

# **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

9:00 am

Communion



*279 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light, through the lens of love.*

**PRELUDES**

**On Tannenberg-** "Christ is Risen" by Johann K.F. Fischer

**On Piano-** "Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)" - Words and Music by Joel Houston and AAodhan King, Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

**On Allen Organ-** "Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith" by Forrest Hill

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

P: Alleluia ! Christ is risen!

**C: 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.

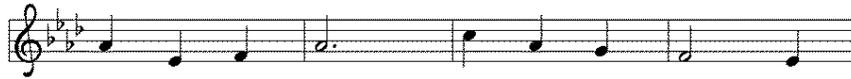
**C: And also with you.**

**Hymn**

**"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"- ELW #377, Vs. 1, 3, & 5**



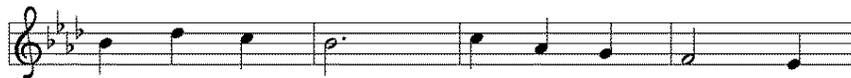
## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



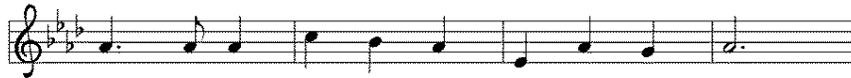
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



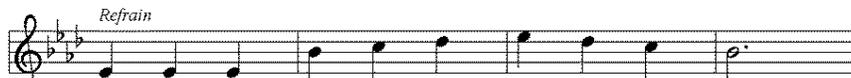
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## Glory be to God



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

R: A reading from the book of Acts:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I 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.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The 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. 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; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel: John 13:31-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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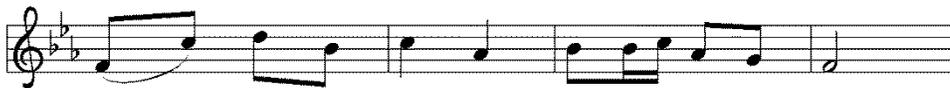
*Please stand*



### Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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### 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: 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.

A: 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,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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. God, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you: Hear our prayers for **Dave** Grubb, **Brookelyn** Rogers, **Joanna** Siedlecki, **Machiko** Kuehner, **Brandon** Sisco and family, **Joyce** Wicker, **Margaret** Szabo, **Ruth** Mathias, **Kate** Ciavarelli, **Jack** Rousseau and those we lift before you now. Heal them with your loving might. God, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

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

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING INVITATION

**May 15, 2022** (Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C)

**John 13:34-35** – I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

*Cultivating safe space where love is the language and there's room at the table for everyone should be a guiding principle for steward-disciples. After all, Jesus commands it. What would it take for our congregation to become known as "the love church"?*

## OFFERING WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

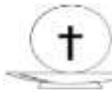
**"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"** –Words and Music by John. W. Peterson  
- Zion Choir

*Please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**



## 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.

**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: 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.

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: 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 dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

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

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

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

Please be seated

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### #1- "What Feast of Love"- ELW- #487- All Verses

Text: Delores Dufner,

Music: English ballad, 16th cent.

### #2- "I Received the Living God" ELW #477- All verses

Text and Music: Anonymous

*Please stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

THE SENDING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"- ELW #376, Vs. 1 & 3

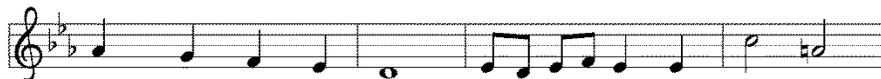
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

**DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"** Nun Freut Euch, Setting Nancy Raabe

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**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 5/15	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.45 am</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Worship</b> <b>Service of Word and Table</b> Youth Group
Monday	7.00 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tae Kwan Do
Thursday	6.30 pm 7:00 pm 7.00 pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal Christian Education Committee Meeting Zion adult choir
Sunday 5/22	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Service of Word and Table</b>

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

This week (5/15)				Next week (5/22)				
9.00 am			10.45 am		9.00 am		10.45 am	
Assistant Minister	Dan Bauman		Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski	Assistant Minister		Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski
Reader					Reader			
Greeter	Maggie Munz				Greeter	Maggie Munz		
Hymns	Zion choir				Hymns	Zion choir		

**Bible Readings**

<b>Monday</b>	1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42	The love of David and Jonathan
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Samuel 1:4, 17-27	David mourns Jonathan's death
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 22:1-38	The Last Supper
<b>Thursday</b>	Luke 22:39-71	Jesus' Arrest
<b>Friday</b>	Leviticus 19:9-18	Love your neighbor
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 133	How good it is to live in unity