

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30 & May 4, 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: The risen and glorified Christ appears in order to strengthen faith.

This is the Third 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: Common Service

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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!

Prelude Music: O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

Jesus The Very Thought of Thee Alleluia

M. Dandrieu John Dykes Wolfgang Mozart

Opening Hymn: CW 370

REDEEMER





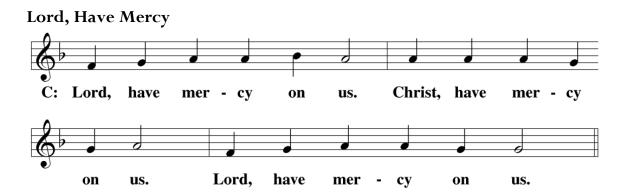
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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (\$\frac{1}{2}\$) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

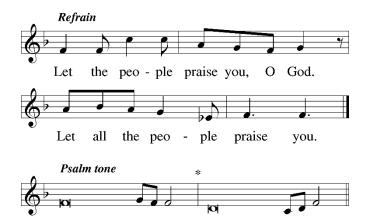


Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:1-19a

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners. ³ As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do." ⁷The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone. ⁸ They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink. ¹⁰ There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight." ¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶ Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." ¹⁷ Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ And after taking some food, he regained his strength. (EHV)



May God be gracious to us and <u>bless</u> us* and make his face shine up<u>on</u> us;

may your ways be <u>known</u> on earth,* your salvation among all <u>na</u>tions.

May the nations be glad and <u>sing</u> for joy,* for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations <u>of</u> the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its <u>har</u>vest,* and God, our God, will <u>bless</u> us.

God will <u>bless</u> us,*
and all the ends of the earth will <u>fear</u> him.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹² With a loud voice they were saying: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. ¹³ I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on 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. ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL



John 21:1-14

21 After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus called to them, "Boys, don't you have any fish?" "No!" they answered. ⁶ He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish. ⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard, "It is the Lord!" he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." 11 So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come, eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. (EHV)



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

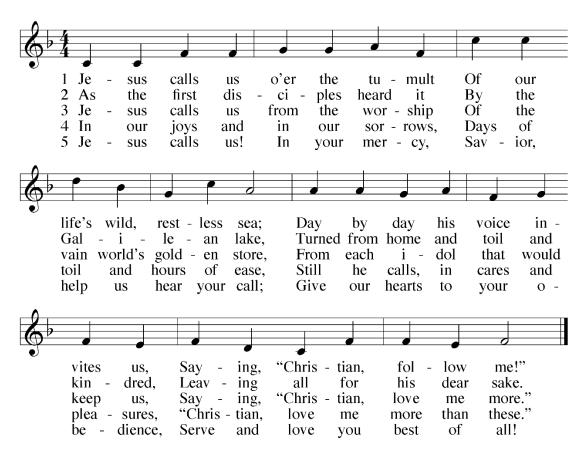
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 463 "Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult"

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Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.

Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: John 21:1-14

Jesus Lets Us Recognize Him

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.

Offertory Music: Andantino Joseph Haydn

- P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C: We confess that without your love we are lost.
- P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.
- P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.
- P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



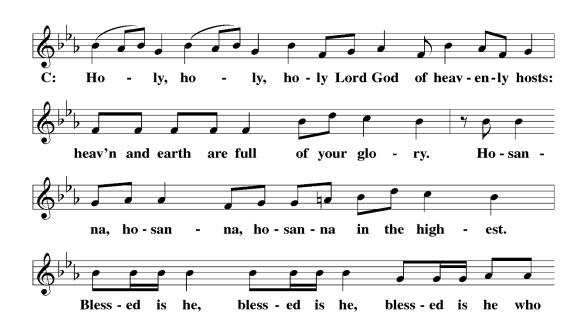
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

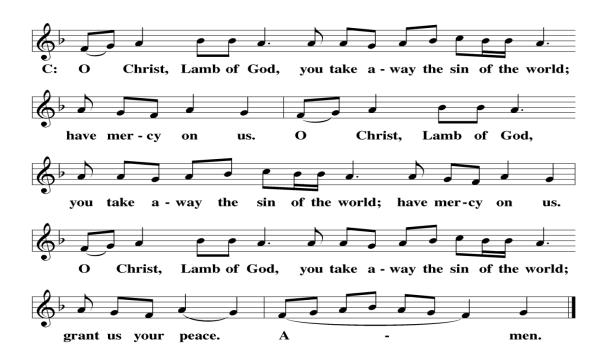
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



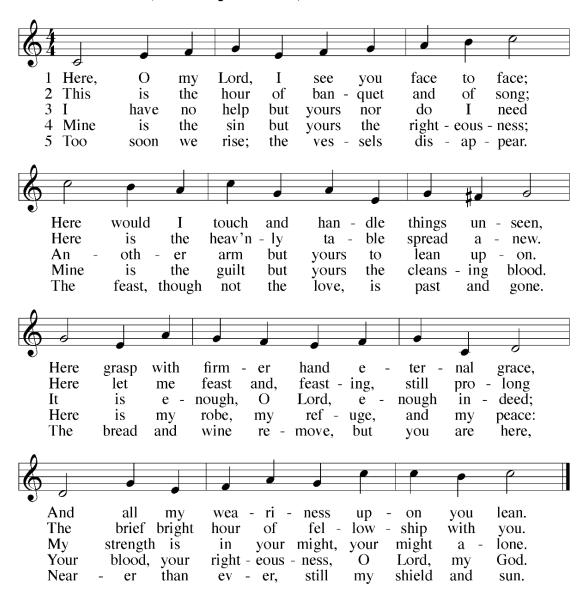
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



HOLY COMMUNION

315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.

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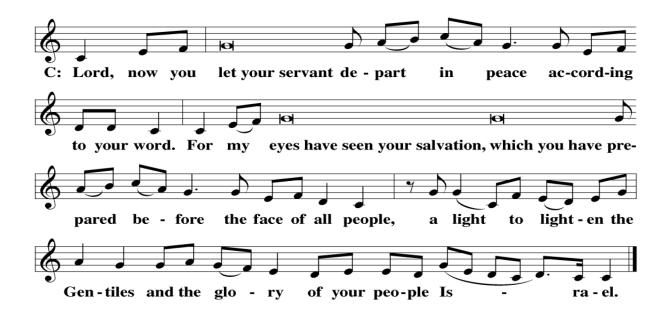
He's Risen, He's Risen



Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt. Tune: WALTHER (11 11 11 11) C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



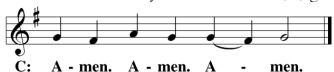
P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: 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 $(\mathbf{\$})$ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 239

WORSHIP AND PRAISE



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865-1919.

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

Postlude Music: Joyous Song Gordon Young

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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 22nd.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING: On Sunday, April 6th the Voter's decided to extend a call to Mrs. Hannah Breckon has been called to serve as our Preschool Director and teacher. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates the call.

MLS Open House - May 2nd! Michigan Lutheran Seminary would like to invite you to our upcoming Open House! This Open House will take place from 3:00-5:00 PM on Friday, May 2nd. This is a great opportunity for 5th-8th grade students and their families to learn about the campus, academics, and extracurriculars at MLS! You'll have a chance to meet faculty, talk to parents and students, and take a tour of the campus! If you're interested or would like more information, contact us at admissions@mlsem.org or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 294.

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 everyone who is able and willing to work come and join us.

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.

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 21st. On Thursday, May 22nd Zion will hold the 8th grade graduation at 2:00 p.m. then a quick Kindergarten graduation with refreshments following to celebrate the students and what they have accomplished.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:30 a.m. Caroling at Nursing Homes

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Confirmation Examination during Adult Bible Class

Ice Cream Social to follow to meet the Confirmands and congratulate them

May Volunteers

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