

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
Zion Lutheran Church
500 South Old Route 66
Mt. Olive, IL 62069**

**Sunday Worship
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Our Worship Leaders This Morning

Pastor:	Rev. Zachary Krampien
Assisting Minister:	Helen Flatau
Accompanist:	Bonnie Froiland
Acolyte:	Klaire Gerdes
Prepare Communion:	Mike Pfeiffer
Greeter:	Judy Minkanic
Usher:	Walter Friesner and Cathy Rogers
Reader:	Helen Flatau
Communion Assistants:	Jane Hemann and Lindsey Knes
Wash Communion Ware:	Carolyn Schulte
Media Team:	Scott Schuette, Mark and Heather Davis
Altar Guild This Month:	Walter and Iris Friesner
Refreshments This Week:	Sharon Dean, Walter and Iris Friesner

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE/CANDLE-LIGHTING

Please Stand if You Are Able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #428

In Christ There is No East or West

*In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Thro'out the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North:
All Christly souls are one in Him
Thro'out the whole wide earth.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Video

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #92

O How I Love Jesus

*There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.
It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.*

*O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.*

*O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

*It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.*

*O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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 Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR PRAYERS

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

SONG

C *Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Celebration Hymnal #816

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone –
A trust, Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first-fruits give. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

LORD'S SUPPER PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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

LAMB OF GOD

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C Amen

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C *Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Bulletin Insert

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing (Verses 1, 3, 5)

*Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
In death his love shall never die.*

*Not thrones afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.*

*Christ is alive! Ascended Lord –
He rules the world his Father made,
Till, in the end, his love adored
Shall be to all on earth displayed.*

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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Worship Services

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive
And at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Church in Gillespie.

Office Hours

Pastor Zach will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Mondays and Thursdays he will be at Zion in Gillespie.

Luan will continue to work Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

90th Birthday Card Shower

Please help celebrate Carolyn Schulte's 90th birthday by showering her with cards and well wishes! Her birthday is Tuesday, May 7th but we know that she would enjoy receiving birthday wishes throughout the month of May. Please mail a card with a birthday wish, photo, or story during the month of May.

This year, May showers, can include a shower of well wishes for a special lady on a special birthday.

Please mail to:
Carolyn Schulte
20011 Tall Timber Rd.
Staunton, IL 62088

All are Invited to Attend!

We are switching gears, instead of continuing with Season 4 of The Chosen, we are going to start Season 3.

If anyone has not seen Season 3, they are welcome to join us –
or if you want to watch Season 3 again.

The episodes are shown on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Please remember to pay for your Easter Lilies. The cost per lily is \$7. Please mark paid by your name on clipboard located on the showcase in the Narthex.

If anyone has ideas or would like to help decorate the vestibule, please speak with Kay Brines.

Love Fund

Every now and then, we have someone come to Zion in need of immediate monetary help with gas, etc. on a day when the Care Center is closed.

A fund has been set up to help those people in need. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may put your contribution in the collection plate or mail it to Zion Lutheran Church.

Please call the church office at 217-999-4781 or 217-710-0858 to reserve the Fellowship Hall and/or to borrow tables and chairs.

Care Center Donations

Donations of food, personal care products and plastic bags are accepted at the Care Center.

Please bring any donations to church and put them in the blue container in the narthex.

You may also drop them off at the Care Center located at 125 E. Main Street in Mt. Olive.

If you would like to receive a communion visit from Pastor Zach, please call the church office at 217-999-4781 or call Pastor Zach at 309-706-5142.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Mon. 6:00 pm The Chosen 3
Tues. 1:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
“ 6:30 pm Al-anon Meeting
Thurs. 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service with Communion

WORSHIP SERVICES AT GILLESPIE ZION

8:30 am Worship Services

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort:

Dorothy Marburger	Mary Stewart	Marilyn Forbes
Larry Marburger	Darrell Goodwin	Doug Smith
JoAnn Schuette	Judy McDonald	Debbie Grove
	Forest Rowe	

For All Who Serve in the Military, Especially Those Deployed:

Elaine Nelson (AF)	Austin Travous (A)
Colin Atteberry (AF)	Mitchell Bumgardner (AF)

In Care Facilities:

Jean Vasel: San Gabriel Memory Care Highland, IL	JoAnn Schuette: Rm #28 Copper Creek Cottages Litchfield, IL
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