

# ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

**IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7 & 11, 2025**

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** Our glorified Savior is also our Good Shepherd.

*This is the Fourth Sunday in the season of Easter. The fifty days of Easter constitute the oldest season of the Christian year. These fifty days correspond to the period of the Jewish year between the Passover and the Feast of Weeks. This season is most important season of the church year, because in it we celebrate the very reason for the hope that we have: the resurrection of our Lord and what it means for our lives now and eternally.*

**LITURGY: Service of the Word**

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## **OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP**

**PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

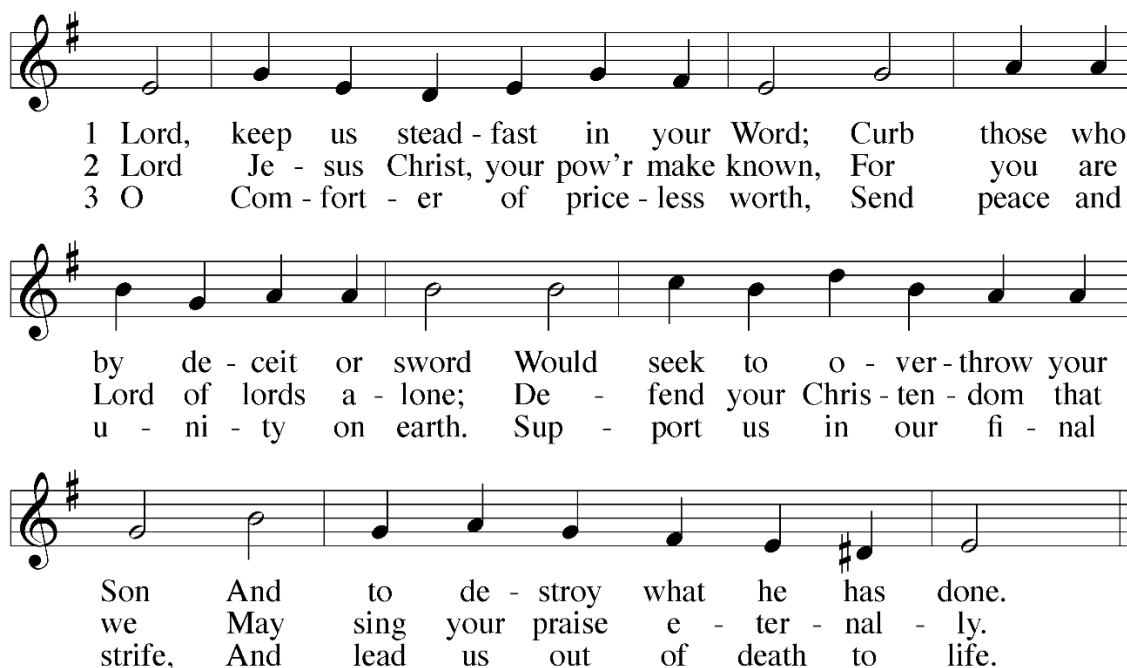
**BATHROOMS** – Bathrooms are located in the East foyer and in the school hallway off the west foyer. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

**VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

## REFORMATION

## 203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him."

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

## THE WORD

### First Lesson

Acts 13:15-16a, 26-33

<sup>15</sup> After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it.” <sup>16</sup> Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand,

<sup>26</sup> “Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. <sup>27</sup> The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> “We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. <sup>33</sup> God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: You are my Son. Today I have begotten you. (EHV)

### Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. <sup>13</sup> One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?” And I answered him, “Sir, you know.” <sup>14</sup> And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup> They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

GOSPEL:

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup>Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. <sup>26</sup>But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one." (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 549

"Around the Throne, a Glorious Band"

## 549

## Around the Throne, a Glorious Band



1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The  
 2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They  
 3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And  
 4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through  
 5 Oh, may we tread the sa - cred road That



saints in count - less num - bers stand, Of  
 bore the cross, de - spised the shame. From  
 sing the tri - umphs of his grace. Each  
 end - less years to live and reign; You  
 saints and ho - ly mar - tyrs trod, Wage



ev - 'ry tongue, re - deemed to God, Ar -  
 all their la - bors now they rest In  
 day and night they sing his praise, To  
 have re - deemed us by your blood And  
 to the end the glo - rious strife, And



rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.  
 God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.  
 him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise:  
 made us kings and priests to God."  
 win, like them, a crown of life.

Text: Rowland Hill, 1744–1833, abr., alt.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: Revelation 7:9-17

## The Lamb Is Our Shepherd

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING:** *(Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Good Shepherd, in your loving care lead us to live without worrying, filled with contentment, and satisfied by your grace. Call into your flock others who hear your voice and follow with faith.

**C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

P: Guide us with your divine Word to feed our soul and strengthen our will. Calm us with your quiet peace. Restore those who slip into sin and those who stray from your guidance.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

P: Patiently turn us away from the path of worldly decisions and move us to walk in the righteous ways of God. Stay by the side of the hurting, the lonely, and the troubled, and let them find the way in you.

**C: He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**



P: The shadows of death will enfold us at last. But we will not be afraid – even of the deadliest evil – because you are near. Fill our lives with the meaningful purpose of following you, and define our destiny in terms of your divine promises. Comfort the dying with your resurrection victory.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: Our table of blessings overflows. Therefore, lead us with heavenly wisdom and courage to use them faithfully. Prevent any earthly enemies or the devil himself from enticing us to abuse your good and gracious gifts. May people and nations blessed with abundance recognize you as the Provider of all and praise your name.

**C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. Shepherd us to walk in your ways until we come to our heavenly home which you have prepared for us and all believers. For now, lead us so that we may lead others who are looking for goodness and love.

**C: Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

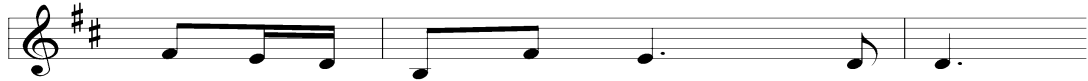
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

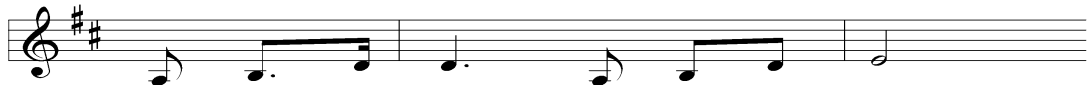
**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone — who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



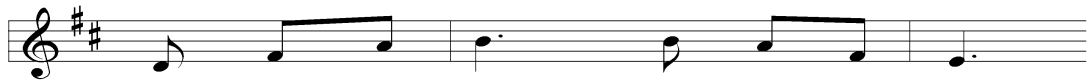
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



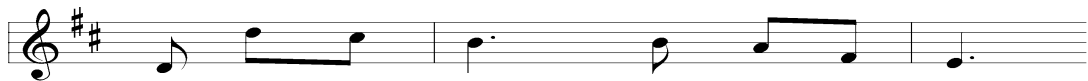
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



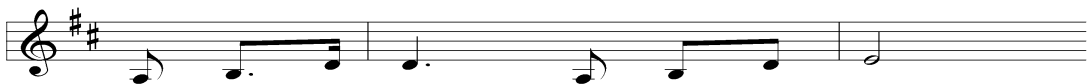
Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

(Fine)



## CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN: CW 432

## “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

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432

## I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb



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**CALL MEETING**—Pastor Andrew Leuhring has returned his call. We plan on going to the assignment committee for a pastor from the seminary. The call day at Martin Luther College is Thurs., May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep Zion in your prayers as we proceed forward.

**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING:** Mrs. Hannah Breckon has returned her call. We are planning on having a meeting to discuss our next steps.

**ZION OUTSIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 10 @ 9:00 a.m.** The Trustees have scheduled Zion's annual outside clean-up. This year they have plans to trim bushes and spread dirt or mulch. Many hands make swift work so please anyone who is able & willing to work come and join us.

**ZION SCHOOL GRADUATION:** This year there is some changes to the Zion Graduation and Awards nights that we have had in the past. This year they will be handing out the student awards and certificates following the final 8 a.m. chapel service on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Zion will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation at 2:00 p.m. then a quick Kindergarten graduation with refreshments following to celebrate the students and what they have accomplished.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Conference room. Please plan on attending if you are on the committee, we have a lot to cover. Thank you for participation and support.

**ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:** Mark your calendars for the upcoming Rummage Sale on Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31. Lots of helping hands make the work a lot easier. Please see the West foyer for sign-up sheets for the different times that we need volunteers. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you ladies from group 2 for coming to help clean the church and both foyers and the windows last Wednesday. Big thank you to Melanie Palmatier, Nancy Chalupka, Barb McMullen, Lorrie Koenig, Linda Jaskot, Stacy Heusman & Deb Sachs. Also, three of our husbands came, Ray Palmatier, Dennis Jaskot, & Mark Fuerstenberg. You were great helpers! Until next year.

Sincerely, Sherry Fuerstenberg

Coming up at Zion ....

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Confirmation Examination during Adult Bible Class
	Ice Cream Social to follow to meet the Confirmands and congratulate them.
Monday	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service (IC)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Church Council
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Confirmation Sunday (IC/CC)
	There is no Sunday School or Bible Class until Labor Day weekend.
	1:00 Jesus Cares Worship service

## May Volunteers

	<b>April 30 &amp; May 4</b>	<b>May 7 &amp; 11</b>	<b>May 14 &amp; 18</b>	<b>May 21 &amp; 25</b>	<b>May 28 &amp; June 1</b>
Altar Guild			Liz Seibert		
Live Stream Helpers	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger
Ushers	<p><b><u>April 30</u></b>            Jake Burke            Rich Heusman            Jeff Heusman            Juergen Koenig            Matt McCormick            Zach McCormick</p> <p><b><u>May 4</u></b>            Jake Burke            Rich Heusman            Jeff Heusman            Juergen Koenig            Matt McCormick            Zach McCormick</p>	<p><b><u>May 7</u></b>            Tony Affholter            Jeff Douglas            Mark Fuerstenberg            Bryce Mueller            Ray Palmatier</p> <p><b><u>May 11</u></b>            Tony Affholter            Jeff Douglas            Mark Fuerstenberg            Bryce Mueller            Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><b><u>May 14</u></b>            Mark Kipf            Keith McBee            Dave McKenzie            Joe Schmeling</p> <p><b><u>May 18</u></b>            Mark Kipf            Keith McBee            Dave McKenzie            Joe Schmeling</p>	<p><b><u>May 21</u></b>            Dave Bengé            Alan Bober            Matthew Hill            Joe Koch            Jeremy Robinson            Jacob Robinson            William Robinson</p> <p><b><u>May 25</u></b>            Dave Bengé            Alan Bober            Matthew Hill            Joe Koch            Jeremy Robinson            Jacob Robinson            William Robinson</p>	<p><b><u>May 28</u></b>            Ray Chandonnet            Erich Freiny            Rob Krueger            Matthew Loos            Zach Turner</p> <p><b><u>June 1</u></b>            Ray Chandonnet            Erich Freiny            Rob Krueger            Matthew Loos            Zach Turner</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><b><u>April 30</u></b>            Jeremy Robinson</p> <p><b><u>May 4</u></b>            Alan Bober            Mark Kipf</p>		<p><b><u>May 14</u></b>            Ray Palmatier</p> <p><b><u>May 18</u></b>            Jake Burke            Jeff Heusman</p>		<p><b><u>May 28</u></b>            Alan Bober</p> <p><b><u>June 1</u></b>            Ray Palmatier            Jeremy Robinson</p>