

Zion Lutheran

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

May 7th & 8th, 2022

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ's Love.

Church News this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 87

Sunday: 266 (C165)

Offerings from last weekend: \$12,525.50 (Weekly need is \$12,115.38.)

Serving today:

Altar Guild: Julie List 255-6802

- Organist Saturday: Amanda Koch
- Organist Sunday: Amanda Koch
- Saturday Elders: Herb Leinberger, Mark Treiber
- Sunday Elders: Ralph Riske, Kevin Miller
- Saturday Ushers: Shannon Tanney, Blake & Linden Pomaville, Bill Gehoski
- Sunday Ushers: Amber, Ashley, & Steve Schumacher, Amanda Boyat

Retable Flowers

For all the mothers past and present who can't be with us this year. –Love and miss you. And for all the future mothers to be– God Bless you!

In Memory of John Olson's father, Wallace Olson's 100th birthday.

Celebrating the birthday day of Shirley Gerstacker; our Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother and honoring her on this Mother's Day. Lots of love from her family.

Sunday School "Comfort in Captivity" is the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God's continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Discuss, "How does God comfort us today?"

Calendar of Events

- Sat 7** **Worship w/communion 5:30 PM**
SBGD after church
- Sun 8** **Worship w/communion 9:00 AM**
Mother's Day
SBGD after church
Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM
- Mon 9** **Council Meeting 6:30 PM**
SBGD 6:30 PM
- Wed 11** **SBGD 9:00 AM** Quilting to follow.
Ladies of Zion 6:30 PM
SBGD 8:00 PM
- Thur 12** **SBGD 12 Noon**
SBGD 6:30 PM
- Sat 14** **Worship 5:30 PM**
- Sun 15** **Worship— Preschool Graduation 9:00 AM**
Bonnie Jammer's Retirement Party
No Bible Class or Sunday School
Youth Group 4-6 PM— Pavillion

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 7:30am—3:30pm (Unless noted above)

The Practice of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are members at Zion or another LCMS congregation take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about this. The center of the tray holds non-alcoholic wine.

Welcome to the Lord's Family: This Friday in a private ceremony we welcomed to our heavenly Father's through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Liam Joseph Lysogorski and Victoria Ann Armstrong, great grandchildren of Tom and Kathy Wenzel. May God who has begun this good work in Liam and Victoria see it to completion in the day of our Lord's appearing.

Girls' Bible Study We were created for community and relationship. So let's get together! Our youth girls' Bible study is in its third year. Drop in for a class or put it on your regular schedule. 7th grade - high school girls are invited to attend on Sunday morning with Mrs. Menz. They will meet after the Bible Hour opening in the 7/8 classroom.

Budget and Ministry Opportunity Informational Meeting : Please mark your calendars for the weekend of May 21st and 22nd for a budget and ministry opportunity informational meeting. After both the Saturday and Sunday services, the 22/23 fiscal year budget will be presented along with a new ministry opportunity for Zion. While no votes will be cast at these meetings we ask that you attend so that you can come to the June 12th Voters Meeting prayerfully informed and ready to vote.

Baby Bottle Boomerang: Celebrate Motherhood and the gift of Life by joining the Ladies of Zion in supporting the work at Life Clinic (formerly Beacon of Hope). Pick up a bottle from the table in the narthex, fill it with coins, cash or a check, and return it to church or the school office by May 23.

The Baby Bottle Campaign Fundraiser benefits the life-affirming work of Life Clinic Community Resources. Your contributions will help provide free and confidential services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting education classes, and spiritual counseling and support.

Messenger Help: Now that things are more back to normal, I am looking to update the list of those who would like to help fold the messenger every other month. Whether you have helped in the past or would like to start helping, please contact the office and I will update my list. 989-662-4264 Thank You, Sara

Bible Class and Quilting Group: Is in need of donations of 4oz bars of individually wrapped ivory soap, colored hand towels, and baby sleepers without feet up to size 2. Your help is much appreciated.

Church Exterior Repair and Cleaning: At the December 2021 Voters Meeting, Zion approved a motion to hire Mihm Enterprises to do some repair and maintenance work on the church exterior for the amount of \$55,200 with an additional amount of \$15,000 for the repair of the steeple. Our goal is to generate \$75,000 for this project. This would leave us with a buffer of nearly \$5,000 in Major Maintenance in case of emergency. As of March 31st we have \$51,555.82 in Major Maintenance and the Church Exterior Cleaning fund to put towards this effort. Please consider donating so that we can reach our goal before work begins this spring.



Mark your calendars for VBS 2022! VBS will take place on June 19th-23rd from 6:00 - 8:30 PM, and is for students in preschool through entering 6th grade in the fall. A free dinner will be provided each night for the entire family starting at 5:00. We are in need of lots of parent volunteers to supervise groups of students as they move from station to station. Please consider volunteering for this fun filled week. Students entering 7th grade in the fall through high school are encouraged to volunteer as a youth helpers. A Sign-up Genius has been emailed for volunteers. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Steward's By God's Design: The sixth session of Stewards By God's Design Bible Studies begins Saturday, May 7. While signing up ahead of time is helpful, it's not required. A SignUpGenius has been emailed to you. You haven't come yet? It's not too late to start. You've been coming already? Bring a friend. Choose a time and place from the list below and let's grow together as God's stewards.

May

Saturday, May 7 after Church with Pastor Hemme.

Sunday, May 8 Family Bible Hour with Pastor Hemme.

Sunday, May 8 Family Bible Hour with Leroy Engelhardt.

Monday, May 9 at 6:30 pm with Zach and Stephanie Varner in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 am with Carol Westphal in the church basement.

Wednesday, May 11 at 8:00 pm with Jerry and Sarah Diener and Mark Steih in the cafeteria.

Thursday, May 12 at 12 Noon with Sheryl Jammer and Barb Jammer in the church basement.

Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm with Chris and Julie List in the cafeteria.

Zion Youth Group: Join us for a Cornhole tournament! On Sunday, May 15th from 4pm-6pm we will get together in the pavilion for a cook out and cornhole. Please bring a dish to pass. Youth Group will supply hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Parents are encouraged to join us and play too! Please RSVP to the office by May 13th with the number attending and your dish to pass.

High School and College Graduates: on Sunday June 5th at the 9AM service, we will be recognizing you! Please contact the office 989-662-4264 and we will be happy to include you, your degree, and the school from which you are graduating. Congratulations on a job well done!

Food Pantry: Thirty-three families received bags of food for an Easter meal this month. To help replenish the food supply in the pantry, the following non-perishable items are needed: Applesauce, canned fruit, fruit juice, brownie mix, peanut butter, jam or jelly, macaroni & cheese, and canned corn. Donations can be placed in the food pantry located in the church basement.

Cemetery Memorial Day Service: On Monday, May 30th at 10:50 AM a brief service will be held at the Zion Lutheran and Beaver Twp. Cemetery to honor and remember those brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our freedom.

Let the Adventure Begin: Please join us for a Retirement Party in honor of Bonnie Jammer on Sunday, May 15th from 10:30-12:30 pm. A lunch of meat, potatoes, and hot vegetables will be served at 11:00 am. Please bring a dish to share and RSVP by May 9th to the office by phone or email.

Prayer Partners: If you were not able to join us at the Earth Day clean up there will be another opportunity to meet your Prayer Partner. Please join us for Science Fair and Culture Night on May 13th from 6:00-8:00pm.

A Confirmation meeting and usher training session for those who will be starting in the Junior Confirmation instruction during the 2022/23 school year will be held following worship on Sunday, May 15th. Generally, it is expected that students who are in 7th and 8th grade will participate in Junior Confirmation instruction. If you would like more information about enrolling a student in Zion's Confirmation program please contact Pastor Hemme.

Confirmation Gowns: If you have a confirmation gown from years past, please consider donating it back for future use with our Confirmands. Please bring them to church or drop them off at the office.

Flower Voucher Fundraiser: This is the last weekend the Youth Group will be selling flower vouchers before & after church. Vouchers are \$20 and the youth group receives \$8 for every voucher sold. The vouchers work just like \$20 cash at Lapham's Garden Center in Midland and Mount Pleasant. You may use the vouchers to purchase any of their plant products. Vouchers may be redeemed May 8th- June 15th, 2022. This is a great way to get your spring flowers, vegetable plants, or hanging baskets while supporting the Youth Group.

Greeting Cards: In the church basement, Ladies of Zion offer boxes of twelve cards for \$5. Selection includes birthday, sympathy, get well, anniversary, Easter and confirmation cards. This is a simple and affordable way to offer uplifting, spiritual messages to others.

Welcome the 3/4 Grade Teacher: We are excited to announce that Mrs. Ruth Schian has accepted the 3/4th grade teaching position starting for the 2022/2023 school year. Mrs. Schian is from Auburn and she and her husband, Pastor Schian are members of Grace Lutheran Church.

Trustees: are now accepting bid for Church Custodian. Job description and form can be picked up at the office and must be returned to the office by May 25th.

Festival Ascension Eve Divine Service: On Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00pm Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Michigan will be hosting a Festival Ascension Eve Divine Service. The preachers for this service will be Rev. Christopher Vossler of St. Paul, Sanford, Rev. Phillip Baerwolf of Zion, Bay City, and Rev. Aaron Schian of Grace, Auburn. The organists will be Jon Eifert of St. Michael, Richville and Nathan Beethe of Grace, Auburn. There will be a Mass Choir made up of members from area congregations, brass, and organ. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! We hope you will join us!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7th & 8th, 2022
Divine Service Setting One
Page 151 in Lutheran Service Book

Greeting Time

Those in attendance are invited to greet those seated near them. As the bell rings please return to your seat for opening hymn.

Ringings of the Bell

♪ **“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”**

LSB #710

- 1 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**
- 2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C and guided them with his skillful hand.

P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

C 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.

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

LSB 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.
- ♪C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- ♪C** **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

- ♪C** **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.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- ♪C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ♪C** **Amen.**

First Reading*Acts 20:17–35*

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle*Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the

Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My

Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

♪ "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB #709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

Payer of the Church

- For Virginia Sanders (Kaylene Maxson's son-in-law's mother), Melissa Wiedyk-Bejcek, Joyce Potter, Alice Lederer, Peter Satkowiak (nephew of Joann & Paul Satkowiak), Diane Jacobs, Todd Gray, Lynn Leinberger, Ruth Krueger, Janet Rash, Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson to Esther Gerzeski), Gayle Burnison (friend of Joyce Potter), Mike Carleton (friend of Sandy Westphal), Jim Kennedy (nephew to Nancy Mieske), Joseph Lauzon (son of Marci Jammer), Larry Helmreich, Wilma Davis, Victoria Armstrong (great granddaughter of Tom & Kathy Wenzel, multiple health issues due to premature birth), Diane Wilson, Rosemary Voss (relation to Esther Gerzeski), Clara Wirsing, Earl Gerstacker, and August Etelmaki.
- For our mothers on Mother's Day.
- For Victoria and Liam, in their baptism, that they grow in faith.
- For all who are deployed or enlisted, and the safe arrival of troops coming home.
- For the staff and students of Zion, as they continue this year to better know and show Christ's love.
- For those suffering with mental illness and their loved ones.
- For peace in Ukraine.

Offering

(At this time we ask that guest as well as members please sign the pew book.)

Stewardship Verse

Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

♪☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

☐ The Lord be with you.

♪☐ And also with you.

☐ 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

♪C 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

LSB 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

LSB 162

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✪ Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

✪ 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.

Sit

Distribution

✪ "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB #740

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

**2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.**

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
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♪ “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB #725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

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Stand

Thank the Lord

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**♪🎤 Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🎵 **Amen.**

Benediction

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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.

🎵 **Amen.**

Sit

🎵 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

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