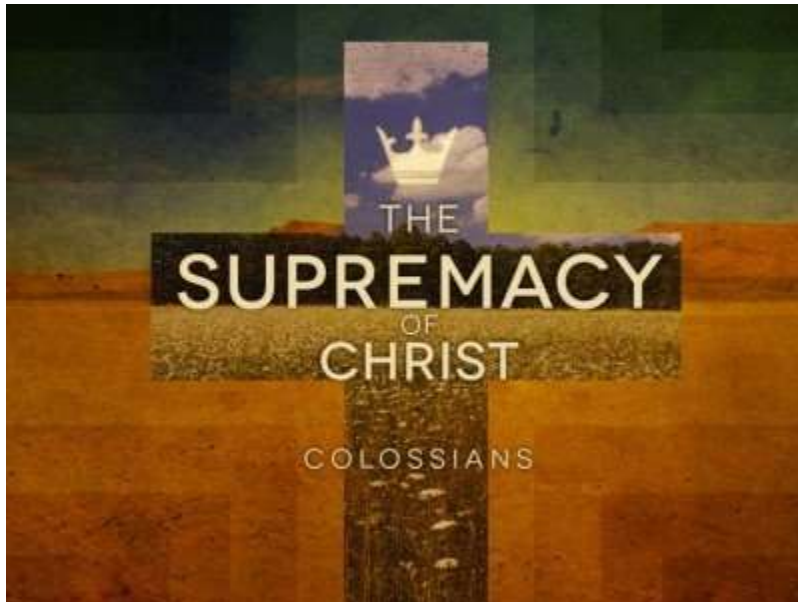


# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 24<sup>th</sup> 2016*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hayes in Memory of Loved Ones and The Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Shane & Sandy Bryant in Memory of Paul D. Hayes.
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a “Why do we do this?” explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have “The Invocation” or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20-24. Volunteer forms are located in the Narthex or at [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs). Registration opens Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Katie Gielarowski with any questions.
- **VICAR!** Word on the street is that we will be assigned a Vicar at the annual Vicarage Assignment Service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis at 4:00pm, Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers and support for getting us back into the Vicarage Program!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started a new study, “Fight Back with Joy” join us Tuesday's from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **MARK JASA** is coming! Mark is a Pastor and Evangelist from sunny southern California who is coming to Zion this Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, to teach us (and to show us) how to reach out to our friends and even total strangers with the good news of Jesus. Mark (get it?) your calendar for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm for a day with Pastor and Evangelist Mark Jasa!
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery (“Little Lions”) is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is today after the late service. Kids age 7-12 are welcome! You don't need to know how to sing to be a part of this fun group; Mark will teach you!
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! You don't need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

Last week, I'll admit, the sermon was long. It was long because the topic for our consideration was the Biblical Theology of Marriage is not something you can adequately cover in 28:55 (can that be right?), let alone the "usual" 15-20 minutes allocated for the Sermon. We went quickly and covered a lot of ground. But still, 28:55.

This morning, the sermon is going to be on another topic that could push us well into half-hour territory. In Colossians 1, Paul teaches us about who Jesus truly is.; John does the same in chapter 5 of his Gospel. This morning, we are going to take a look at both passages as we contemplate the significance of Jesus resurrection and his call for us to give up everything we have and follow him.

Both Paul and John teach that if you see Jesus, you see God. And Jesus reveals a God who loves us, who delights to forgive sins, and whose greatest gift to us is not a to-do list, but salvation—full, free, and for all people!  
God bless your time in worship this morning!

--Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## ***Prelude***

### ***Introduction to Worship and Announcements***

***Opening Hymn: Glorious Things of You Are Spoken***

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## ***The Invocation***

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## ***Confession of Sins***

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful; being.**

## ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

***Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast***

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### **Refrain:**

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

### **[REFRAIN]**

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.*

### **[REFRAIN]**

*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.*

### **[REFRAIN]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

**[REFRAIN]**

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **Psalm of the Day:**

### **Psalm 114**

When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.  
The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.  
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.  
What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?  
O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

### **New Testament Reading:**

### **Colossians 1:15-23**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the

faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading:** John 5:18-29

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns***

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Apostles' Creed***

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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)

***Offertory***

Why do we do this? From a practical standpoint, the church operates on peoples' time and treasure. Just as much as we need people to pitch in and help out, we also need to pay the bills.

From a spiritual standpoint, the giving to the church demonstrates thanksgiving to God and recognition that He alone is the giver of all good things. It also represents trust in his provision and a desire to see His Kingdom grow. We'll talk about tithing another day ☺

***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

**The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People:**        **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 Institution***

**Pastor:**        The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

#### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*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.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Distribution Hymns***

*When Peace, like a River* 763

*Come, My Soul, with Every Care* 779

*What Is This Bread* 629

### ***Benediction***



People: Amen

*The Recessional: My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*

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**Postlude**

**† Service Participants †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Michael Sterba & Mike Kroeger
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Darren, Jennifer & Adam Elikier(10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kari & John Gresh Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Debra Sterba & Lara Luedeman

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/17) – 207

Wednesday Attendance (4/20) – 24

Sunday Offering (4/17) - \$4,100.62

Online Offering (4/11-4/15) - \$575.00

Bell Choir Contributions - \$50.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4/24</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion            9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion &amp; Children’s Church            11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice            12:00 PM – Welcome Lunch            6:00 PM – Body &amp; Soul Bootcamp</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 4/25</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 4/26</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir            7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study            Vicarage Assignment Day</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4/27</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Mid Week Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 4/28</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 4/29</p>	<p>7:30 PM – Budget Meeting</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 4/30</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast            10:00 AM – Mark Jasa Outreach Seminar</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4/1</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion            9:30 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion            11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice            5:00 PM – Youth Event – Movie Night</p>

# Upcoming Youth Event!

## MOVIE NIGHT

**WHEN?** MAY 1

**MOVIE?** The Jungle Book

**TIME?** 5:00ish (Exact time to come)

**WHO?** Anyone in Middle or High School

**WHERE?** Chartiers Valley Stadium 18 -

1025 Washington Pike,  
Bridgeville

### **DETAILS:**

Bring money for a movie and ICE CREAM! We will go to the matinee around 5:00 and then walk over to Sincerely Yogurt for some Ice cream. Please drop off at the movie theater and pick up at Sincerely Yogurt.

