Zion Lutheran Church & School

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 1, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Sunday May 2, 2021 8:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION LSB 633 *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" vs. 1-4*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

ORDER OF SERVICE Page 151, Divine Service Setting One

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
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.
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, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 150*

[1]Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
[2]Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
[3]Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
[4]Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
[5]Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
[6]Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE Page 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: 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.
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P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
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P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Page 155 *"This is the Feast"*

Chorus: 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. Chorus

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Chorus

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. Chorus

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Chorus

SALUTATION & COLLECT Page 156

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P: Let us pray.
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P: This is the word of the Lord.
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EPISTLE *1 John 4:1-11*

1Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they
are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2By this
you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has
come in the flesh is from God, 3and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is
not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming
and now is in the world already. 4Little children, you are from God and have
overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
5They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world
listens to them. 6We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever
is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and
the spirit of error. 7Beloved let us love one another, for love is from God, and
whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Anyone who does not
love does not know God, because God is love. 9In this, the love of God was made
manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might
live through him. 10In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved
us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11Beloved, if God so
loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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ALLELUIA & VERSE Page 156
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Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

1"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2Every branch of mine
that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3Already you are clean because of the word
that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear
fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in
me. 5I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he
it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

6If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers;
and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide
in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done
for you. 8By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to
be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 603 *"We Know That Christ Is Raised"*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

2 We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

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SERMON (5:30) *"Where True Joys are Found"* *Acts 8:26-40*
(8:00) *"Just Answer the Question"* *Acts 8:34-35*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY HYMN LSB 955 *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE Page 160

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 Him thanks and praise.**
P: **It is truly good, right, and salutary....**
evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS Page 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Page 161

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

1 All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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LSB 613 *"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"*

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, in grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, the sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, but let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, but grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

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BENEDICTION Page 166

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.

DEPARTURE HYMN LSB 633 *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" vs. 5-8*

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
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SERMON *"Just Answer the Question" Acts 8:34-35*

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI Page 163

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

1 All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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LSB 613 *"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"*

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, in grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, the sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, but let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, but grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

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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.

DEPARTURE HYMN LSB 633 *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" vs. 5-8*

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

WELCOME to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

RECEIVING COMMUNION - 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m.
In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:
Am I truly sorry for my sins?
Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?
Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?
Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?
This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

PRAYERS
For Healing: Mindy Pastrovich, Minda Drewel, Lara Brumm, Dee Galyon, Harold Turner, Hendrix Porter (Son of Sarah Saxby Porter), Todd Schmidt, Pat Titsworth, Reini Morgan, Florence Collmann, Declan Treece, Aldena Pluhm, and Heath Beccue.
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MISSION SERVICE for MAY: There's a fun project for May, and we're hoping you'll want to help! The Living Alternative group (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center) in the county is doing a "baby bottle" cash collection. If you're interested in participating, please pick up a bottle and an informational brochure in the hallway. (ZLS students have bottles in their classrooms.) Put your donation in the bottle which can be returned to the church office, Becky Helgen, or Sharon Cordani

EVANGELISMS & MISSIONS committee will be having a meeting Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

LADIES AID Meeting Thursday, May 6, 7pm. "Celebrating Mothers and Daughters". Bring a picture of your mother. Put it in a dark Walmart bag and don't show anyone. Prizes for anyone recognizing the pictures and most look alike mother and daughters. Then think of a special memory of Mom and be prepared to share.

HAVE YOU "HERD" ABOUT OUR FOURTH QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS? Zion's Student Council has selected a special project through Lutheran World Relief for our fourth quarter chapel offerings. We would like to be able to purchase a HERD of thirteen animals, which includes two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen, and six chicks, to be given where there is a great need. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED! We will need to collect $530 in chapel offerings and donations to be able to give this gift of love. Each week our Student Council President will be giving an update of our progress. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

PICKERS MARKET Zion will be having a food booth at Picker's Market on the second Sunday May through October. The first one is on Sunday, May 9th from 9am-3pm. Once again we will be serving grilled pork chop sandwiches, burgers, slaw, baked beans, chips, beverages and ice cream floats! Workers are needed for various shifts. Please call 217-254-4442 to volunteer. This is a fun time to work together to raise funds to support the church and school and also puts us out in the community.

"**Metro-East Lutheran High School** (MELHS) is accepting letters of interest and resumes for a Part-Time Upper Level High School English position available starting August 2021. If you are interested please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 5- ***Missions & Evangelism*** – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 6- ***Berean***- 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 6- ***Elders*** – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 6- ***Ladies Aid*** – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8 –***Worship – Traditional***- 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 9 –***Worship – Traditional*** - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 9 – ***Bible Class*** – 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 9 –***Worship –Traditional(Communion)*** -10:30 a.m.