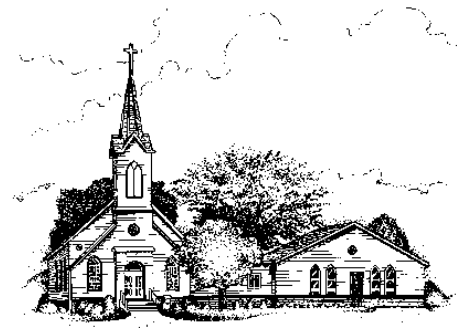


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 4 / 7, 2023

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



6430 Hwy. D Allenton, Wisconsin 53002
Members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)
Steven D. Bode, pastor 6438 Hwy. D Allenton, WI
Church Office: 262-629-5914 / website: www.zionallenton.org
Pastor cell phone: 262-483-0407 / e-mail: revsdb@aol.com

Welcome to God's House

The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world. The benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are meant for every man, woman, and child who ever lived. The gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it maintains that salvation can only be found in one place—the person of Jesus Christ. Just listen to how Jesus speaks: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus doesn't say, “I will show you the true way to eternal life.” The prophets and apostles could say that. But Jesus says, “I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life you crave.” And note that definite article: “the,” not “a”! Jesus is not a way into heaven. He is the way. There is no other way than through faith in the One who died and rose again.



The unbelieving world finds this claim—that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven—to be the most offensive teaching in all of Scripture. Yet this is the very truth upon which Christ builds his Church.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Christ, the Eternal Lord #521:1, 4

1 Christ the eternal Lord,
whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured
on all who name your name;
with thankfulness and praise

we stand before your throne,
intent to serve you all our days
and make your glory known.

4 Christ the unfading Light
of everlasting day,
our Morning Star in splendor bright,
the Life, the Truth, the Way;
that light of truth you give
to servants as to friends,
your way to walk, your life to live,
till earth's brief journey ends.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

This is the Day the LORD Has Made - Psalm 118A

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Tone



The Lord is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The Lord's right hand is / lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / Lord has done. ***Refrain***

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.
The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;
the Lord has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:
“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”
⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,
“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”
⁸and,
“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”
They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.
⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. *Refrain*

Gospel

John 14:1-11

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe

me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

Welcome Happy Morning #469

1 "Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"
Lo, the dead is living,
God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator,
all his works adore. *Refrain*

*Refrain: "Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"*

2 Maker and Redeemer,
life and health of all,
God from heav'n beholding
human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead
you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver
manhood did put on. *Refrain*

3 Source of all things living,
you came down to die,
plumbed the depths of hell to
raise us up on high.
Come, then, true and faithful,

come, fulfill your word;
this is your third morning—
rise, O buried Lord. **Refrain**

4 Free the souls long prisoned,
bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen
raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness;
shine in ev'ry land
as in Eden's garden
when the world began. **Refrain**

Sermon

1 Peter 2:4-10

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus, our living Savior, there is no other name than yours by which we

must be saved. You are our God, and we will praise you. You are our God, and we will exalt you.

You have chosen us to be your own, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Keep your name holy in us and through us, that we may declare your praises for calling us out of darkness into your wonderful light.

Call those who are stumbling in darkness and disobedience. In your grace, give them time and opportunity to hear your call and receive your mercy.

Your Word teaches us that it is better to take refuge in you than to trust in princes. With your mighty hand, govern and guide our elected leaders and all other authorities. Lead them to serve the common good, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Guard and strengthen those who protect and serve us, police, firefighters, first responders, medical workers and others who help in disaster and need. Lighten the special burdens they carry and give them joy in serving others.

Cheer those whose hearts are troubled, who are burdened with the troubles of life, pains of mind or body [especially...]. Shine the wonderful light of your love on them, and give them healing and joy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Lord Jesus Christ, to know you is to have eternal life. Teach us to know you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that following you, we may walk steadfast in the way that leads to eternal life; for you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious #854:1-2, 4

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace;
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds,
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
into his most marv'lous light,
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends.
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service,
sing his praise, his love declare.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ #560

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ,
speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done,
they bid my fear depart. *Refrain*

*Refrain: To whom but you,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?*

2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ,
can heal my sinful soul;
your wounds, not mine, contain
the balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*

3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ,
has borne the dreadful load
of sins that none could bear
but the incarnate God. *Refrain*

4 Your death, not mine, O Christ,
has paid the ransom due;

ten thousand deaths like mine
would have been all too few. **Refrain**

5 Your righteousness, O Christ,
alone can cover me;
no other righteousness
can set a sinner free. **Refrain**

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	2:00 p.m.	KML Spring Play: <i>The Crucible</i>
	4:00 p.m.	Lutheran Chorale Concert - St. Marcus in Milwaukee
Tue:	1:00 p.m.	OWLS meeting at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism Instructions
	6:30 p.m.	KML Jazz/Echoes Concert in the PAC
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri:	2:00 p.m.	Hope Health & Rehab Devotion, Lomira
Sat:	6:30 p.m.	KML Percussion Concert in the PAC
Sun:		<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

In Our Prayers Rodney Wagner, undergoing a heart procedure at Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee this Tuesday; Tina Uelmen, undergoing rehab for a broken leg in Appleton; also Chuck Williams, back home after being hospitalized this past week.

New Beginnings Drive The Ladies' Aid is sponsoring a donation drive for New Beginnings, A Home for Mothers. Please consider supporting this worthy

ministry by placing your donation in the bassinet near the double doors leading into church.

We thank Jared Peterson on Thursday and Bea Pamperin on Sunday for serving as our organists this weekend.

Sunday School Singing May 21st will be the last day of Sunday School and the children will be singing at the end of the early service and first thing in the late service. That will allow those who are worshiping in the first service to leave after the first hymn of the late service and those who are worshiping in the late service to come a little earlier for Sunday School so they can sing in the first service as well.

Perennial Exchange Zion will be hosting a perennial exchange on May 20th, at 9 a.m. in the church parking lot. It will be a great opportunity to find homes for your extra plants, and add some new varieties to your yard. Bring 6 pots of your divided perennials and exchange them for 6 new-to-you plants. Please label your plants with the color (if you know the color) and directions for planting (sun / partial sun / shade, etc...). Please invite your family and friends as well! See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Memorial Day Observance As has been tradition for many years, the Allenton Legion will be with us on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend after the late service. We'll be gathering out in the cemetery about 10:15 a.m. for a short ceremony to be reminded of what Memorial Day is all about.

Please pick up the new calendar and church newsletter for May, along with the new *Forward in Christ*. You'll find them on the cabinets in the entryway.

OWLS Meeting The Flyway Chapter of the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be held Tuesday, May 9th, beginning at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. Bill Behm will present on the life and work of Pastor Franz Johannes Kilian. After serving as a chaplain during the Civil War, he served / started 5 churches in northeastern Dodge County. You'll learn about the early days of the WELS and other early mission-oriented denominations, the role of chaplains during the Civil War, and the history of the WELS churches in the Lomira/Theresa/Brownsville area.

KML Job Opening KML is looking for a part-time accountant. This position is responsible for preparing, presenting, and analyzing KML's monthly and year - end financial statements and managing student billing accounts. The hours are flexible, working 20-25 hours / week. Go to kmlhs.org/accountant23 for more information.

KML Concerts Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for one or more of our upcoming concerts: the Jazz Band and Echoes Concert will be Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM. On Saturday, May 13th at 6:30 PM, the KML and KML Federation Elementary Schools will present *A Night of Percussion*.

Host Families Needed KML is seeking families to host international students for the 2023-2024 school year. In exchange for a stipend of \$750/month, host families provide housing, meals, and transportation from early to mid-August through the end of the school year. Applications for hosting for the 2023-2024 school year need to be submitted by May 25, 2023. For more info, please visit kmlhs.org/hostfamily.

Copyrights / Acknowledgments

Christ the Eternal Lord CW 521 sts. 1, 4

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Text: © 1999 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Glory to God in the Highest CW 176

Tune: Marty Haugen Tune: © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

This is the Day the LORD Has Made Psalm 118A

Text: Lectionary for Mass Tune: Marty Haugen Text: © 1969 ICEL (refrain). Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Tune: © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Setting: © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Tune: © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Welcome, Happy Morning CW 469

Text: tr. John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, abr.

Text: Public domain

Church of God, Elect and Glorious CW 854

Text: James E. Seddon, 1915-1983

Text: © 1982 The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712031

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ CW 560

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt. Text: Public domain