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GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



MAY 16/17 2026
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:

John Noltner

ASSISTING:

5 PM Pr Connie Tiede

8 AM Katie Weiland

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Linda Peterson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Let All That Hath Breath Praise the Lord" by Austin Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, director

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the source of life, who calls us into eternal life.

Amen.

Jesus prays, "This is eternal life, to know you." In baptism, God draws us into this life.

We know you, O God, through Jesus Christ.

Jesus prays for his followers to be one. In baptism, we are made one in Christ.

Make us one, as you are one.

You have called us by name and claimed us as your own. You guard us and hold us in your love.

Keep us in your name, O Lord.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and lead us into the joy of eternal life.

Glorify your name in us, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth, vs 1, 3 & 4

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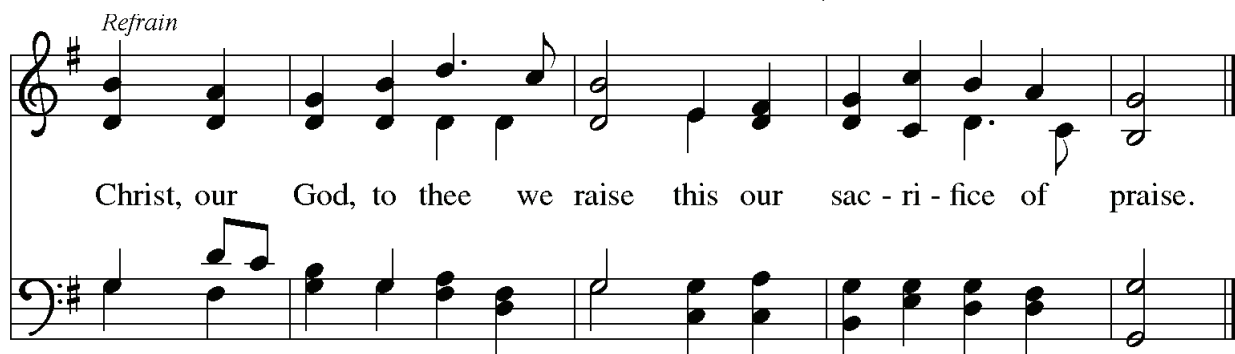


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (9 AM)

Graduates and their families stand in their pews

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Graduates, receive this blessing:

God of creation, pour out your Spirit on these graduates, as they start a new chapter of life and faith. Bless them as they begin new ventures as faithful people, hearing your word, responding in thankfulness by proclaiming your love and grace through their words and deeds while walking with you. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Sing a Song of Praise" by Ruth Elaine Schram
Kids Choir; Callie Pendergrass, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

WORD

LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 17:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: John Noltner, Guest Speaker, "A Peace of My Mind"

HYMN OF THE DAY: Crown Him With Many Crowns, vs 1, 4 & 5

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave time,
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Through your resurrection power...

Hear us Living God.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

“O All Ye Works”by Stopford

Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

Text

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. O ye waters that above the firmament, bless ye the Lord; O ye sun and moon, ye stars of heaven, O ye showers and dew, O ye winds of God, O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord. Praise him and magnify him forever. O ye summer; O ye dews and frost, O ye frost and cold, O ye ice and snow, O ye nights and days, O ye light and darkness, O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord. Praise him and magnify him forever. O let the earth bless the Lord, Yea, let us praise him and magnify him forever.

OFFERTORY: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verse 1

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Jesus Loves Me

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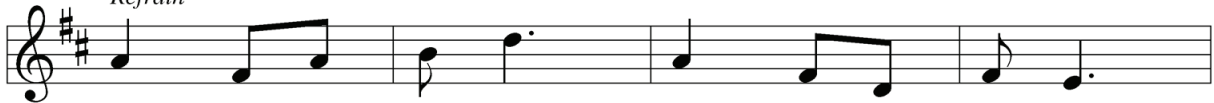


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
4 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



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.
from his shin - ing throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.
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.



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
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though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 moved us to a more pro - found
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight:
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

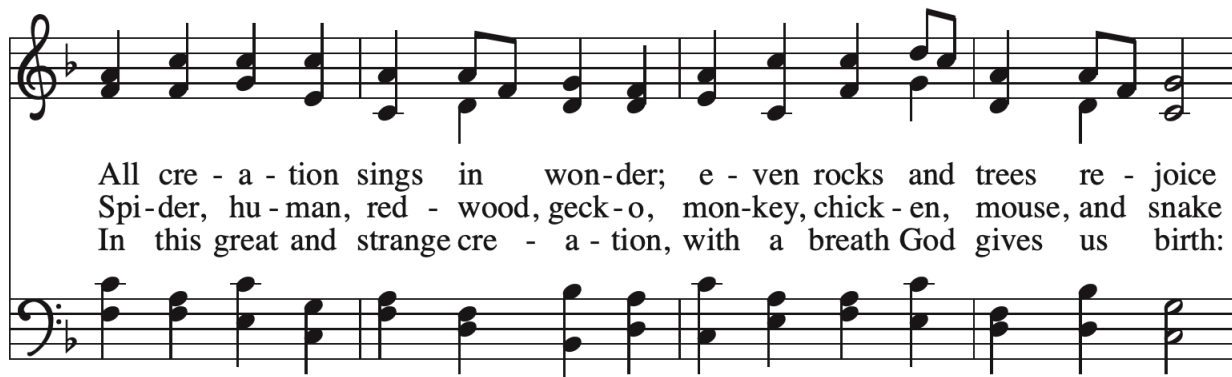
Amen.



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

MEMORIAL FUNDS DESIGNATION

Following the loss of a loved one, Zion members frequently name Zion Lutheran Church to be a recipient of Memorial gifts in memory of their loved one. We are sometimes asked about the ministry areas families may designate or “earmark” their memorial gifts.

Here is the current list of established Memorial Funds:

- Children and Youth Ministry Memorial Fund
- Music and Worship Ministry Memorial Fund
- Radio Broadcast Ministry Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Sunday Hospitality Ministry Fund
- Zion Foundation
- Technology & Building Renewal Fund
- General Mission Fund
- Mortgage Reduction Fund

If you have questions about Memorial Funds please feel free to call the church office and talk to Tracy Kinn, Director of Finance or Pastor Connie. Memorial checks may be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and the memo line of the check should indicate the Memorial Fund for which the donation(s) are intended.

HELP ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SAVE ON PRINTING & POSTAGE:

In our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of both our resources and the environment, we are asking you to consider two simple, yet impactful changes that can help our church save valuable funds: subscribing to our Herald Newsletter electronically and giving your offerings electronically. How to switch?

1. Sign up for the Electronic Herald by calling or emailing Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org.
2. Set up Electronic Giving by calling or emailing Tracy Kinn at tkinn@zionanoka.org.

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the front desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zion-anoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly online newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!