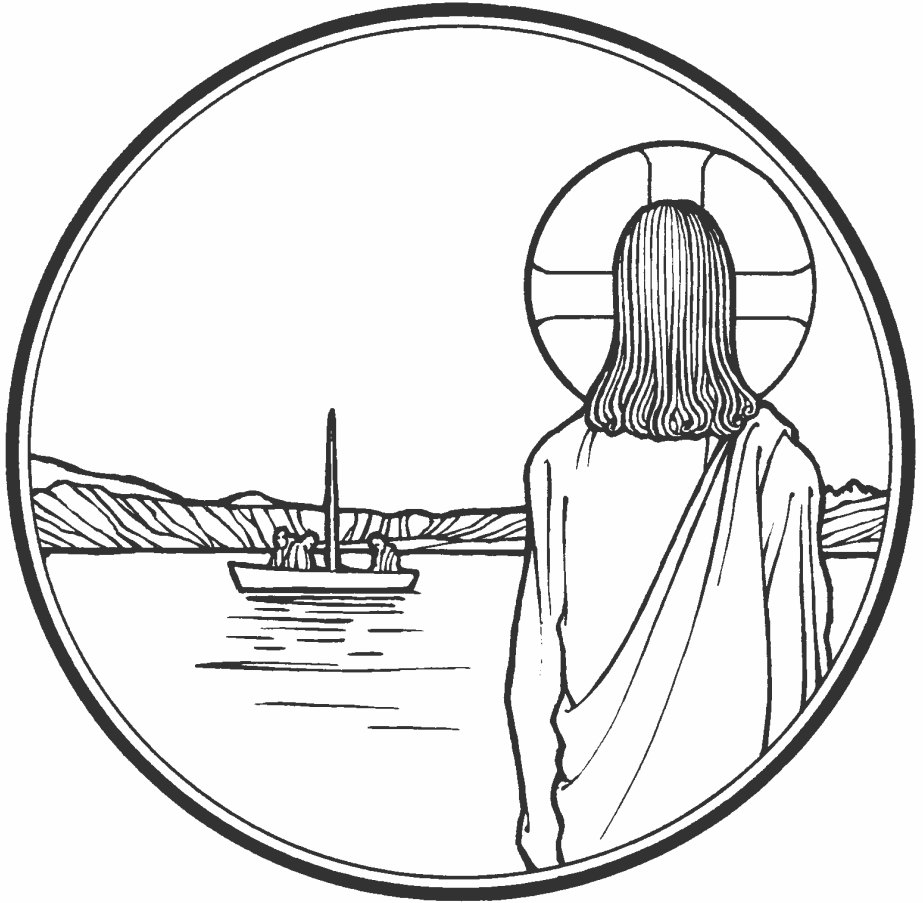


Divine Service



The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

A 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.

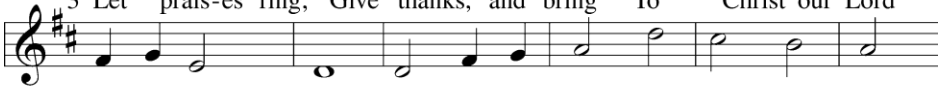
The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has *“ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”* (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He *“was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead”* (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name *“before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel”* (Acts 9:15).

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



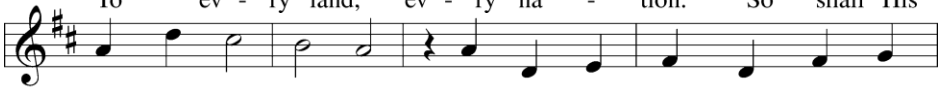
1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



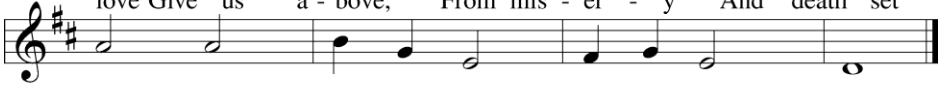
ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Stand

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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

LSB 151

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

LSB 151

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 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*

and all your saints shall | bless you!

One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,*

and shall declare your | mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*

and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*

and I will declare your | greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*

and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

The LORD is | good to all,*

and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

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.

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*

and all your saints shall | bless you!

Kyrie

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

First Reading*Acts 9:1–22*

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia and the beginning of the verse. The second staff contains the lyrics for the verse. A common time signature 'C' is placed at the start of the second staff.

Holy Gospel

John 21:1–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



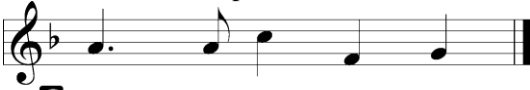
G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

599 O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
 2 Sus - tain the work You have be - gun In these u -
 3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, From all that
 4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in them re -
 nit - ed to Your Son, For in that pure bap - tis - mal
 would their hearts be - guile, From world - ly ways and Sa - tan's
 Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their faith to



new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
 flood They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
 lies, That they may not Your Word de - spise.
 share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

- 5 O Father, grant that by Your grace 6 Then robed in white before Your throne,
 They may Your will each day embrace; Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
 With fruits of faith their lives now bless, Predestined, called, and justified,
 Till they at death Your name confess. Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

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Sermon - "Confirming Faith"

John 21:15-19

The Rite of Confirmation

LSB 272

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P *[Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.*

R *Amen.*

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

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". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Sit

Offering

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.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C 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.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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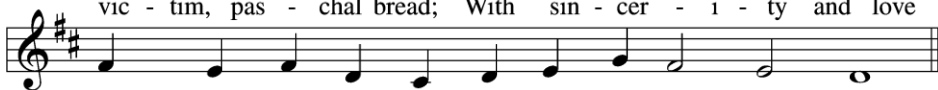
633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go—
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthral;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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689 Let Me Be Thine Forever



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;

2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,

3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.

My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!

Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast-ness,

For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.

Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.

Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.

Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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Stand

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.

Thank the Lord

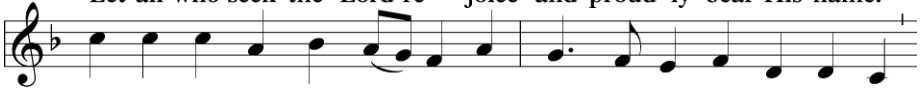
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

G 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.

G Amen.

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Confirmation Class

Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

May 4, 2025



Luke Daniel Barefoot
Parents: Tom & Joy Barefoot
Grandparents: Thomas G. & Marge Barefoot
Deverne & Gardenia Malchow
Baptismal Sponsors: Paul & Julie Malchow
Greg & Debbie Haulk
Date of Baptism: July 3, 2011
Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Rachel Joy Barefoot
Parents: Tom & Joy Barefoot
Grandparents: Thomas G. & Marge Barefoot
Deverne & Gardenia Malchow
Baptismal Sponsors: Myron & Ruth Schoen;

Ray & Natalie Horst

Date of Baptism: October 25, 2009

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:1

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”

Sarah Rachael Burger

Parents: Paul & Rachael Burger

Grandparents: Ordale (late) & Helen Mae Burger

David & Mona Geidel

Baptismal Sponsors: Joshua Geidel; BethAnn Rydlund

Date of Baptism: April 29th, 2012

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Eleanor Pearl Davis

Parents: James & Tiffany Davis

Grandparents: Gayle (late) & Linda Davis

Roger (late) & Donna Young

Baptismal Sponsors: Paul (late) & Janelle Davis

Jeremy & Kim Young

Date of Baptism: August 5th, 2023

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 119:105

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

William Jay Hodgson

Parents: Matthew & Amy Hodgson

Grandparents: Lennis & Diane (late) Hodgson

Bill & Vickie (late) Williams

Baptismal Sponsors: Chad & Melissa Hodgson

Date of Baptism: February 19, 2012

Confirmation Verse: 1 Timothy 6:12

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Emma Jayne Rosenthal

Parents: Eric & Beth Rosenthal

Grandparents: Bob Rosenthal

Charlene & Tim Pratt

Randy & Patty Solomon

Baptismal Sponsors: Paul Rosenthal & Sarah Solomon

Date of Baptism: March 27, 2011

Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not you own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Levi Anthony Splittgerber

Parents: Anthony & Lisa Splittgerber

Grandparents: Paul & Sally Splittgerber

Harry Schmidt

Baptismal Sponsors: Adrian & Betsy Hanft

Date of Baptism: March 9, 2011

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Madison Hope Vetter

Parents: Bailey Hockemeier & Adam Vetter

Aaron Hockemeier & Kara Vetter

Grandparents: Clark & Peggy Vetter

Ken & Ellen Hockemeier

Tami & Stuart Guthrie

Brian & Stacy Dauel

Baptismal Sponsors: Jordan & Sharon Hockemeier

Brooke & Colton Greving

Date of Baptism: November 2017

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 6:33

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you”**

Prayers for Our Members

Rebecca Dahlgren	Expecting
Gary Albers (<i>St. Luke's</i>)	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Mt. Carmel</i>)	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Connie DeLaet	Healing
James DeLoach	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Homestead</i>)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Cindi Foresman	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Bob Glanzer	Healing
Cindy Gibbons	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Dave Hartman	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Amy Hodgson	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Betty Mustard (<i>Broadwell</i>)	Healing
Austyn Plummer	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Norrine Rockwell (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Jane Schmid	Healing
Gretchen Trampe (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
Tom Barefoot	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck (<i>Veterans' Home</i>)	Cancer

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Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Jordan Harms (<i>Sue Bartels' niece</i>)	Expecting (High Risk)
Logan (<i>Flynn Baker family friend</i>)	Healing
Ryder Barnet (<i>Sue Bartels' relative</i>)	Healing
Kevin Becker (<i>Pam Uhlir's relative</i>)	Healing
Joan Bentley (<i>Kreutzer's friend</i>)	Healing
Derek Callahan (<i>nephew of Pr. Bill Ohlmann</i>)	Healing
Reed Flodine (<i>Pat's grandson</i>)	Healing
Randy Fritson (<i>Carol Herron's friend</i>)	Heart Transplant
Gay Koopman (<i>Todd's sister</i>)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (<i>Ruby Hatfield's sister</i>)	Healing
Luanne Lown (<i>Sue Bartels' friend</i>)	Healing
Levada Nielson (<i>Deane's mother</i>)	Healing
Tim Powers (<i>Kim Wilkens' brother</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Emmett Sprague (<i>Jill Bates' nephew</i>)	Healing
Joanne Staton (<i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i>)	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (<i>Joyce Hartman's aunt</i>)	Healing
Gerald Taubenheim (<i>Jan Hatfield's uncle</i>)	Healing
Jeff Wollberg (<i>Andy's brother</i>)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (<i>Willers' friend</i>)	Cancer
Paul Brooks (<i>Bruce & Becky Thornton's brother</i>)	Cancer
Bill Callahan (<i>Ohlmann's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (<i>Rich's brother & sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Terry Eirich (<i>Carol Herron's friend</i>)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (<i>Ruby Hatfield's niece</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Jones (<i>Rhonda Nielson's mom</i>)	Cancer
Steven Junge (<i>Steve & Fran's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Taya Mosley (<i>Miriam Gaunt's friend</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (<i>Steve & Fran's niece</i>)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (<i>Marilyn Fuqua's brother</i>)	Cancer
Ashlynn Ostgren (<i>Carol Florang's friend</i>)	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (<i>Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Ray Vang (<i>Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/27/2025

Offering: \$11,831.33

Weekly Need: \$7,900

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by The Family Lee & Phyllis Wells,
in their memory.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Dan & Shirley Oertwig,
In honor of their anniversary (May 8th).

Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 4th - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Acolyte: Grace Burger
Announcer: Brooke Fisher
Organist: Teresa Leising

Usher: Ed DeLaet
Engineer: Jamie Marquardt
Altar Guild:
Sue Bartels & Chelsea Herrera

Sunday, May 11th - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman
Acolyte: Brynn Fisher
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller
Organist: Carol DeLoach

Usher: Steve Junge
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Altar Guild:
Sue Bartels & Chelsea Herrera

This Week at Zion

Sun 5/4	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 11:30a 5:00p <i>Anniversaries</i> <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service (Confirmation) Adult Bible Class & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Barefoot Party - Fellowship Hall Divine Service <i>Bruce & Joni Brooks</i> <i>Lincoln Florang</i> <i>Robert Vos</i>
Mon 5/5	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Ann Fattig</i>
Tues 5/6	1:30p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Sleeping Mats Board of Education <i>Sharon Hockemeier</i>
Wed 5/7	8:30a	Chapel
Thurs 5/8	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Donald Helmbrecht</i>
Fri 5/9	<i>Birthdays</i>	No School - Heartland Field Day <i>Harley Huryta</i>
Sat 5/10	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Aadi Silwal</i>
Sun 5/11	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service (Confirmation) Adult Bible Class & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>Hudson Huryta</i> <i>Jackie Ohlmann</i> <i>Sophia Strong</i>

Announcements for May 4th, 2025

Weekly Devotion Helps for May 11th, 2025:

The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". All our members and students can read, sing, and study it to prepare for next Sunday's worship service.

Go on to your device to access a Bible study based on the hymn.

Zion Visioning Survey: Please take the time to take this survey as we continue the strategic planning process. If you would like a paper copy, please talk to an usher and return it to them when it is completed.



Strategic Planning for Zion: On Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 pm, Zion Lutheran Church will take the next step in our exciting visioning process with LCEF. Hopefully you had a chance to respond to the survey we provided the past few weeks. On May 22, we will gather together to keep the conversation going. Pastor Eric Kennaugh from LCEF will be leading an interactive workshop designed to help us identify our unique identity as a church and our unique calling to the greater Kearney community. The event will last no longer than 2 hours. Food and childcare will be provided. Come be part of the conversation in this fun and engaging process.

Please RSVP online at <https://zionkearney.eventbrite.com> and click "Get tickets" so we can plan food and childcare needs! There is also a paper registration in the narthex.

2nd Quarter Missions: The mission for April-June is Issues, etc., a nationally syndicated talk show that discusses theological topics in relation to society. It is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Here is a link to their archives: <https://issuesetc.org/archive/>

SCHOOL NEWS

2025-2026 Staffing: The Board of Education is now seeking the following positions:

- Part-time K-8 music teacher
- Part-time pre-kindergarten teacher

If you or someone you know would be great in either of these positions, please contact Mr. Splittgerber.

(Anthony.splittgerber@zionkearney.org)

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: We will be celebrating the awesome staff and teachers at Zion the week of May 5th. Check out the last Crusader (PIN Note) to see what to bring and who to bring for.

Heartland Field Day: K-8 students will be participating in the Heartland Field Day. There will be no school for all students, including Preschool and Prekindergarten.

PreK Achievement Ceremonies: An Achievement Ceremony for the Zion Pre-Kindergarten classes is scheduled for the following days/times:

- Filbert Pre-K class: **Tuesday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m.** in the school gym.
- Halva Pre-K class: **Tuesday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m.** in the school gym.
- Families are invited and encouraged to attend.

8th Grade Graduation: Graduation will be Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. There will be a reception afterwards.