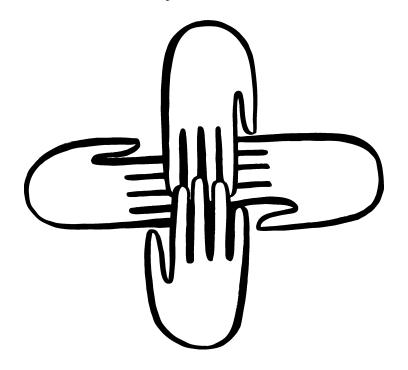
Fifth Sunday in Easter May 15, 2022



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



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PRESENTATION

In baptism, our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the Body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Huntley Jade Reierson baptized into Christ?

Parents - We do.

As you bring Huntley to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the Word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help Huntley grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents - We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Huntley in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church?

Sponsors – We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Huntley and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents & Sponsors – I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors – I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents & Sponsors – I renounce them.

Along with the congregation, do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Huntley Jade Reierson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Huntley Jade Reierson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome Huntley to Zion Lutheran Church.

We welcome you into the Body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ZION CHIMES ANTHEMS – Ring A Joyful Song A Celtic Ring

FIRST READING - Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 71 also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY - Psalm 148

Refrain



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. **Refrain**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. ⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. **Refrain**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **Refrain**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds; Refrain

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Refrain



¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹²young men and maidens, old and young together. **Refrain**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

SECOND READING - Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM - Every Time I Think of You

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL – John 13:31-35 Response – Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON Pastor Mark Peters



HYMN OF THE DAY – Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (Please stand.)



(Please be seated.)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response – I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please stand)

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. We remember in prayer all students of all ages as they prepare for final exams, celebrate graduation or begin their careers, that they might find opportunities to use their gifts, faith and passion in service to their neighbors and communities. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE – The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please offer one another a sign of God's peace, then be seated for the offering.)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG – Give Thanks (Please stand.)



OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

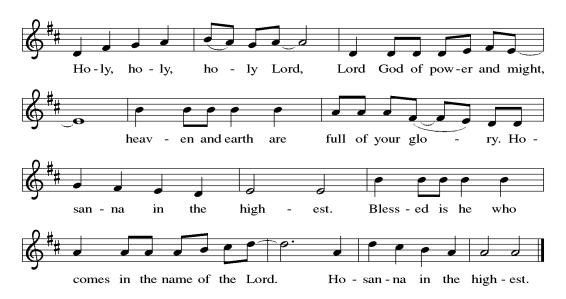
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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.

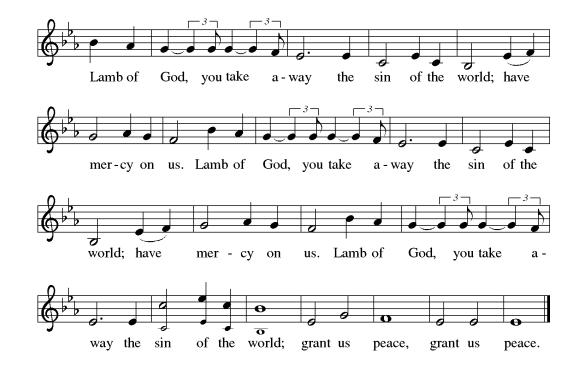
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The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

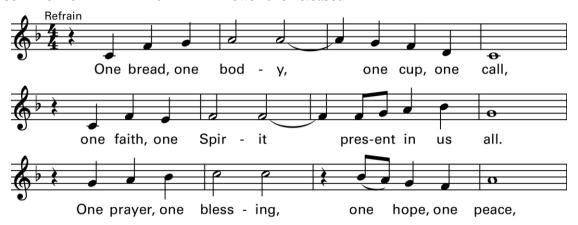
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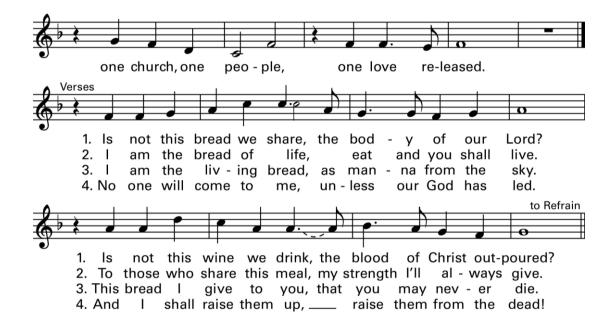
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COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMN - One Love Released





EUCHARISTIC BLESSING (Please stand.)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

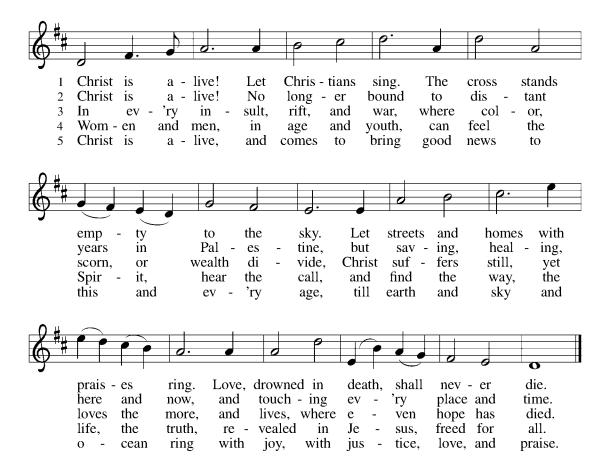
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG - Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing



DISMISSAL

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

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Worship Leaders Today

Preacher Pastor Mark Peters

Liturgist Cathy Lucca Reader Kris Foss

Ushers Gordy Lindgren and Shawn Kelly

Communion Steward Pat Smyithe
Live Streaming Briana Rousseau
Musician Joe Belanger

There are opportunities to sponsor a radio broadcast May 29, June 5, and June 19. Thank you for your generous support of this vital outreach to our community.

Prayer Concerns – Mel Kittelson, Kathy Joynt, Dennis Braford, Rosie Krzoska, Heidi Drees, Ruth Melbo, Ron Epley, Jim Stavseth, Mollie Besch and family, Doug Nagle, and Kathleen Ganter.

Brought to Christ in Holy Baptism today is Huntley Jade Reierson. Huntley's parents are Jason and Ashley Reierson. Sponsors are Charles and Amber Kingzett. Your Zion family welcomes you!

The ministries of the church are still in need of your offering and monetary gifts as we determine what the church may look like right now and in the near future. You can still mail your offering to the church, and, in addition to the Simply Giving program, we now accept donations through Pay Pal. The financial institution where you bank may also have an automatic bill-pay program for you to utilize. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the church.

Our radio broadcast and live streaming will continue at Zion. Sunday's service will be shown on KCC-TV Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm; Monday mornings at 5:30 am and 9:00 am. This is our local access station – Midco Channel 7.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 8

9:30 am - 51 7:00 pm - 11

May the God of all Consolation be with the family and friends of Tony Miller, who died this past week. His funeral will be here Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm with visitation at 1:00 pm. Please remember them in your prayers.

Zion's office hours – The office at Zion is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, and by appointment.

June 2022 Newsletter articles and contributions are due Thursday, May 19.

A Ukrainian Refugee Relief Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Elk's Lodge. Ukrainian food such as borscht, pierogis, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian pork garlic sausage, Ukrainian pickles, and desserts will be featured. There will be a freewill offering at the dinner along with other opportunities to donate funds during the dinner program.

Simply Giving – Simply Giving supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. This online service (direct deposit to Zion) provides more options and flexibility to grow giving, add income to the church, and enhance cash flow. Simply Giving can strengthen the financial health of Zion and help us in doing God's work together. If you'd like more information or if you're interested in signing up, please contact the church office.

Worship practices – Throughout our worship service, the congregation is asked to stand; other times to be seated. If it's difficult to stand or to stand for extended periods of time, please remain seated.

Servants of Shelter Fund Raiser Sale – Thursday, June 16, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Philosopher's Club (across from Northern Lumber). Wednesday, June 15 is donation day from 9:00 – 4:00. They would welcome all good donations (no books or clothes, please) at that time. Thank you for your support.

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Volunteers – If you are interested in becoming an usher, reader, communion steward, live stream/audio monitor, or fellowship host, please contact the church office. We have coordinators in these areas who are eager to train and schedule you for a Sunday morning worship service.