

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year C



May 18, 2025

10:30 am

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phillipsburg, KS

Introduction to the day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

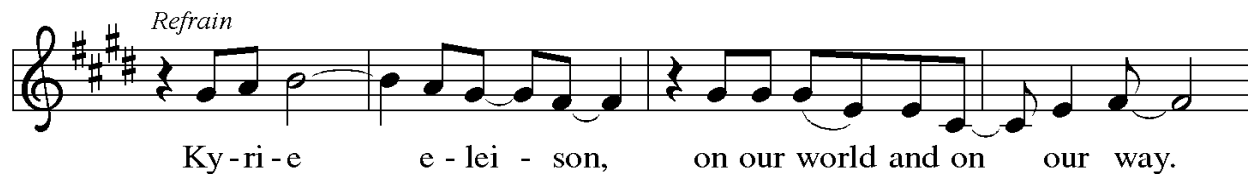
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God^l in the heights.
- ² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- ³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- ⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **young men and maidens,
old and ^l young together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

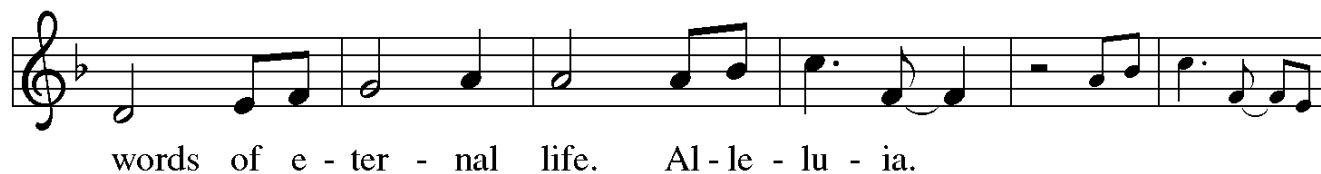
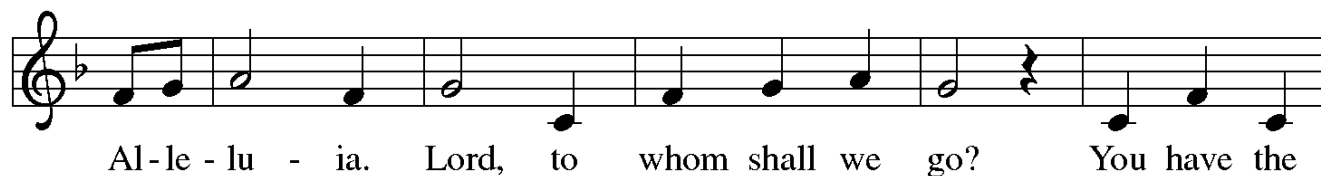
¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have

passed away.” ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595)

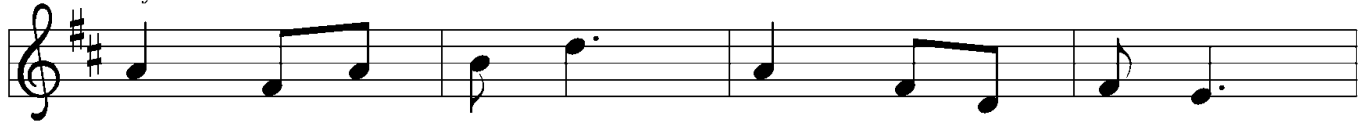


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

APOSTLE'S CREED

As the Spirit moves us, let us stand and confess faith in God with the church throughout the world and time through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Amen

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places (*local or regional places may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love (*especially Erik, King of Sweden*). Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

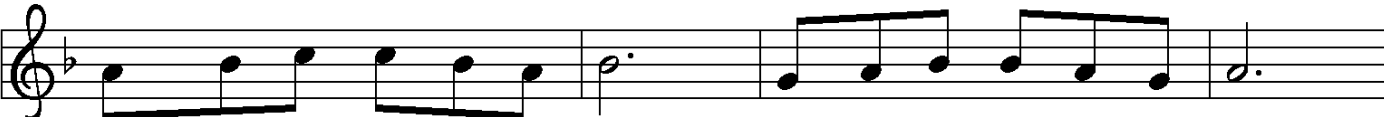
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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COMBINED ZION & EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Sick, injured, or grieving: Sharon Krafft, Connie Winter, Pastor Lee, Larry Manz, Jessica Gooder, Ivan & Phyllis Wagner, Benny Bennight, Barb Tien

Military - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, Col. Mark Mullinax, Tiler Peveani.

Homebound or in care facilities: Don Merklein, Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy & Wayne Hanke, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, Troy Blubaugh, Ron Sidman, and Jean Daniels

Special Prayers: Lucas Maddy (Attending School in Malaysia)

TO ADD PRAYERS: If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please email or call Janice Giedd at jgiedd@ruraltel.net or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Kathy at kbwhitneyrev@gmail.com or (785) 302-1876.

Lawn Donations: Robinson Lawn Care will be spraying again this year. Anyone help is appreciated. The estimated cost for the year is \$600. - \$300 received to date.

Giving:

April - \$4,244.00

YTD - \$17,222.00

Approved Budget Needed Each Month: \$5,907.99

YTD Budget Shortfall – (\$6409.96)

Worship Volunteers: New Sign-up sheets have been placed on the bulletin boards for Worship volunteers, Lay Ministry, and help with visitations. Job duties have slightly changed, and we are willing to train on any duties. Please re-sign up if you are willing to help! If you have any questions, please reach out to a Council member.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ON MAY 18, 2025

<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18 at 10:30 am</i>	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25 at 10:30 am</i>
Presiding Minister	Lay Janet McCall	Pastor Kathy
Musician	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
Lector	Cristinia Dettmer	Marci Rust
Acolyte		
Greeters	Melvin & Grace Grau	Jeff & Tamra Griffey
Usher	Steven Rust	Janet McCall
Altar Guild	Brad & Shelli Lare	Brad & Shelli Lare
Media	Cesha Rust	Benny Bennight

COMBINED EMMANUEL & ZION CALENDAR

Sunday, May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Lectionary 3C)

- 9:00 am – Emmanuel Sunday Communion
- 10:00 am – Emmanuel Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Zion Sunday Communion

Tuesday, May 20

- 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts at Zion

Sunday, May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Lectionary 3C)

- 10:30 am – Zion Sunday Communion (Combined)

DISCIPLES OF THE PLAINS WEBSITE AND INFORMATION:

(<https://www.disciplesoftheplains.com>) The website for Disciples of the Plains Lutheran Ministry contains links to the individual websites of the congregations who have web sites, links to congregational Facebook and other social media pages, links to Synod and ELCA pages, and links to sign-up or to change your settings for Textcaster. Textcaster is our service to get information out quickly via texts. You can customize what notification you want.

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