

ZION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, WORSHIP, AND EDUCATION.

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today.



Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor

ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

8 :00 A.M.

✠ MATINS ✠

LSB 219

The Service portions that vary from week to week (Propers) are printed below.

The Service itself including the Responses may be found in
Lutheran Service Book (LSB), beginning on page 219

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

OPENING VERSICLES

GLORIA PATRI

PSALMODY

LSB 220

INVITATORY

VENITE

LSB 220

OFFICE HYMN (*Sit*)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

READINGS

LSB 221

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor

is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said. “For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY FOR EASTER

LSB 222

HOMILY

CANTICLE

LSB 223

TE DEUM (*stand*)

OFFERING (*sit*)

PRAYER

LSB 227

KYRIE (*stand*)

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

COLLECT FOR GRACE

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

POSTLUDE



10:30 A.M.
✠ DIVINE SERVICE I ✠
LSB 151

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
LSB 151

INVOCATION

EXORTATION AND VERSICLES

CONFESSION *(kneel)*

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD
LSB 152

KYRIE *(stand)*

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,*

*That He may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.*

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

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A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Those Who Love Me Will Keep My Word*

Aaron David Miller

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *(sit)*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821


HOMILY

(Stand)

NICENE CREED

C **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 will 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 worshiped 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.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Daniel Abel, Ethaniel Abraha, Ellie Carter, Vivian Green,
Alyssa Hinkel, Maxwell Mendenhall, Brady Wolston

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING / VOLUNTARY (*sit*)

Worthy the Lamb

Alice Parker

*Glory to God on high!
Let heav'n and earth reply.
Praise ye his name, praise ye His name.
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore.
Sing aloud evermore:
Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb!*

*Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load.
Praise ye his name, praise ye His name!
Tell what his arm has done,
What spoils from death he won.
Sing his great name alone:
Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb!*

*While they around the throne
Cheerfully join as one.
Praising His name, Praising His name.
Those who have felt His blood
Sealing their peace with God,
Sound His dear fame abroad,
Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb!*

OFFERTORY (*stand*)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 160-166**

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION *(sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	LSB 725
	<i>God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</i>	LSB 594

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE <i>(stand)</i>	<i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 164
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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>	LSB 849
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POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/Homilist	Rev. James Ebersole
Lectors	Olivia Reisdorf (8:00 AM), Clara Toman (10:30 AM)
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Choir	Zion Adult Choir (10:30 AM)
Ushers	Board of Elders
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Caleb Jeffcoat



IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, David John Benjamin, Don Fontana, Millie Gomoll, Helen Gronholz, Virginia Hood, Carolyn McDaniel, Ruth Miller, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Lenora Smith, June Tesauro, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, Ken & Shirley Wethe, Bobby Young, Rosemary Francis, Barbara Mitchell, Laura Pappas, Lovis Miller.