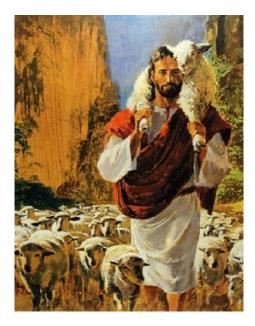
Zion Lutheran Church





May 3rd, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

Opening Hymn – Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship #911 1 Lord, this day we've come to wor-ship; Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion We have come to praise the Lord, 2 In 3 May Your Word en - rich our spir - it, Give us strength to do Your will, 4 As we meet our bless-ed Sav-ior At the Ta - ble of the Lord, 5 Cel - e - brate the res - ur - rec - tion In the church and sing His praise, Grace us with Your bless-ed pres-ence; Bless - ed Sav-ior, be our host. Cel - e-brate His bless-ed sup-per, And to learn His ho - ly Word. Show the king-dom we'll in - her - it, When at last our voice is still. May this bod - y bro-ken for us Strength and com-fort, Lord, af - ford. we come to true per - fec - tion: Serve Till the Lord through all our days. Refrain Al le lu ia. al ia, le lu Al-le-lu-ia, praise the Lord! Al le ia. lu al le lu _ ia, Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord!

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- In the name of the Father and of the
 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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



P I am the good | shepherd.

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

C Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

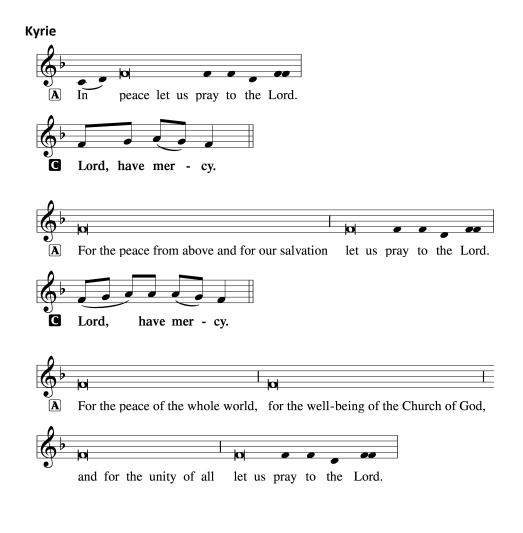
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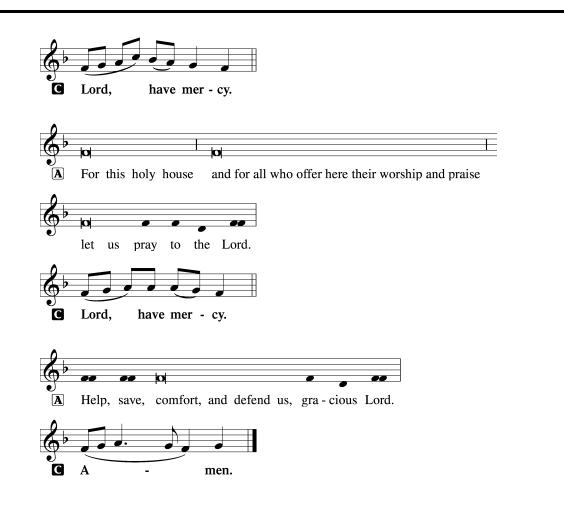
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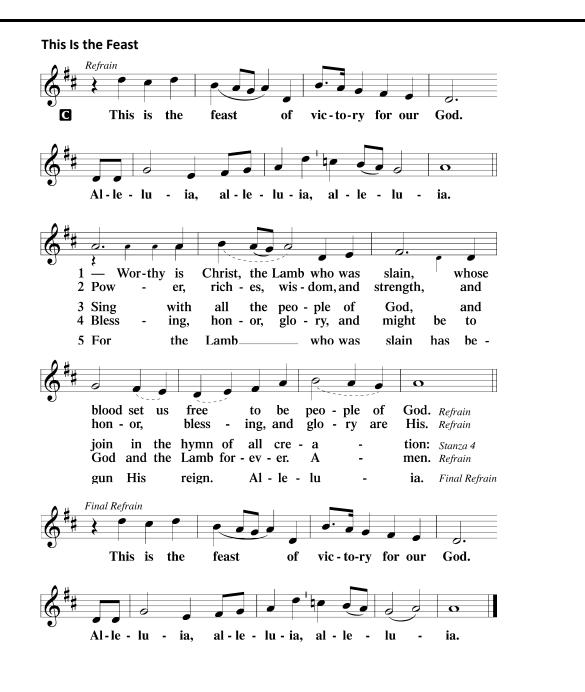
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

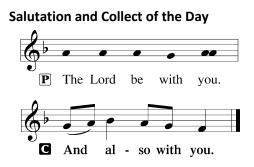
P I am the good | shepherd.

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









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.



First Reading -- Acts 2:42–47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

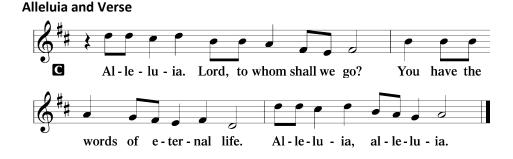
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle -- 1 Peter 2:19-25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

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



[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought

out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."





Hymn of the Day – The King of Love My Shepherd is

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
 And on His shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.

Sermon

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- 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!

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

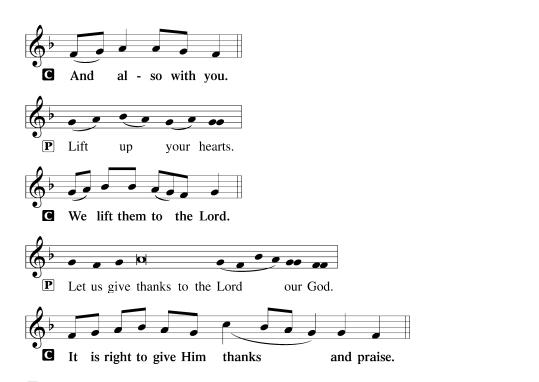
Prayer of the Church

- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord
- **C** ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

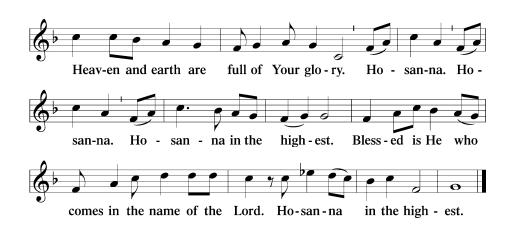






It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed 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:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 H 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."

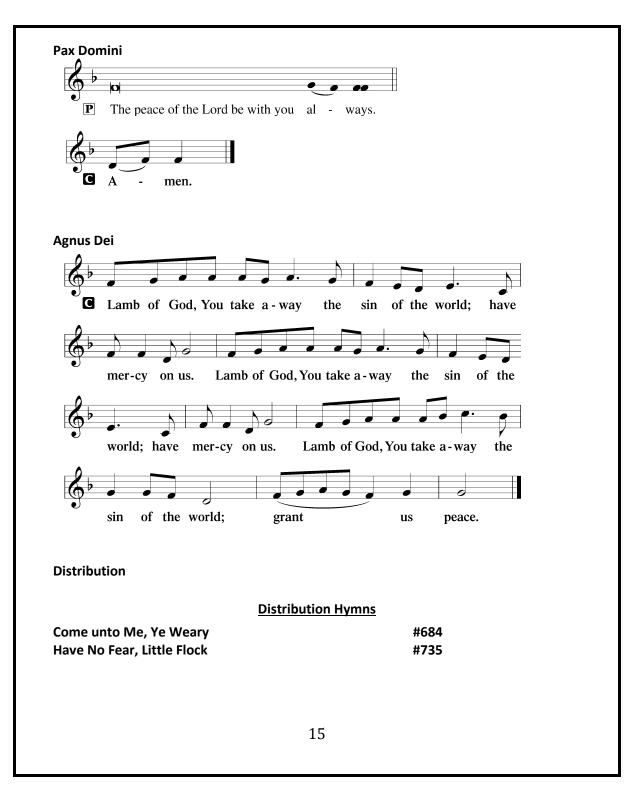
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

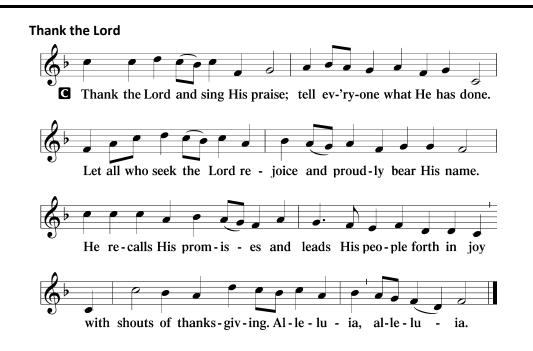
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Closing Hymn – Jesus, Lead Thou On

- Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless. Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.
- If the way be drear,
 If the foe be near,
 Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
 Let not faith and hope forsake us;
 For through many_a woe
 To our home we go.

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- When we seek relief
 From a long-felt grief,
 When temptations come alluring,
 Make us patient and enduring.
 Show us that bright shore
 Where we weep no more.
- Jesus, lead Thou on
 Till our rest is won.
 Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
 Still support, console, protect us,
 Till we safely stand
 In our fatherland.

Please leave your bulletin on the pew where you were seated to assist our custodian with sanitizing the pews following the service.

Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-Healing for: Judy Bridges, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Jan Nemanick, Ruth Rostron, Steve Johnson, The Watt family, Patti Neill, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, and Tim Fitzgerald.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it. -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

For our leaders and government officials.
For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
For the disabled, unborn and aged.
For those whose work it is to protect us.
For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Music Director: The Organist: The Elders: The Acolyte: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein Mark Killinger Sandy Quinlan Bill Bishop & Mike Sterba Joshua Grimenstein (8:00) Luke Lemonovich (10:30) Janet & Marian Oelschlager

Altar Guild:

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paula Jones in memory of husband Harry Jones; and by Judy Bridges in memory of Benjamin Bridges.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Lynn and Tom Carthy.

THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN, a monthly newsletter that details news and events of our local LCMS congregations, is seeking a Layout Editor. This volunteer role requires about 5 hours/month working in Microsoft Publisher to layout and design articles; best of all, this person will work closely with TPL editors (and Zion members) Mary Lou Rilee and Nancy Koester! Contact Mary Lou at Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com with any questions.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/26) – 24 (8 am); 20 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (4/29) -- 8 Thursday Small Group Worship Attendance (4/30) -- 5 Sunday Offering (4/26) – \$2530.00 Online Offering – \$2700.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion's website: <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

May 3rd - May 10th

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
5/3	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation Online
5/4	7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation Online
TUESDAY 5/5	
WEDNESDAY 5/6	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 5/7	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
	Communion See details in back of bulletin
	7:00 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 5/8	
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
5/9	Communion See details in back of bulletin
SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
5/10	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
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If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"





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Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!

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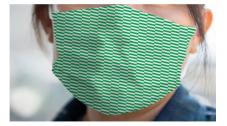


With the extension of pandemic restrictions into May, Zion will continue to offer two shortened, spoken Divine Services each week. These services will complement our already scheduled Wednesday evening service and two Sunday services and are being offered for our members whose medical conditions or age would make them more susceptible to the effects of the coronavirus.

- Services will be held from 10-10:30 am on Thursdays & Saturdays.
- A MAXIMUM number of 10 persons will occupy the sanctuary at any given time (8 worshippers, 1 pastor, 1 elder). Congregational members will be seated by the elder in "reserved" areas in the sanctuary to maximize safe distance between worshippers
- Participants should sign up via Sign Up Genius (go to "www.signupgenius.com/findasignup". In the "Search for a Sign Up" box, enter the email address "secretary@zlcb.org". This will take you to the Zion Worship Sign-Up page where you can choose a service date). Or, you may call Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066 to sign up.
- Communion will be offered to individuals/families as separate units in order to maintain a safe distance. An offering plate will be available in the narthex rather than passed

If you would like assistance signing up or have any questions, please contact Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066.

The Lord be with you, Pastor Grimenstein



Attention all Mask-Makers!

Zion is encouraging the wearing of facemasks for those who are worshipping in person. Members can find facemasks in a basket next to the bulletins in the back of the sanctuary. Facemasks may of course be removed to receive the sacrament. Since some of our members may be unable to make masks for themselves, we would also like to be able to provide facemasks to any who may need them.

Here are links to facemask patterns (one requires sewing, the other does not). <u>https://youtu.be/S9RWII2-5_4; https://</u> <u>www.facebook.com/tiffany.wambach/videos/10219383090882189/</u>. There are many other patterns available online. Our goal is to make at least 100 facemasks. Any remaining facemasks will be mailed to LCMS churches in the New York area who have asked for help in producing masks they are distributing among their local communities. If you are able to help produce a few masks, or have any questions, please contact Megan Glasser (<u>mkglasser@yahoo.com</u>) to tell her how many you are able to make.

Once your facemasks are completed, please place each facemask in an individual Ziploc baggy. A box has been placed outside the entrance to the preschool (near the flagpole) where facemasks may be dropped off at your leisure. If you are uncomfortable leaving your home to deliver the masks, please contact Megan and she will make arrangements to have them picked up from your front doorstep. If you are in need of a few masks, please feel free to come by and take a few from the drop-box!

Thanks for helping!