

# **Fifth Sunday in Easter**

**May 2, 2021**

9:00 am

Communion



278 Years Of  
*“Joyously proclaiming the good news of God’s love”*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA  
Founded in 1743

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 5/2	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday 5/9	9:00 am	Worship

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/2)**

This week	
Dan Bauman	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/9)**

Next week	
Lou Mandik	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

We thank you for your service to the church.

We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

## **PRELUDES**

On Tannenberg- "In Christ there is No East or West" by Alexander R. Reinagle Arr. Richared Unfreid  
"Sing to the Lord a Song of Rejoicing" by Lani Smith  
"Sanctuary Prayer" by Eric Lewis

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**A: And also with you.**

Hymn            "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"- ELW #673            Vs. 1 & 3

*Text: Fred Kaan, Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **EASTER PRAYER**

A: Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise            Alleluia! Jesus is Risen            # ELW 377**

*Text: Herbert F. Brokering Music: David N. Johnson*

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

R: A reading from the book of 1 John:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**A & P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**A & P: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

R: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

**A & P: Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

R: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

*Please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Give thanks !**

**# WOV 671**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John*

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**A: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of 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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.*

**A:** On this fifth Sunday of Easter, let us unite in Christ to pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with the words "Make us one in you."

A: God of triune mystery, as you have formed your church to be one fruitful vine, strengthen our churches and our ecumenical connections with Christians across the street and around the globe.

Hear our prayer, O loving God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you blessed Philip the evangelist, nurture our missionaries and theologians, our seminaries, our Sunday schools, and all adult discussions of the faith.

Hear our prayer, O enlightening God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you brought the Ethiopian eunuch to baptism, lead all Christian communities to welcome people of each sexual identity, every skin color, and all national backgrounds.

Hear our prayer, O embracing God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you created an earth with countless forms of plant and animal life, train us to honor and maintain the bountiful earth that you intend for us and future generations.

Hear our prayer, O creating God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you have provided food and drink for humankind, give to all persons wisdom in their use of wine, and strengthen recovering alcoholics in maintaining their sobriety.

Hear our prayer, O empowering God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you call humankind to live in love with one another, bring peace to nations, to neighborhoods, and to homes. Protect the oppressed and the vulnerable in every land, show us the path to nonviolence in all things.

Hear our prayer, O reconciling God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

A: As you have promised to hear the cries of all the needy, listen now to the countless people around the world who are suffering from sickness, from the coronavirus, from injustice, from abuse, from starvation. Hear our pleas for India. We pray especially for **Margaret Raser**, **Bud Raser**, **Fawn Keenan**, **Ralph Finkbiner**, **Machiko**, **Richard** and **Sarah Kuehner** and **Roxanne Robinson**.

Hear our prayer, O healing God:

**P: Make us one in you.**

P: As you have sustained each of us in your love, receive now the silent petitions of our hearts.

Hear our prayer, O abiding God:

**A: Make us one in you.**

P: We remember those who have died in the faith, especially today Athanasius the theologian and those we name in our hearts. As you have promised to bring your people into your strong and tender embrace, preserve us until we enter with all the saints into your everlasting mercy.

Hear our prayer, O eternal God:

**A: Make us one in you.**

P: Into your hands, O living God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**A: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

### OFFERING INVITATION

#### Stewardship Snippet:

"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord." —Psalm 22:30  
Who first told you the good news about Jesus? Chances are it was a beloved elder, either a family member or pillar of the church. We receive the wisdom of our ancestors, and then we take on the mantle of responsibility and good stewardship to pass that good news along to future generations.

*Please be seated*

### OFFERING with Special music



**"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down" - by Dave Doherty  
Christopher Kirk on Snare Drum**

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### OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**P: Amen.**

*Please stand*



### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: 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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

A: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

A: Amen.

## **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

**A: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**P: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **THE SENDING HYMN**

*"I received the Living God"* ELW- #477 Vs. 2 & 3



*Text & Music: Anonymous, Arr. Augsburg Fortress*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**A: Go in peace. Share the good news.**

P: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Oliver Holden Arr. by Richard Unfreid

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Love your neighbor
Tuesday	Acts 12:1-19	Peter is imprisoned
Wednesday	Luke 10:25-37	Love your neighbor
Thursday	Acts 16:9-15	Lydia and her household are baptized
Friday	Revelation 21:1-6	New heaven, new earth
Saturday	Psalm 133	How good it is to live in unity