

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 24/25, 2026

5:00 PM, 8:00/10:30 AM

Welcome To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, vadams@zionharvester.org, in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

Children in Worship

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service.

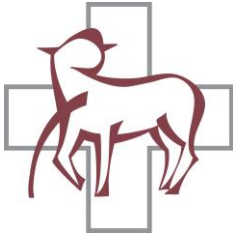
Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

Nursery and Cry Room

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Decorum

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



DIVINE SERVICE

Do This in Memory of Me

Music by David Haas

Prelude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – arr. Paul Manz

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Stand

Sharing of the Peace

This ancient but significant gesture in worship is a tradition rooted in Scripture. It embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and mouths in the ways of peace.

From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. “Peace be with you” is a greeting that Jesus himself used with his disciples after He had risen from the dead (Luke 24:36). The apostle Paul opened each of his letters with the words “Grace and peace be with you” (Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2).

When we share the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).



Opening Hymn: 411 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Preparation

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Blessed be God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in love. God does not treat us as our sins deserve nor punish us according to our guilt, but looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. Therefore let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P** O God,
C In your goodness, have mercy on us. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart, and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.
- P** As tender as a father is to his child, so gentle is God with you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. 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.
P Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
C Blessed be God forever.

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Service of the Word

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain



This is the feast! Come and cel - e - brate the vic - t'ry for our God!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! This is the feast!



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb once slain, whose
2. Sing out with joy, all peo - ple of God!
3. This is the feast for praise and re - joic - ing



blood was shed to give free - dom for all.
join in the song of cre - a - tion!
for the Lamb, the one who was slain,



Pow - er and rich - es wis - dom and strength,
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might to
will come forth now and be - gin God's reign!



hon - or and bless - ing; come give glo - ry to Christ! Yes,
God and the Lamb for - ev - er more! Yes,
Sing all you peo - ple, sing Al - le - lu - ia! Yes,

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1–4

For to Us a Child Is Born

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: The Lord Is My Light

Psalm 27, paraphrase

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The Lord is the
strong - hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

A Refrain

C Refrain

A There is one thing I ask of the Lord: to dwell in His house forever,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life.

C Refrain

A Do not hide Your face, O Lord; ev'ry day I will seek Your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me.

C Refrain

A Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living.

C Refrain

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Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

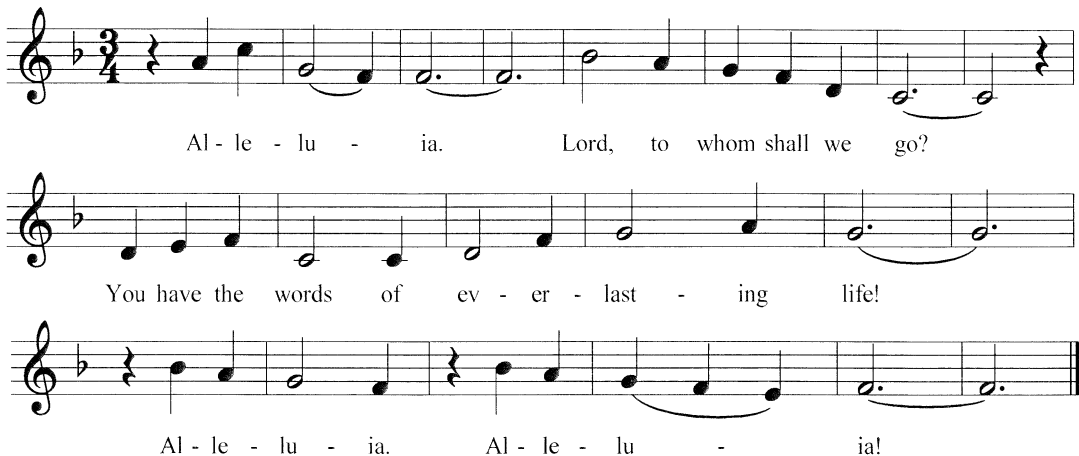
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life!

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: O Church, Arise (School Theme Song)

sts. 1-2



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain.
2. Our call to war, to love the cap-tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;



For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en.
And with the sword that makes the wound-ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure.



An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.

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Children's Message

Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.

Hymn of the Day: O Church, Arise (School Theme Song)

sts. 3-4



3. Come see the cross, where love and mer-cy meet, as the Son of God is strick-en.

4. So Spir-it, come, put strength in ev-'ry stride, give grace for ev-'ry hur-dle;



Then see his foes lie crushed be-neath His feet, for the Con-quer-or has ris-en.

That we may run with faith to win the prize of a ser-vant, good and faith-ful.



And as the stone is rolled a-way and Christ e-merg-es from the grave,

As saints of old still line the way, re-tell-ing tri-umphs of His grace,

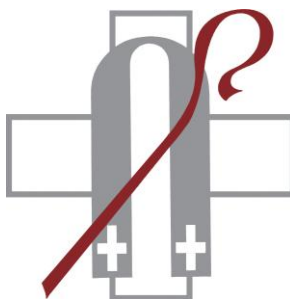


this vic-t'ry march con-tin-ues till the day ev-'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

we hear their calls, and hun-ger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo-ry.

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Sermon



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the following bid is spoken.

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

O Church, Arise— arr. James Koerts

*Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks.
At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.*

*To prepare for communion, please see LSB p. 329, "Christian Questions with Their Answers."
Additional communion notes are in the back of this bulletin.*

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

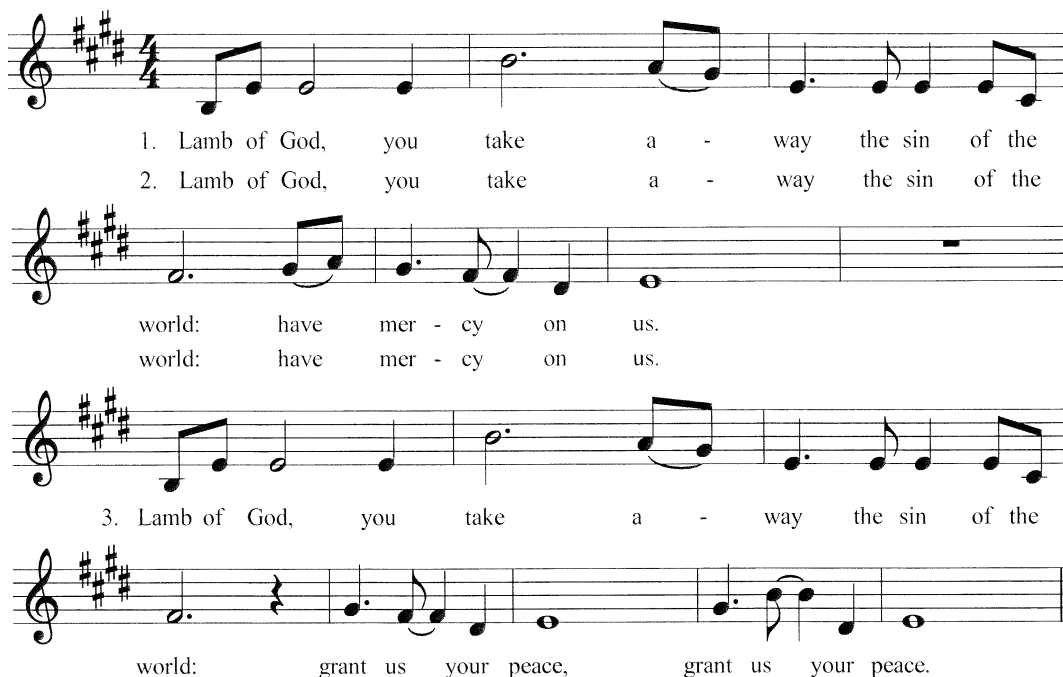
Peace

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

John 1:29



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us.
world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the individual tray for those who have medical reasons for not receiving wine. Gluten-free wafers and individual settings are available at the Baptismal font.

Hymn: 839 - O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg

Anthem

5:00, *Feed My Lambs* – Natalie Sleeth

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Unto all who lose the way, Hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Text: adapted from Scripture by Natalie Sleeth

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8:00/10:00, *Come to the Feast* – Bob Hurd

Come, come to the banquet,
Come, come to the feast.
Here the hungry find plenty,
Here the thirsty shall drink,
Here at the supper of Jesus,
Come to the feast.

Like the child whose fishes and loaves fed the multitude,
In the Lord the little we have, broken and shared, becomes abundant food.

‘Til the seed is given to earth, it is just one grain;
But once sown its death brings new birth, the harvest is rich; what’s lost is raised again.

In the stranger by our side, in the least and last,
In the thirst for mercy we share, Christ is here in the breaking of the bread.

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Hymn: Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

C Refrain

A I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

C Refrain

A Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

C Refrain

A Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

C Refrain

A Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

C Refrain

A If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

C Refrain

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Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis: Now, O Lord, Dismiss Your Servants

Luke 2:29-32



1. Now, O Lord, dis - miss your ser - vants with your word; give us re - lease.
2. Light, en - light - 'ning ev - 'ry peo - ple, glo - ry of your Is - ra - el.
3. Child of Mar - y, sign of won - der, by you, man - y rise and fall.



For our eyes have seen sal - va - tion, prom - ised ev - er to in - crease.
Seen in vi - sions of the sag - es, heard in what the pro - phets tell.
In the speak - ing and the si - lence, pierce our hearts and break our walls.



Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis - miss us; Now let us de - part in peace.
Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis - miss us; Now in ev - 'ry spir - it dwell.
Lord, dis - miss us, Lord, dis - miss us; Now, our God, our life, our all.

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Post-Communion Prayer

- P** God of all creation, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have tasted your goodness. Strengthen us by your grace that we might more perfectly praise you and more faithfully love one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: 861 - Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Tune: Irish

Postlude

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord! – arr. John A. Behnke

Communion Statement

The Lord's supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin (Matt. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 11:23-24).

In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod are unable to receive the Sacrament and are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Those who have questions or concerns are invited to speak with one of the pastors.

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Participants

Preacher:		Rev. Mark Rouland
Liturgist:	5:00	Seminarian Benjamin Brenner
	8:00/10:30	Rev. Mike Fiebert
Children's Message:		Sara Kuhlmann, Assistant Principal
Staff Readers:	5:00	Catherine Streuter, 8 th grade teacher Jessi Dippold, literacy coach Brandon Marolf, principal
	8:00	Emma Schnegelberger, 4 th grade teacher Sue Riemenschneider, 6 th grade teacher David Maddick, 8 th grade teacher
	10:30	Jen Donner, technology coordinator David Maddick, 8 th grade teacher Brandon Marolf, principal
Organist:		Mark Thielke
Choir:	5:00	Jubilant Voice (5 th grade choir)
	8:00	Grade 4
	10:30	Grade 3
Instruments:		Liturgical Ensemble
Acolytes:	5:00	Liam Inchiostro, Lauren Rohr
	8:00	Noah Scott, Joey Huls
	10:30	Camden Viets, Kate McBroom
Elder:	5:00	Rob Halterman
	8:00	Dan Kuntz
	10:30	Chris Bates
Ushers:	5:00	Ray Barker Team
	8:00	Jim Koeneman Team
	10:30	Tim Edinger Team

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the School Sunshine Club in celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week.