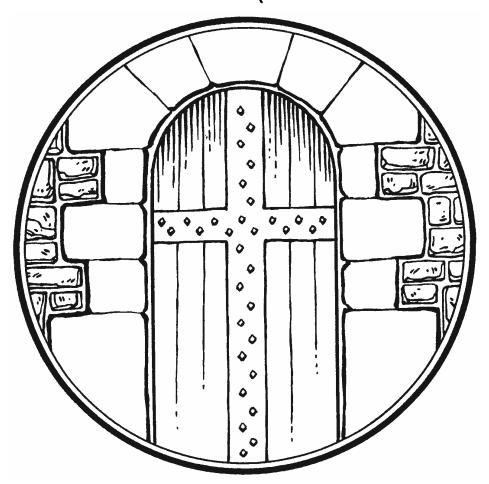
Divine Service



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 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 Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is "the way, and the truth, and the life," and we come "to the Father" only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus "glorified in the Son," and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5) and "doing great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he "gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was "rejected by men" in the sight of God, He is "chosen and precious" (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father's "spiritual house," and we are built upon Him as "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5).

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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.

C 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.

C 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 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,* his praise in the assembly of the | godly! I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up* and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,* and you have | healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;* you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,* and give thanks to his | holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.* Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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. Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,* his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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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.





C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen...

²And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

Gradual

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 2:2-10

 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and

"A stone of stumbling,

and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Holy Gospel

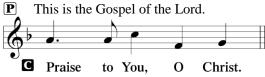
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



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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.

Sit

The Rite of Confirmation

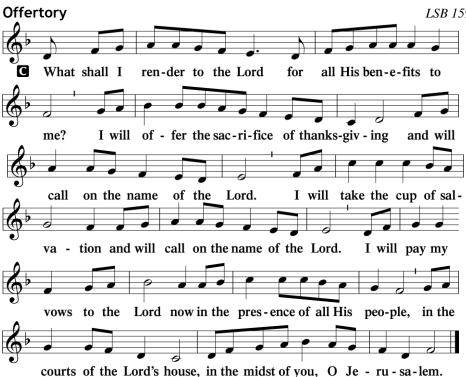
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Prayer of the Church

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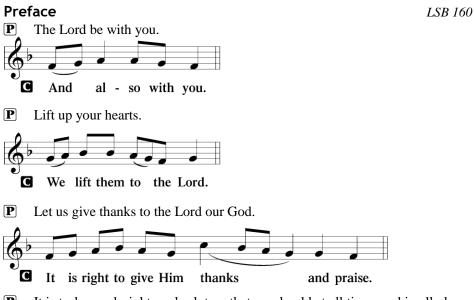
Consecration of the Offering

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.



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 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

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



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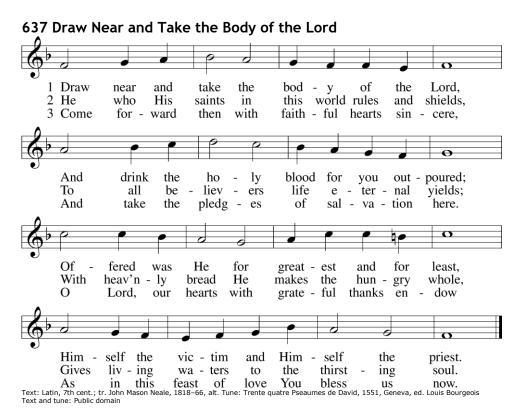


7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! \triangle 8 Father, who the crown shall give, This alone can sin destroy; Savior, by whose death we live, From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Spirit, guide through all our days: Newborn souls in You to be. Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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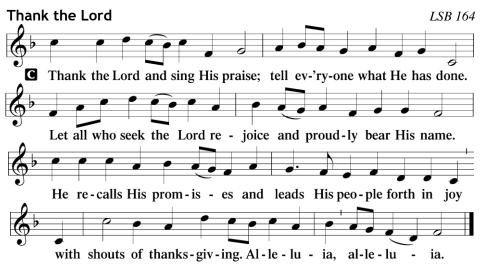
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The Dismissal

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

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C Amen.
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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.

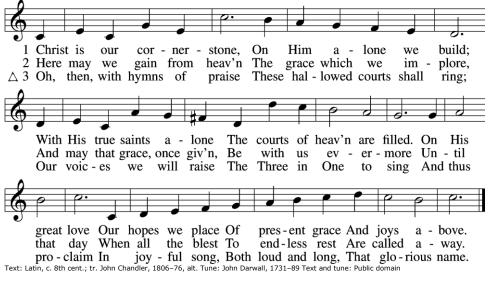
С Amen.

Benediction

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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. C Amen.

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



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Confirmation Class Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska May 7, 2023



Amelia Brooke Halvorsen

Parents: Jeff & Niki Halvorsen Grandparents: Ron & Linda Halvorsen Jeff & Shirley Kaston Baptismal Sponsors: Michelle Gentry, Trisha McKinney & Patrick Halvorsen Date of Baptism: August 1st, 2010 Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

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 (Prairie View)	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Linda Luhn	Healing
Diane Plummer	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Don Trampe	Healing
Lee Wells	Healing
Robin Baker	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer
Prayers for Our Members' Family &	
Rejoice with Bruce and Ann Fattig at the Birth of Johan Ambrose Fattig, born to Eric & Lana Fattig	Thanksgiving
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Joan Bentley (Family friend of the Kreutzer's)	Healing
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Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/30/2023 Offering: \$7,773.30 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 & Shirley Oertwig, in honor of their anniversary.

	<u>Sunda</u>	y, May 7 th - 9:00a					
Elder:	Ken Hockemeier	Usher: Fred Flessner					
	: Makenna Starkey	Engineer: Jamie Nikodym					
•	: Lonna Gronewoller	Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht &					
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	Sunday	y, May 14 th - 9:00a					
Elder	: Nathan Gaunt	Usher: Steve Junge					
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<u>This Week at Zion</u>					
Sun 5/7	9:00a	Divine (Confirmation) Service			
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School			
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast			
		1460AM & 92.1FM			
	5:00p	Divine Service			
Mon 5/8	7:00p	Mary Martha			
	Anniversaries	Dan & Shirley Oertwig			
Tues 5/9	1:30p	Sleeping Mats			
	7:00p	Bd of Ed			
		Bd of Elders			
		Bd of Trustees			
	Anniversaries	Lincoln and Emily Baker			
Wed 5/10	8:30a	Chapel			
	Birthdays	Aadi Silwal			
		Jackie Ohlmann			
Thurs 5/11	Birthdays	Sophia Strong			
Fri 5/12	7:00p	K-8 Spring Musical @ The Merryman			
Sat 5/13	Anniversaries	Ed & Connie DeLaet			
Sun 5/14	9:00a	Divine Service			
Mother's	10:30a	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School			
Day	10:30a	Radio Broadcast			
		1460AM & 92.1FM			
	5:00p	Divine Service			

Announcements for May 7th, 2023

<u>Ascension Day Service</u>: The members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ravenna cordially invite the members at Zion to an Ascension Day worship service at 7pm on Thursday, May 18th.

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

<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

<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.

<u>Alton Schmitt Card Shower:</u> Alton Schmitt will be turning 92 on May 19th. 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> 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).

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

<u>Teacher Appreciation Week:</u> It's time to show the teachers and staff appreciation for all they do! Look at the gift theme for each day in the most recent Crusader!