

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).



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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.
- 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.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*

to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,* and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

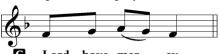
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;* to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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.





Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰"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."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for

judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

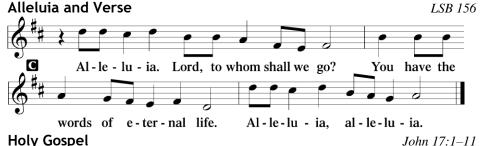
"If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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



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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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



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Sermon "Protect the Protectors"

John 17:12

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.

Blessing of the Graduates

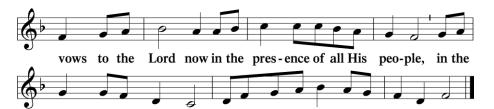
Prayer of the Church

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.





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Preface LSB 160

The Lord be with you.

• And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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:

Sanctus LSB 161



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

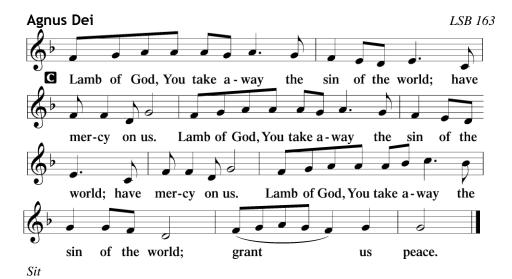
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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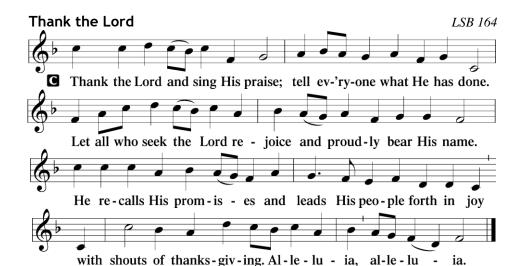
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The Dismissal

- 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.



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.

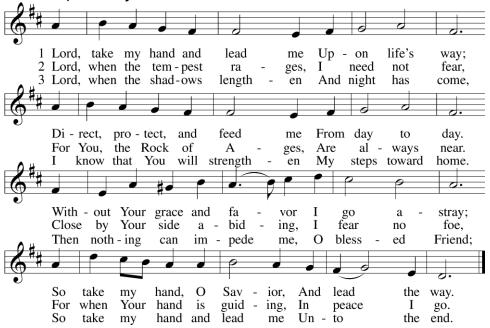
Benediction LSB 166

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{H} give you peace.

C Amen.

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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Zion Lutheran High School Graduates

Lexie Eckoff - Axtell
Reilly Fisher - Amherst
Kassidy Halvorsen - Axtell
Haylie Knott - Kearney High
Caden Nabity - Kearney High
Sophia Strong - Kearney High



Prayers for Our Members		
Madisen Skaggs	Expecting	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Vi Fox (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Teresa Leising	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Carolyn Westman	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends		
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	
Sarah Forinash (<i>Richmond's daughter</i>)	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: 5/14/2023 Offering: \$4,907 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 Marian Allwardt, In thanks to the Lord for our faithful Christian mothers.

Sunday, May 21st - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman Acolyte: Lexie Eckhoff Announcer: Brooke Fisher Usher: Andy Wollberg Engineer: Eric Rosenthal Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Chelsea Herrera

Sunday, May 28th - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks Acolyte: Jace Blattner Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Usher: Mike Wilkens Engineer: Reilly Fisher Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Chelsea Herrera

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Sun 5/21	9:00a	Divine Service
H.S.	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Graduate	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
Recognition		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	James Hatfield
		Lewis Westman
Mon 5/22		
Tues 5/23	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	Birthdays	Addison Splittgerber
Wed 5/24	Birthdays	Henry Hodgson
	_	Phyllis Wells
Thurs 5/25	Anniversaries	Jeff and Niki Halvorsen
Fri 5/26	Anniversaries	Aaron and Bailey Hockemeier
	Birthdays	Seth Long
Sat 5/27	Birthdays	Landen Eckhoff
		Katrina Ronning
Sun 5/28	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Anniversaries	Randy and Judy Ahrens
		David and Joyce Hartman

Announcements for May 21st, 2023

<u>Sunday School</u>: Today, May 21st will be the last Sunday School class for the program year. We will return after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 10th.

<u>Men's Bible Class:</u> Our final class for this program year is this Thursday, May 25th at 7pm. We will talk about what it takes for "a few good men" to finish strong like King David did. We will resume our classes on August 17th.

<u>VBS Registration:</u> Mark your calendars to attend Zion Lutheran's Vacation Bible School July 16-20, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm. The theme is God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace! It is open to any student from preschool to 6th grade. Registration forms are in the narthex or the office. If you would like to volunteer, questionnaires are also available!

<u>Employment Opportunity:</u> 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.

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

- ₱ Best of Kearney: Zion's Preschool program has won the Best of Kearney! This is the 10th year we have been voted the best! We are very proud of our program and are thankful to all who voted this year.
- Receipts: We are not taking receipts again until September. 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).