

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



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*"My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and  
they follow me."*

*- John 10:27*

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Sundays with Zion

Worship . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Hour . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

## ***Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025***

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to ***pray*** and read the ***Scriptures*** for the day.

***WE ARE DELIGHTED AND BLESSED*** to have you worship with us today!

***ALL WORSHIPERS*** are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin. Before we begin, you are also invited to pray and to read the Scripture for today's worship.

### ***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

*O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your life-giving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service for all. Hear us for His sake. Amen.*

### ***As We Gather***

In our world of constant change and abundant challenges to our faith, we often feel alone, and fear causes us to question where God is and what He is doing. Our Good Shepherd has pledged never to abandon us but to be with us always. More than this, He has promised that no one can snatch us from His hand. He is the powerful Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Because of the investment He has made in us, He does not surrender us to temptation, trouble, trial, or test.

*Stand*

### ***O Worship the Risen Christ***

What name is the praise of the heavens above  
That enraptures the wonder of angels?  
Whose glory outshines all the burning of suns  
And shall blaze all the brighter through ages?

*Chorus*

O praise the One, the Risen Christ  
The name of names, the Lord of Life  
Let songs of joy now fill the skies  
He lives, He lives, O worship the Risen Christ

What morning has known such a glorious light  
And what hour beheld such a promise  
When He who was slain dawned the end of all night  
When He rose to crush death and our darkness *Chorus*

From heaven to earth, for a people He came  
From the earth bore our sin unto Calv'ry  
From Calv'ry He sank to the depths of the grave  
From the grave unto infinite glory *Chorus*

What riches of hope, now what treasures are mine  
What a blessed foretaste of redemption  
What oceans of happiness when we meet Christ  
And we're swept into His resurrection

O praise the One, the Risen Christ  
The name of names, the Lord of Life  
Let songs of joy now fill the skies  
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*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.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalms 124:8*

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## ***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## **First Reading**

Acts 20:17–35

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

Revelation 7:9–17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the

throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

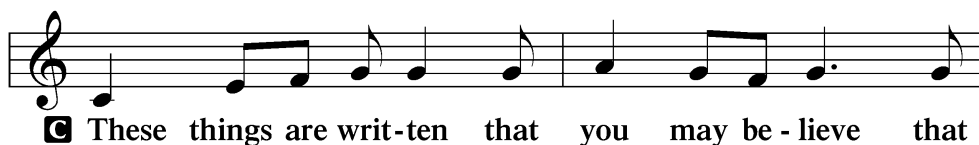
<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### ***Alleluia and Verse***





## ***Holy Gospel***

John 10:22–30

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

**C** **Gloria to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## ***Children's Message***

*Children are invited to the front for a brief teaching especially for them.*

*Stand*

## ***Apostles' Creed***

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**



**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day He rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**  
**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy Christian Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## ***From God Can Nothing Move Me***

LSB 713 sts. 1-2, 6-7



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
 6 Yet e - ven though I suf - fer The world's un - pleas - ant - ness,  
 △ 7 For thus the Fa - ther willed it, Who fash - ioned us from clay;



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 And though the days grow rough - er And bring me great dis - tress,  
 And His own Son ful - filled it And brought e - ter - nal day.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
 That day of bliss di - vine, Which knows no end or mea - sure,  
 The Spir - it now has come, To us true faith has giv - en;



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
And Christ, who is my plea - sure, For - ev - er shall be mine.  
He leads us home to heav - en. O praise the Three in One!

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*Sit*

## **Sermon**

*Pastor Philip Tesch*

### ***Response to the Word***

*Stand*

## **Confession and Absolution**

- 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.**

*Kneel (Silence for reflection on our need for forgiveness)*

- 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.**
- 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 (*John 20:22-23; 1 Corinthians 4:1*), I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

## **Offering**

*Please leave a yellow information sheet for your household in the plate that is passed with any offerings you may have as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.*

*(You can also click on the Online Giving button at [ZionLutheranNH.org](http://ZionLutheranNH.org) to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes)*

## **Surrounding Me**

In the caverns of my mind  
There's demons I fight  
And I know you know  
And I'm running from the battle I can't win on my own  
With nowhere to run too tired to fight  
Come and save me come and save me  
I'm needing You now

### *Chorus*

You are my hope in the land of the living  
My Refuge when life's unrelenting  
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night  
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces  
The outstretched arms that embrace  
In your presence God, oh I have found my peace  
You are surrounding me

In the shadows of the tomb  
It seemed that they'd won it was so dark  
But the death that You had chosen  
Was soon to be gone  
You fought on Your own  
You fought and You won  
And now You hold me now You hold me close  
I'm not alone

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Through the darkest of nights  
You are the Light that's leading me home  
When I am afraid and hope starts to fade

I'll trust You alone  
With arms stretched wide my Savior died  
To rise up from the grave  
Your victory alive in me  
I know that I am safe

You are my hope in the land of the living  
My Refuge when life's unrelenting  
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night  
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces  
The outstretched arms that embrace  
In your presence God, oh I have found my peace

In your presence God, oh I have found my peace  
You are surrounding me

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*Stand*

## ***Prayers of the People***

**L** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord God, Shepherd of souls, Your apostle Paul promised that fierce opposition and twisted speech would come against Your Church, even from within her own fold. Raise up faithful men to pastor Your flock through these threats, and grant that they would not shrink from proclaiming the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times.

Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers *[including those on our prayer list]*. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord of all the living, You shepherd Your saints through the gate of death, out of all tribulation, to the very throne room of heaven. Bless those who grieve and give them eyes of faith to see the deaths they mourn in light of the resurrection of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord, enthroned in heaven, You gather Your saints into the shelter of Your presence, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here, and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our

Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### ***Lord's Prayer***

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

### ***Benediction***

*Numbers 6:23-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C Amen.**

### ***Christ Is Risen Indeed***

What a morning when the silence turned to singing  
What rejoicing on the third appointed day  
The cross exhausted all its cru'lt'y and its power  
But love declared its victory and rolled the stone away

#### *Chorus*

Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Death has been defeated and the grave has lost its sting  
Hallelujah with the angels we will sing  
Christ is risen Christ is risen indeed

Such a hope we have in Christ the Resurrection  
Such a joy to know by grace we've been redeemed  
Through Christ we died a death to sin and all its folly  
But glorified we will rise to live eternally *Chorus*

*Bridge*

Salvation and immortal praise  
To our victorious King  
Let the heavens and the earth  
With glad hosannas ring

*Chorus*

Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Death has been defeated and the grave has lost its sting  
Hallelujah with the angels we will sing  
Christ is risen *Repeat chorus*

Christ is risen indeed

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# ◆ The **VISION** of Zion Lutheran Church ◆

In response to God's amazing grace and love  
Zion Lutheran Church is a place of refuge  
where children, youth and adults are:

**GROUND**ED in God's unchanging Word,

**REACHING OUT** with the Good News of  
Jesus Christ locally and globally,

**ACCEPTING** others in the same loving way  
God has accepted us,

**CHANGING** into committed Christ followers, and

**EMPOWERED** to be Christ's hands and feet  
joyfully serving others.

## Our Core Values

### We Believe:

- ◆ We are saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ. (*Eph. 2: 8-9; Rom. 3:22-24; Titus 3:4-7*)
- ◆ Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life! No one comes to the Father except through Him! (*John 14:6; Acts 4:12*)
- ◆ Scripture is the Word of God. It is without error and our only source for life and faith! (*2 Tim. 3:16; John 20:31; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)
- ◆ Baptism & the Lord's Supper are the means by which God touches our lives with His grace. (*Rom 6:1-7; 1 Peter 3:21; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 11:23-26*)
- ◆ God has chosen us to proclaim the Gospel to our community and world. (*Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15*)
- ◆ In the power of God working through the Holy Spirit & Prayer. (*John 14:26; Acts 4:31; Mark 11:24; Phil 4:6-7*)
- ◆ We desire to remain a loving (*1Cor 13; 1John 4:7-11*) , caring family of God.
- ◆ We cherish our Lutheran heritage.