

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024, 9:30 AM

GATHERING HYMN “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*”

ELW 389
verses 1,3,4,5

First Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from First John the third chapter:

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

To be read responsively

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, 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.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ELW 449

CHOIR ANTHEM

SENDING HYMN "Thine Is the Glory"

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour - Please join us after worship in Fields Hall.

Zion Clean Up Day - May 4th 9AM-11AM Please come out and help clean up and get Zion ready for spring & summer. We'll spread mulch to all the beds. Bring shovels, rakes, tarps or wheelbarrows.

Mothers Day Sunday - Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday, May 12th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating donations in their name to the LWR. Your gift of \$5 will enable the Lutheran World Relief Organization to supply Quilts & Kits to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate, please fill out the form by Sunday, May 5th. All checks should be made payable to "Zion Lutheran Church." Please place with the form in the collection plate, mail or drop off at the Church office.

LVCAP Currents Needs - Spaghetti, Jarred Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables: Beets, Corn, Mixed Canned fruit, Crackers & Cookies, Jelly (strawberry), Salad Dressing (esp. Ranch), Veg. Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, White Vinegar, School Snacks, Kid friendly Cereal and Shampoo.

Congregation Dinner/Mentor Night - Wednesday May 15th—6PM Congregational Dinner /Mentor Night! Marinated London broil, Mashed potatoes, Green beans & Dessert!

Vacation Bible School - *We have already reached our maximum enrollment capacity for VBS 2024 - wow!* We may have additional spots open up, so if you'd like to join the waiting list, please see the Happenings of our website for **Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God!** Camp will run **June 24th-28th, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** and is open to children age 3 - going into 5th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are still looking for more volunteers so we can open up more space for our wait list!



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

***The Blaine & Payne family in memory of
Sammy Gerhard, Robert Gerhard, Charles Gerhard, Walter Gerhard, Myles
Gerhard and Elwood Gerhard.***

Thank you for serving as worship leaders today!
Acolyte: Aidan Davis **Communion Asst:** Kerri Bataille
Greeters: The McBee family **Lector:** Ben Johnston
Ushers: Sophia Stoma & Bob Meling
Virtual Facilitator: Christine Stabile
Child Care: Meghan Callow & Amelia Davis
Bell Ringers: The McBee family
Wine & Bread: The Taylor family
Altar Guild: Malainie Stoma
Coffee Hour: Vi Muriello

PRAYER CONCERNS

We continue to pray for:

Family of James & Lori Andershonis: *Beverly Vecchione*
Friends and family of Jeanette Baker: *Frank Baker, Alex Cunningham, Deborah Gruber, Linda Quinn*
Friend of Ellen Blaine : *Keith Correll, Carl Gerhard*
Family of Sheila Blaine: *Logen Rodriguez,*
Family of Annie Clay: *Dorthe Royster*
Friend of Charlie & Marcia Davidson: *Gail Boyle*
Family and friends of Corey & Courtney Derr: *Gennaro Bryant, Lisa Moss Filson, Ralph Derr, Bessie Grant, Don Gunter.*
Family of Cathy DiLello: *Russell DiLello*
Craig & Marianne Dise: *Richard Barthelmeh*
Family of Bill & Patricia Hibler: *Patricia Glancey-Wurtemberg*
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Family of Jeanne Howell: *Tammi Ochs, Jack Steffen*
Friend of Beth Johnson: *Tammy Jackman*
Friends of Ryann Johnson: *Lori & Children*
Family of Barbara Rennie: *Krista Gundersen. Alan Rennie*
Friends and family of Betty Rush: *Charlie Burd, Amy Burd, Kirk Klein, Ed Mancuso, Emily Mancuso, Pastor Melvin Travis*
Family of Ron & Barb Schulz: *Richard Schulz*
Friend of Dottie Weis: *Rich Bosley, Bretton Caws, Matt Dunbar, Bruce Engelbrecht, Kathy Hepner*
Friend of Zion: *Linda Daly,*
Members of Zion:
Ellen Blaine, Cathy DiLello, Donna East, Rob Johnson, Jay Kay, Sue Koeppen, Paul Litwiller, Jane Moore, John Resotka, Hannelore Seitz