

**Sunday Worship**  
**May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## INTRODUCTION

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded      Arr: Portman

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as You are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as You are one.**

- P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into You, O Living One,
- C: make us one as you are one.**
- P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One
- C: Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #836**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . .
- C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 140**

- C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director Bill Jones

*There is a Longing in Our Hearts*

Composer: Anne Quingley

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20

R: <sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and 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." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 30

R: <sup>1</sup>I will exalt You, O LORD, because You have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: <sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You restored me to health.**

R: <sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

R: <sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C: <sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

R: <sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then You hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

C: <sup>8</sup>**I cried to You, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

R: <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You or declare your faithfulness?

C: <sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

R: <sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

C: <sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to You without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give You thanks forever.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

R: <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

R: The Word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Gospel according to **John 21:1-19**

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon 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. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to 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 there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** Pastor Jaren Summers

**HYMN** Red hymnal #661

*I Love to Tell the Story*

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

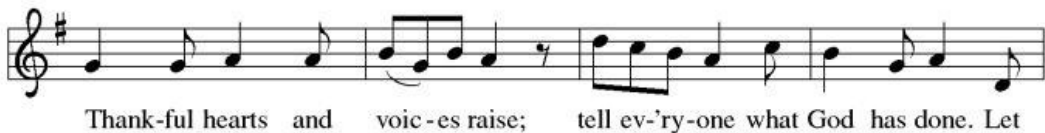
#### PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

#### OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

**OFFERTORYSONG** Red hymnal #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise





## COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

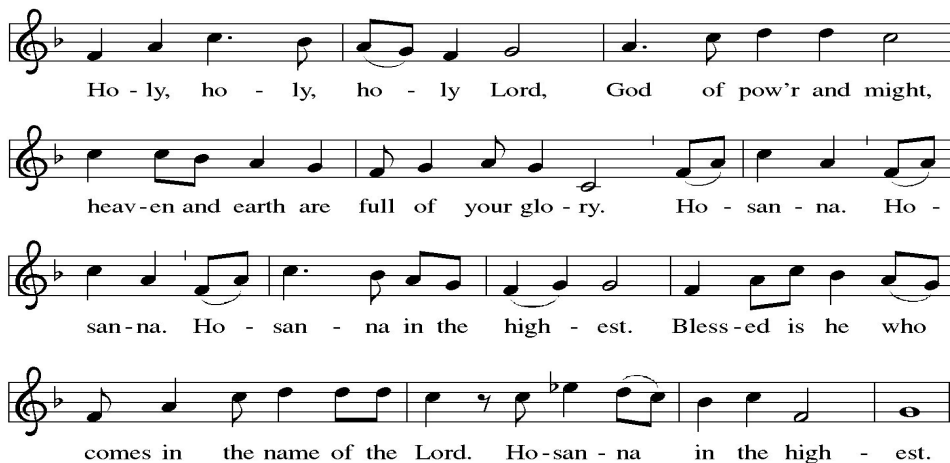
**C: We lift them to the Lord**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144 - from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### 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.**



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

## **BLESSING**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, +  
Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always

C: Amen.

**HYMN** Purple hymnal #991

*Go to the World*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
"Serving Christ through serving others."

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**

*The Strife is O'er The Battle Done*

Arr. Black

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Denise & Doug Jacobs in honor of their children's birthdays..*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

## **In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Chris Frame
Communion Assist	Pam Sauls
Usher	Matt Sauls
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOMEN OF ZION LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Dos Lunas on Sunday, May 18th -  
6:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship hallway. Feel free to  
invite female family and friends for an evening of fellowship.

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURE FOR THE CHURCH ROSTER** The Communications/ Welcoming Committee is working on creating a church roster for all members which will have names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and **pictures!** We hope to update the roster a couple of times a year so that current information is available for all members of Zion. The roster will be printed on pages stapled together and will replace the loose leaf notebooks we currently use. If you have a current photograph of you and your family (if you have children), please email the picture to the church office at [office@ziontippcity.org](mailto:office@ziontippcity.org) or place the photograph in Deb Keppel's mailbox. We will return the photo to you after we scan it. *We can also take your picture before or after service in the next few weeks. Deb Keppel or Jill Greer will be taking pictures in the Fellowship Hall.*

**SAVE THE DATE FOR ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS** Mark your calendars for July 19th at 7:05 pm. Tickets will cost \$15 and if we get 50 people signed up, each person will get a \$5 voucher to use at the stadium. We have 80 tickets available so, invite family and friends! A sign up sheet is up in the fellowship hallway. We have to give the Dragons our count early, so sign up by JUNE 12th. An envelope for payment is on the table in the workroom. Please indicate if you paid with cash or check, the check number and amount. Make checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*.

**MAY TIDINGS** are available on the table in the narthex.

### THIS WEEK AT ZION

<b>Monday, May 5</b>	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:00 pm	<b>Property Meeting</b>
	6:30 pm	Scouts
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	6:00 pm	AA
	7:00 pm	<b>Pastor Relations Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b>
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

### Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;  
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;  
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*