Divine Service



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 2024 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 know how we can best serve you. 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.

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

"God is love," and He has manifested Himself to us by sending "his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, "he has given us of his Spirit," so that we also believe and confess "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." In this way, we "abide in him and he in us," and we "love one another" (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip's preaching of "the good news about Jesus" to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when "they came to some water," the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into "the true vine," Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He "bears much fruit" in us (John 15:3–5).

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
1 Al - le - lu - ia! 2 Walk-ing the way, 3 Je - sus the vine, 4 Weep-ing, be gone; 5 Cit - y of God, Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the We are the branch - es; Life in the Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a - Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -
sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Giv - ing us Christ to the "O grave, be Saints and arch-
ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise. peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light. an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia! Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926-2009 Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922-87 Text: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB

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

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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- **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.

Confession of Sins

- **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.

Absolution

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

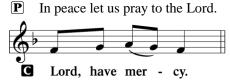
Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;* and again a little while, and you will | see me. I will extol you, my | God and King,* and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will | bless you* and praise your name forever and ever. The LORD is gracious and merciful.* slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,* and all your saints shall | bless you! My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,* and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. 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. A little while, and you will see me no | longer:* and again a little while, and you will | see me.

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Kyrie



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.



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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.



Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter

and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,

so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God.

Sit

First Reading

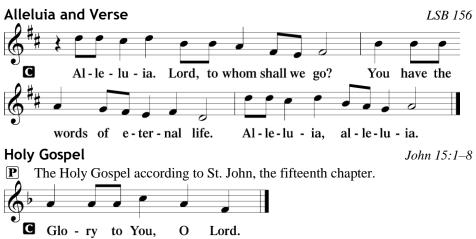
Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

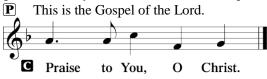
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."



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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

С 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

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Consecration of the Offering

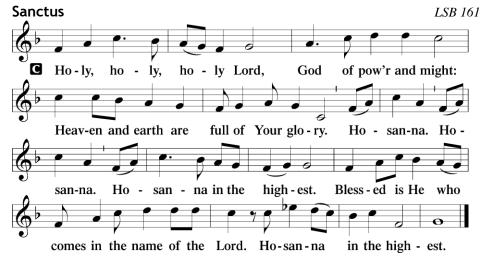
After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

Zion School Choir-"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



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

 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

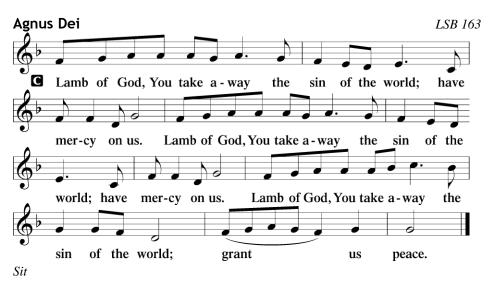
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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- **C** Amen.



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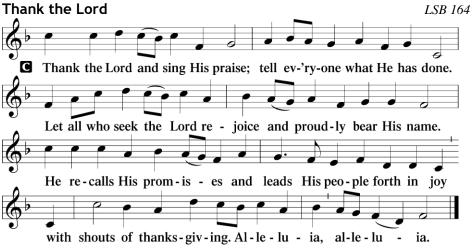


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Stand

The Dismissal

- **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

C Amen.

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Prayers for Our Members

Allyson Christener	Expecting
Judy Ahrens	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Bruce Brooks	Healing
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing
Betty Mustard	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Norrine Rockwell (Kinship Pointe)	Healing
Jane Schmid	Healing
Gretchen Trampe (Prairie View)	Healing
Jill Bates	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Phyllis Wells	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Fri	ends
Kayla Ernst (Bartels' friend)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Chris' wife)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias' wife)	Expecting
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Cyndi Foresman (Scott's wife)	Healing
Marilyn Glover (Don Helmbrecht's sister)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Annette Hoffman (Leah Baker's cousin)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
Eve Sane (Quentin Lange's friend)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Emmett Sprague (Jill Bates' nephew)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (Willers' friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Steven Junge (Steve & Fran's nephew)	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

Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/21/2024 Offering: \$5,361.30 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

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Worship Assistants

Sunday, April 28th - 9:00a Usher: Mike Wilkens Elder: Ken Hockemeier Acolyte: William Hodgson Engineer: Zach DeLoach Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier Chelsea Junge Sunday, May 5th - 7:00a Usher: Andy Wollberg Elder: Eric Rosenthal Engineer: Jamie Nikodym Acolvte: Makenna Starkev Announcer: Brooke Fisher Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier Chelsea Junge

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	Birthdays	Waunita DeLaet
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Tues 4/30	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	Birthdays	Udeane Fischer
		Alexis Wollberg
Wed 5/1	8:30a	Chapel
	6:00p	Confirmation Dinner
Thurs 5/2		
Fri 5/3		No School - Heartland Field Day
	Birthdays	Carol Herron
Sat 5/4	Anniversaries	Bruce & Joni Brooks
	Birthdays	Kenzie Ahrens
		Lincoln Florang
		Robert Vos
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Announcements for April 28th, 2024

Thank You: Thank you to the K-8 Zion students for singing for us today!

<u>Voter's Meeting:</u> Today after 9am service. It will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Adult bible class will not meet.

LWML Podcast: Need a devotion for on the go listening? Try an LWML podcast devotion by downloading the LWML app on your phone or iPad! On the home page of the app click on the podcast icon and you will have a choice of recorded devotions to listen to as you drive, exercise, or do the dishes! If you need help talk to Carol DeLoach.

<u>Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers:</u> The sign-up sheets for the 2024 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Plant Sale:</u> Thank you to everyone who purchased and/or volunteered to help with the Plant Sale. It was another great year! Results will be available soon!

<u>Heartland Field Day:</u> There will be no school on Friday, May 3rd for the Heartland Field Day.

<u>K-8 Spring Musical:</u> The school musical, "Livin' Inside Out in an Upside Down World!", will be on <u>Friday, May 10th</u> at <u>7pm</u>. It will take place at the Merryman Performing Arts Center.

Day Service Ascension 2 **0 1** See Cream to follow