

May 24, 2026
Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service



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Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Steve Johnson

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

*We welcome Jesus into our presence as we
turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space*

Verses 1-4

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you
thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Assisting minister



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

All




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.

PM: Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Choir Anthem Holy Spirit , Living Breath of God Keith Getty & Stuart Townend arr. Lloyd Larson

A reading from Acts:

(Acts 2:1-21, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 90)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

(1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 133)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



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

(John 20:19-23, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 88)

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

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
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PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

Leaders: While each worship service reminds our congregation that CARING MINISTRY is a part of the life of every Christian, today we recognize three of our members who have offered themselves to become **Stephen Ministers**.

Listen now to the words we find in scripture:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 tells us: *"Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trouble, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received."*

Colossians 3:23-24 says: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

Leader: Initial training is now complete, and we ask the following individuals to come forward: Nikki Milek, Mark Denman, and Dave Palumbo.

Leader: Each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation who need to be comforted. As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to *be responsive* to the needs of others.

As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to *be a friend* to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.

As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to *be a patient listener* in a hurried world.

As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to *heal divisions* wherever you find them and strive to *make people whole*. As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those people whom you serve and to *pray for them*.

Leaders: Will you support the ministry by using the training you received to become a trained Stephen Minister; will you affirm your training; and diligently use your supervision protocol? Also, will you help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry. If so, answer, "Yes, by the help of God."

Stephen Ministers respond: **Yes, by the help of God.**

Leader: As the Lord Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry. If so, answer, “Yes, by the help of God.

Stephen Ministers respond: **Yes, by the help of God.**

Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Canton, OH, will you open your hearts to the ministry of Mark, Nikki and Dave, and pray for them as servants of Christ? If so, answer: “Yes, by the help of God.”

Congregation: **Yes, by the help of God.**

[Each minister will kneel in turn.]

Stephen Minister Blessings

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have called, Nikki, Dave and Mark to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **AMEN**

Leader: I give you Zion’s Stephen Ministers! Congratulations! Go in peace

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AM: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

AM: O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country, especially our friends and family of Zion.

Pause for a moment of silence.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together,
Dean & Debbie Fox, Paul & Cindy Bagocius, and Brian & Nikki Milek.

AM: Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Betty Tracy and Steve Moore.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

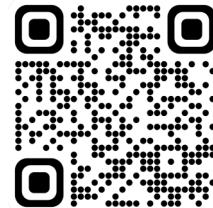
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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

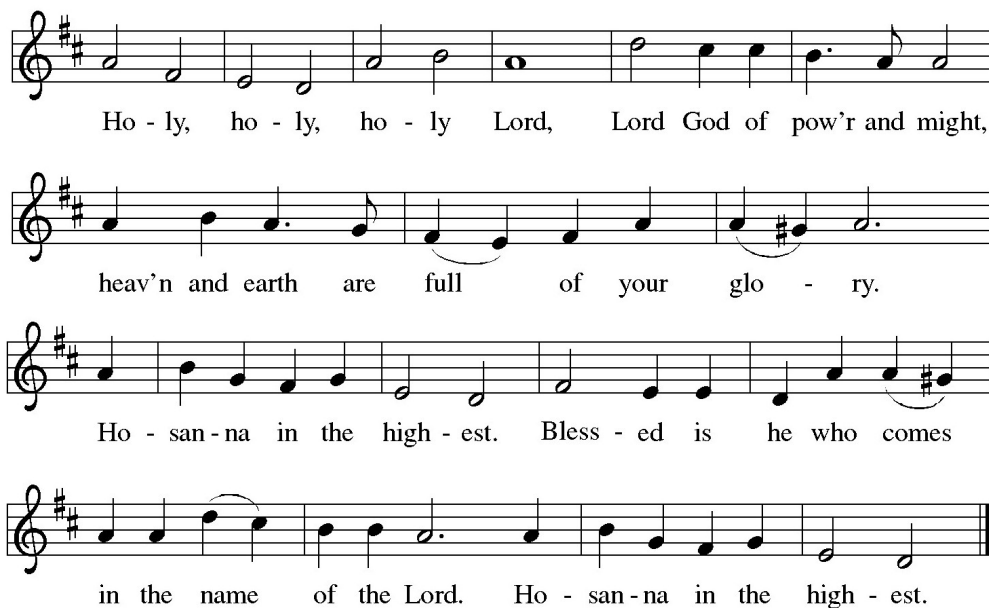
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

PM: For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

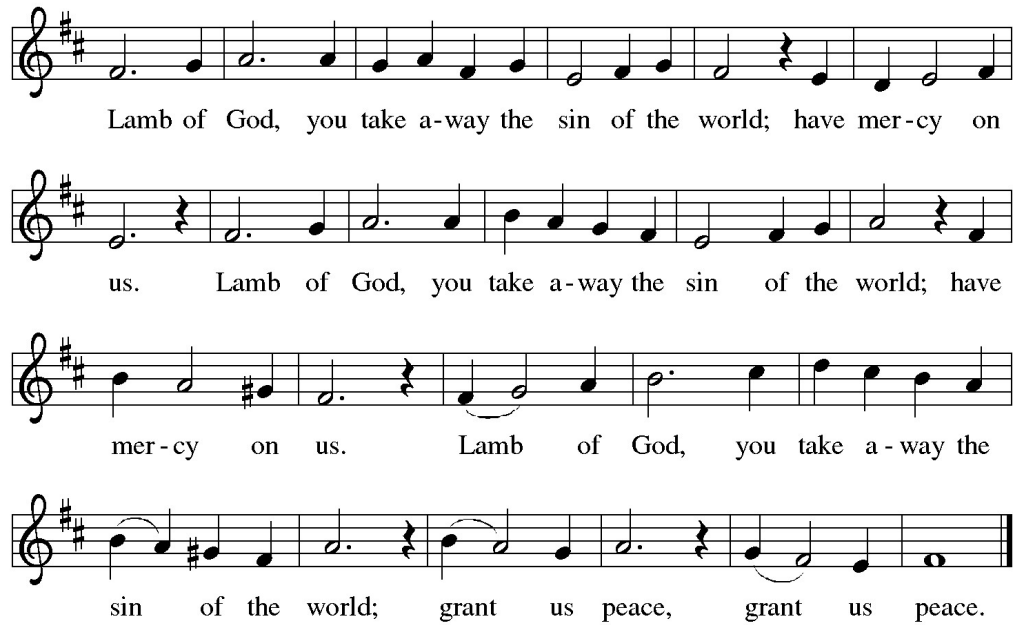
PM: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, and amen!

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

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.

PM: Come to the table of new life.
 Receive the risen Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Please be seated

Communion Music

Please stand as you are able

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

AM: Let us pray,

**Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength come 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: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

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In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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PM: Go in Peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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our family and friends!

Nicole, Dave, & Mark to Celebrate their Commissioning as Stephen Ministers

AJ Reiss

My wonderful mother, Kay Reiss

Children, Grandchildren, & Great grandchildren

Our Children Amelia & Nora

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Children & Grandchildren, all our Zion Family





MEMORIAL DAY



WORD SEARCH

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BRAVE	FLOWERS	MAY	PARADE	SERVICE	VETERANS
CEMETERY	FREEDOM	MEMORIAL	PATRIOTIC	SOLDIERS	VOLUNTEERS
CEREMONY	GRAVES	MILITARY	REMEMBRANCE	STARS	WREATH

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

We pray this week for all those affected by war.

Contact Jayne Schrader at prayer@zion-nc.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rigatoni Dinner Fundraiser Event Supporting Habitat for Humanity ECO Faith Build

Friday, May 29th 4-8pm
Zion Lutheran Church
Dine in or carry out

Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the door

Dinner includes penne with red sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread/rolls, dessert, and drink



***Congratulations Stephen Ministers!
Join us to celebrate following service in
Luther Hall.***

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Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Steve Johnson
Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl
Acolyte: Maggie McCormick
Accompanist: Digital Music
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson & Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
Reader: Brian Milek
Trustees: Randy Elsass & Darlene Milavickas
Flowers By: Vicki & Clarence Givler in memory of Pat Stayer & Moe Alters

May 31, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Steve Johnson
Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
Acolyte: Ben Keith
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
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