

The Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 29, 2011 AD + 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

“The Comforter”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

God of everlasting love, through your Word you made all things in heaven and on earth; you have opened to us the path from death to life: Listen to the song of the universe, the hymn of resurrection, sung by your Church and give us your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome. God is with us always in the ongoing presence of His Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of Truth who teaches us about our sin and about God’s overwhelming love and mercy. This presence and this truth comfort us in the midst of our often troubled and frustrating lives.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

God raised
Christ from
the dead and
seated Him at
His right
hand in the
heavenly
places,
alleluia.
~Ephesians
1:20

PRELUDE

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

... Hildebrand

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn to face the back of the nave.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” green hymnal #128

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

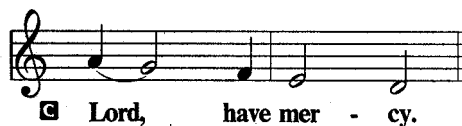
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

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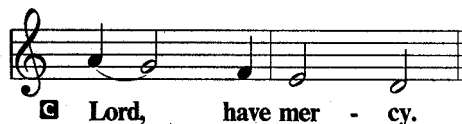
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Musical notation for the hymn 'This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.' The hymn is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.' The music is divided into ten staves, each with its corresponding lyrics underneath.

*When we on
that final
journey go
that Christ is
for us prepar-
ing, we'll
gather in
song, our
hearts aglow,
all joy of the
heavens shar-
ing, and walk
in the light of
God's own
place, with
angels His
name
adoring.
~N.F.S.
Grundtvig,
1783-1872
A.D.*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, the giver of all that is good, by your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Acts of the Apostles 17:16–31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I pro-

claim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

P: Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

C: **who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

P: For you, O God, have tested us; you have purified us like silver.

C: **You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

P: You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

P: I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

C: **Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

P: I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

C: If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

P: but in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

C: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE



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



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



¹⁵[Jesus said,] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ☩ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

*Why should I
fear if I own
this Lord,
who promises
me that if I
believe in
Him, the Holy
Spirit shall be
my Comforter
and Helper,
and together
with Him also
the Father
and the Son?
For the Fa-
ther Himself
sends and
gives the
Comforter,
the Son prays,
and the Holy
Spirit comes.
And since the
Father, Son,
and Holy
Spirit want to
be praised,
known, and
honored for
comforting
me, all the
angels and
creatures
must rejoice!
~Martin
Luther
1537 A.D.*

*Almighty
God, you wait
for evidence
of our faith as
we wait for
daily bread.
With these
offerings,
receive our
hopeful
prayers that
you will bless
our farmers
and their
fields. As our
land is green-
ing in this
new season,
help us trust
and rejoice in
your gift of
life. Through
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.
~Eugene
Lehrke,
1999 A.D.*

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Down, O Love Divine” green hymnal #508

SERMON

“The Comforter”

Please stand.

PRAYERS

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

Grazioso

... Telemann

Please stand.

OFFERTORY “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus rose triumphantly,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear, what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!**

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Lord Jesus
Christ, in
your absence
you comfort
us with your
presence in
this Eucha-
rist. As we
experience
this sign of
your love,
encourage us
by its power
to comfort
one another.
We bless you
now and
evermore.
Amen.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION "Christ Is Arisen"

Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark pris - on.

We now re - joice with glad - ness, Christ will end all sad - ness.

Lord, have mer - cy. All our hopes were end - ed

Had Je - sus not as - cend - ed From the grave tri - umphant-ly.

For this, Lord Christ, we wor-ship Thee. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! We now re - joice with glad - ness,

Christ will end all sad - ness. Lord, have mer - cy.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Children of the Heavenly Father” green hymnal #474
“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” green hymnal #524

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!
C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Before You, Lord, We Bow” green hymnal #401

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

... Handel

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
Only To God Be Glory

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**A Prayer
Upon
Leaving
Church**
Come down,
O Love
divine; seek
Thou this
soul of mine
and visit it
with Thine
own ardor
glowing; O
Comforter,
draw dear;
within my
heart appear
and kindle it,
Thy holy
flame
bestowing.
~Bianco
da Siena,
d. 1434
A.D.

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city.

Today's Participants:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Virginia Giese

Lector: (9:00) Mike Goetsch

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolytes: (9:00) Aleashia Feehrer

Teague Layman

Erin Lemmer

(11:00) Sam Zastrow

Elder: (9:00) Kathy LaPorte

(11:00) Bob Thomas

Head Usher: (9:00) Marty Dettmering

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) John Ahrens

Kathy LaPorte

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen

Laurel Rouse

Bonnie Waack

For You This Week

May 28—June 5, 2011

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Sharing God's Blessings

- The flowers at the altar are from the Friday evening, May 27 wedding of Jim Speckhard and Lori Matti.

Weddings

Jim Speckhard and Lori Matti were married at Zion's altar on Friday, May 27, by Pr. Steven Gjerde. **Also**, Elise Riveron and Neville Wickstrom will be married at Zion's altar on Sunday, May 29, by the Rev. John Wohlrabe. May God grant these couples rich blessings in their married life.

Symbols of Marriage Depicted in Stained Glass Windows

On the east side of Zion's nave, the third windows from the chancel, in the bottom central window, marriage is depicted by the fusing of two candles into one; two intertwining rings; and the burning light is the light of Christ in the home.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., The Resurrection Life: A Study in Acts
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Matthew 9:14
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 20:23

Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. Matins and 6:30 p.m. Vespers

Worship Notes

The beauty of the church year is the beauty of Jesus Christ. All of His life is celebrated, beginning to end. This week on Thursday, June 2, we will celebrate His Ascension with Holy communion at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

May Missions of Zion

- **Women's Community, Wausau: \$1,000 goal**
- **Novosaratovka Lutheran Seminary: \$1,000 goal**
- **Lutheran Campus Ministries: \$1,000 goal**

We had three mission emphases this month, and we thank Zion congregation for all of the support for missions, this month and each month of the year.

Missionaries to Speak at Zion

Lutheran bible Translator, Chris Pluger, will be at Zion on Sunday, June 5 to present his work in Zambia. Come and here about the spread of the good news.

Zion's Devotional Society

Join Coram Deo, a group of Zion members walking a common path of prayer and Bible reading! For more information, call the church office.

School Kitchen Renovation

During the time of May 27 through June 5, the kitchen will be renovated.

Ladies Aid

... will enjoy their year-end picnic in the church hall on Thursday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m. The game Bunco will be played. The officers are the hostesses/devotions leaders.

**Homme
Home
Strawberry
Festival**

... Sunday,
June 12 at
Homme
Home, 604 S.
Webb St.,
Wittenberg.
Worship at
10:15 a.m. in
the Chapel;
Lunch for \$5
served from
11 a.m. to 1
p.m. Straw-
berries and
ice cream
served at 1:30
p.m. Noon
parade,
orchestra
entertainment
from 1-3
p.m., and
raffle
drawings at
3 p.m.

Christian Baccalaureate Service

... Monday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Wausau East High School Auditorium. Graduating seniors from East, West, D.C. Everest, Mosinee High Schools and Home School will come together to thank God for this milestone in their lives. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The speaker is Matt Hoffland: "Together As One—Radical or Casual". Reservations are not necessary and all are welcome! Free will offering.

Concordia Guild

Change of date: we will meet on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall (instead of June 2, Ascension). Darla Westcott Zastrow, U.W. Marathon County Biology Department, will present a program about the Robert W. Monk Gardens. As always, guests are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

"Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street" is the theme of the 2011 Vacation Bible School, for children age 4 to 4th grade, held the week of July 25-29 at St. Michael Catholic Church. The VBS will run from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon daily. You may obtain registration information from the church office for your children, or your grandchildren or any of their friends. Return the registration forms to the church office. **Also, if you are interested in helping out with VBS, call Leann at 715-842-1810.** Make use of this opportunity to encourage your children's faith!

Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil

... Friday, June 3, 4-7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Dr., Wausau. Menu: poor man's style haddock fish with butter, red potatoes, baby onions, baked beans, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$10 adult, \$5 ages 6-12, Free for children under 6 years of age. Proceeds benefit the Orphan Grain Train, an international humanitarian relief effort.

Church Dartball League

Teams are being formed for the Church Dartball League, representing churches in the Wausau, Schofield, and Rothschild area. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Peace United Church of Christ, 1530 Grand Ave., Schofield. You can actually see what the dartball setup involves and play a little bit to try out the game. Competition is held on Monday nights in the late fall, winter and early spring.

Tornado in Joplin, Missouri—Disaster Appeal

The building that housed a Lutheran congregation has been destroyed, according to Rev. Bill Pape. Please keep the pastor and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin in your prayers. From Minnesota to Texas there is widespread damage due to floods and severe storms. Lutheran Disaster Response, a joint ELCA-LCMS endeavor, is already assessing the situation in Joplin and other areas affected by the severe storms and flooding. 100 percent of checks written to Zion and designated "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used for funding the disaster response.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

May 28—June 5, 2011

- Sat. 3:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal**
5:15 pm Service
- Sun. EASTER 6**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service
4:30 pm Riveron / Wickstrom Wedding
- Mon. MEMORIAL DAY**
Church Office Closed
7:00 pm Christian Baccalaureate Service at
Wausau East Auditorium
- Tues. 9:00 am Adult Bible Study**
10:30 am Staff Meeting
- Weds. 12:00 pm Absolution**
5:30 pm Absolution
- Thurs. ASCENSION DAY**
7:00 am Men's Bible Class
10:00 am Communion Service in chapel
6:30 pm Communion Service in chapel
- Sat. 9 am to 3 pm Outreach Video of Zion parishioners**
5:15 pm Service
- Sun. EASTER 7**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service

ATTENDANCE: 5/21, 22 & 25:

<u>Saturday 5:15 pm:</u>	62
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	220
11:00 am	47
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	8
6:30 pm	8
Total:	345

Every Sunday

The Wausau Daily Herald may be purchased in the narthex or near the church office to benefit Zion youth.

Hosts Needed for International Scholars

Nineteen young men and women from the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico will arrive in Wausau in August. They will be studying Small and Medium Business, Entrepreneurship and Leadership at North-central Technical College in Wausau. Call 715-803-1038, Christopher Knight, for questions and information about hosting a student.

Zion Lutheran Church

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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