



Zion St. John Lutheran Church

*Being the Body of Christ*

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May 3, 2026

9:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

#380

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner, <sup>8</sup> and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to St John the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many

dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*You are the Way*

#758

## **RECEPTION ON NEW MEMBERS**

*Stand*

## **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.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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**

*Stand*  
**THE PRAYERS**

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

*After each petition:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.                      **And also with you.**

*Sit*  
**OFFERING** *Be Present, Spirit of the Lord*                      ZSJ Chancel Choir

*Stand*  
**OFFERTORY**                      *Christ is the Same*

Refrain

Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.  
Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Ba -  
fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more: Christ is the same.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 3/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.' The second staff continues with 'Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Ba -' and the third staff concludes with 'fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more: Christ is the same.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

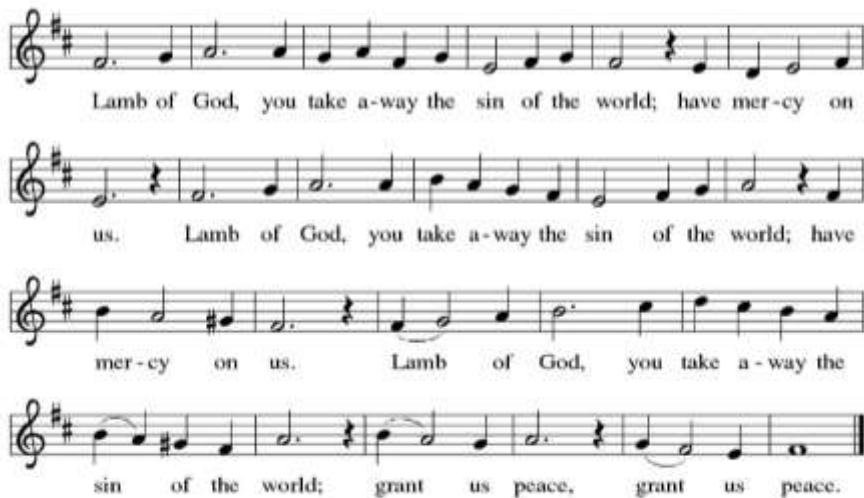
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

## **LAMB OF GOD**



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.

*Sit*  
**COMMUNION**      *I Received the Living God*      #477

*Stand*  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

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  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**      *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*      #389

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*  
**POSTLUDE**

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**Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

**Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Cindy H Lector...Doreen D

Greeters/ Fellowship...

Acolyte... Eli T

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

**Our Time...**

April 26...60 LSV...21 SS...22

**And Our Possessions...**

April 26...\$3,328.00 SS...\$12.00

**...signs of your gracious love**