

**April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able
Congregation responses are in bold*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead:

That we might walk in the newness of life!

Because He Lives:

We, too, shall live to the praise of God's glory!

Nothing, not even death, can ever separate us from the embrace of
God's love:

**God has given us His love as a gift, which is ours through
Christ our Lord.**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

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Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
 and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
 and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
 and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

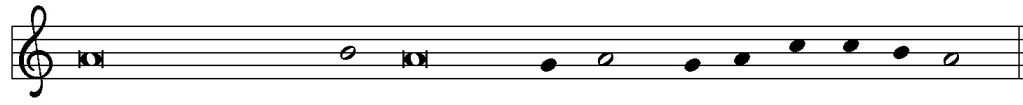
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



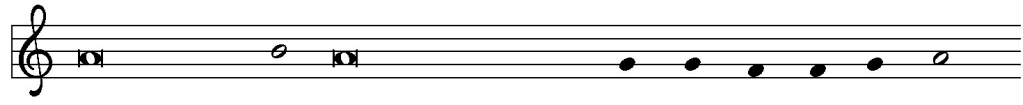
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

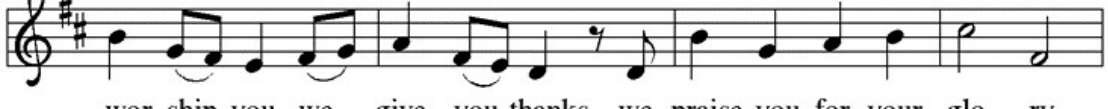


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

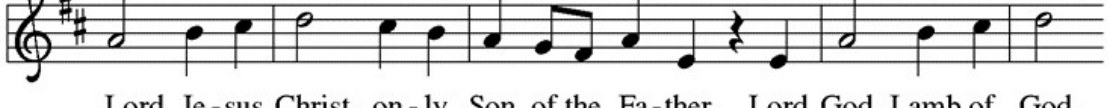
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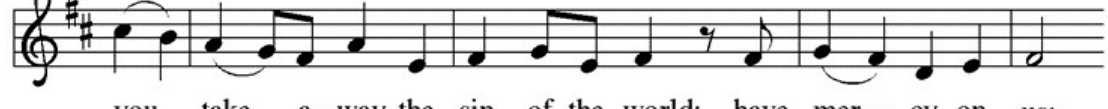
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



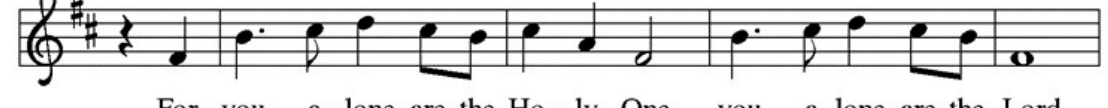
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Acts:

(Acts 8:26-40, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 96)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Psalm 22:25-31
Paraphrased by Pastor William

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Here I am, gathered with fellow disciples;
worshipping and praising you, God.
I promise to do your work in this world;
I'll follow through when I leave here.
The hungry will be fed, the poor lifted up;
I'll do my part to make it happen.
The world shall see you in my actions;
they'll come running, thanking you.

The people who have forgotten you,
will return with joy.
From now on, all will know you;
all peoples will praise you.
Our children will know your love;
their children will hear:
all will shout – Thanks be to God!

A reading from 1 John:

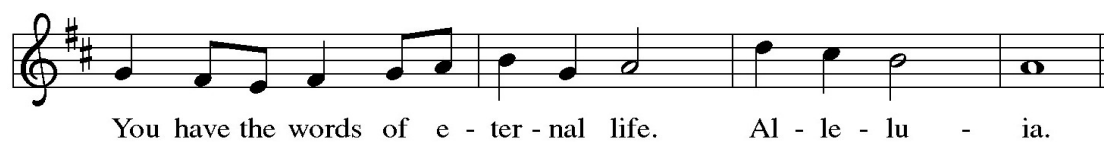
(1 John 4:7-21, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 188)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 15:1-8, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 84)

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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AM: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence for personal prayer

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all congregations: for the caring ministries of all faith communities, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,

**Jane Fairman, Ava Medina, Chris Thompson, Keith Haga, Cindy Bagocius,
John Long, Dick Seeton, and Art Brakus**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

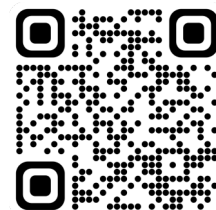
The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I
 have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: Offrande

By: Flor Peters

Please stand as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

AM: Let us pray,

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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AM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Cortège

By: Flor Peters



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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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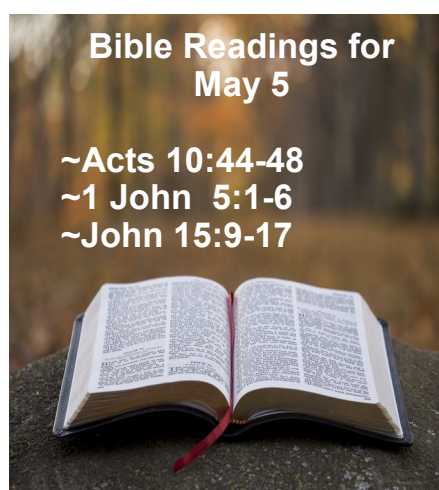
Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
Acolyte: Ava Medina
Accompanist: Carol Mckimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: Paul Bagocius and Chris Thompson
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Lisa Frock
Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Nick Cignetti
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek

Flowers in celebration of spring and a very special birthday!

May 5, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
Acolyte: Eli Haga
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians:
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith
Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Jayne Schrader
Trustees:
Flowers by: Jim Fidler in loving memory of
Elaine M. Fidler and Frances Mejstrik



Bible Readings for May 5

~Acts 10:44-48
~1 John 5:1-6
~John 15:9-17

John 15:1-8
Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



*Dwelling in a world
created with love and
entrusted to our care*

Stewardship in the Gospel

Jesus says that anything that aligns with who he is and what he is doing in the world, is ours for the asking. Wow, that is a generous God! It is God's good pleasure to give what is needed; especially that which is needed to further God's kingdom on earth.

Stewardship in our Community

How might our community benefit if we operated our churches with a mindset of abundance that would be used to benefit our community? God promises to provide whatever is needed for those who abide with Jesus to produce fruit in God's kingdom. God's got plenty to give us to help us produce more fruit to benefit others.

Stewardship in practice

Is your church struggling financially? How much of your church's budget is used for internal use; building maintenance, staff salary, and other things that do not benefit the community? Now, compare that to how much is used to reach the oppressed, ignored and unloved with God's good news? Perhaps the latter is the fruit God is looking to support.

A graphic with a light beige background. On the left, two hands are clasped in prayer, with two blue, glowing faces behind them. The text is on the right.

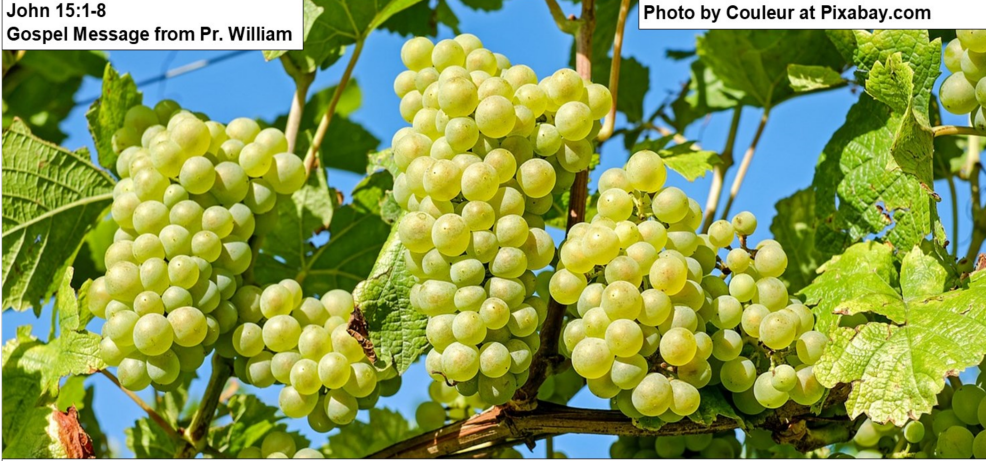
Let us pray for you

**This week we pray for:
Mark, Cheryl, Robert and those affected by the war.
Submit your prayer requests to Jayne Schrader at
Prayer@Zion-NC.com**

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

John 15:1-8
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if we abide (dwell) in him we can ask for whatever we want and it will be done for us. How about that winning mega-lottery ticket, Jesus? Oh wait, how would that be abiding in Jesus? Jesus doesn't want me asking for my own self-ish desires, rather, he wants me asking for those things that align with his desires. He wants me doing the things that align with who he is and what he is doing in the world. So, let's dwell with Jesus and get in alignment.



Equal Exchange and Shared Goods Combine Forces for Earth Day!



With every Equal Exchange purchase, receive a grocery shopping bag!

MAY 2, 2024

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

PRAY WITH AMERICA

The Worship Space open all day for silent prayers.
Prayer cards provided!!

Please join the reception for Vicki Givler's 6 years of dedicated service!

thank you for your service

After Worship Service
Sunday, May 5, 2024

JOIN US FOR

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ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

Today, 10:15 - 11:15 am

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church Continued.....



**Bible Discussion
Every Thursday**
7am - Offsite
9am - Zoom
12pm - Zion Library

Contact office for info

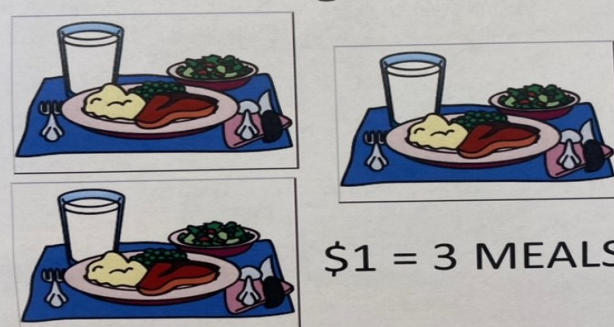
**Let's dig
in together**

**The Zion
Food Pantry
is collecting
plastic bags!**

**Help us and
the planet at
the same
time!!**



Stark Hunger Walk



\$1 = 3 MEALS

**Please support Team Zion and help us end
hunger in our community.**

**Collection deadline May 5th.
\$1 = 3 meals, fill a bag for \$5**

**Bags available in Coffee Bar Area.
ONLY \$5.00!!!**

Help us try and reach our goal of 2000 Meals



Mark your calendars for the Stark Hunger Walk
Sunday, May 5. Info on bulletin board in hallway
All proceeds benefit the Stark County Regional
Foodbank!

**Mark your calendar
for the
Mother's Day
Brunch Sunday,
March 12th
Following
Worship Service**



**BOOK DISCUSSION
FRIDAY MAY 3
10AM**

Contact
Linda Weidenbach for
details



*Dorothy
Fuldheim*

Patricia M. Mote

Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Pray
without
ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Contact Jayne Schrader
Prayer@Zion-NC.com