

Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA / www.zionharrisburg.org

May 10, 2026, Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15am Service of the Word

Easter Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

(During the prelude, you are invited to be in quiet prayer as we prepare to begin our worship of God. It can be an opportunity to pray for people and situations mentioned during the announcements; a time to prepare for confession and forgiveness; and/or a time to be in silence before the Lord.)

Prelude "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" - Thomas J. Williams, arr Craig Curry

Please stand as able

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and 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.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

Green 148

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.


Greeting

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

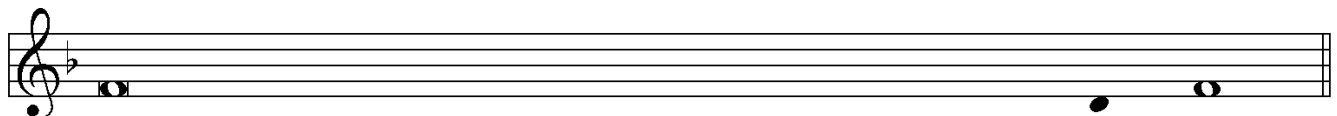
C And also with you.

Kyrie


Green 57-58



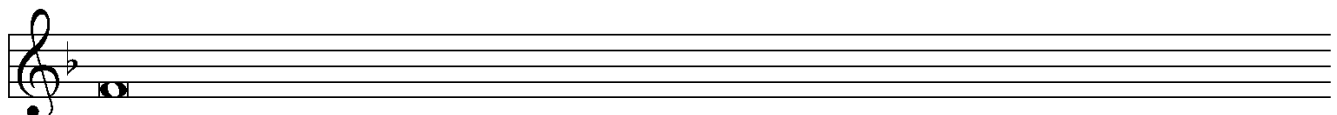
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



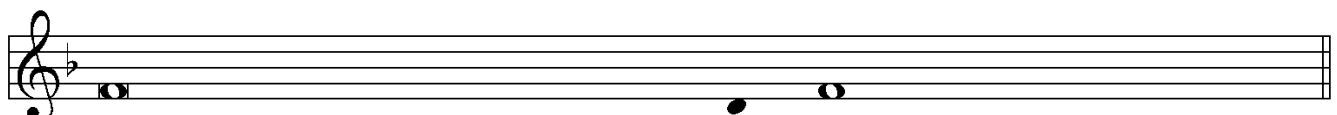
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



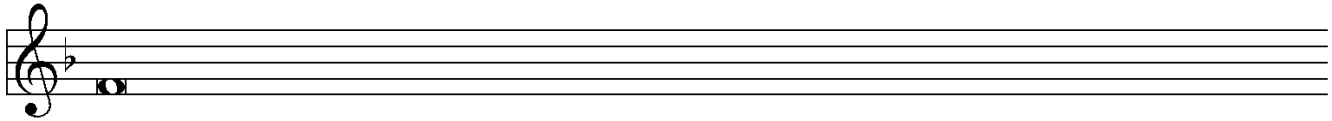
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

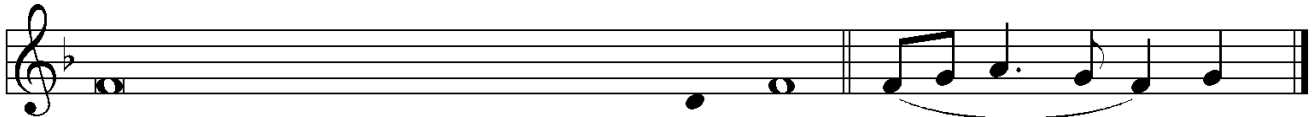


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Gracious God, in the sacrament of Baptism, you bless us with the presence of your Son, dwelling in us, and the gift of your Holy Spirit as our advocate. Grant that we may treasure this gift above all else, following Christ in obedience and humility; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Anthem "You are Holy" - Cindy Berry

Zion Chancel Choir

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} 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 babbler 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 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 proclaim 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, and perhaps 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."

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹**who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

¹²you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

¹³**I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,**

¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷**I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened.

¹⁹**But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Second Reading: 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 honor 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; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having 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.

Please stand as able

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ¹⁸I 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.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Doxology

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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.

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" - John Rutter

Zion Chancel Choir and soloists

Please stand as able

Nicene Creed

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Prayers

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

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.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Green 364 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.

By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another following worship is encouraged.

Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Worship Leader:

Pastor Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

AV on Site:

Bob Haas, John Cooper, Erica Jonas

Minister of Music:

Norma Swain

Vocalists:

Zion Chancel Choir

Lector:

Mike Megoulas

Cantor:

Ricky Perrine

Responsive Reader:

Ricky Perrine

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Announcements:

Sunday, May 10, 6th Sunday after Easter

Sunday School – 9:00am (in-person only)

Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, behind the kitchen.

10:15am Service of the Word

Communion available at conclusion of service at the altar

Tuesday, May 12

TABLE TALK: 2nd Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:00pm

At Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front St., Wormleysburg, PA 17043

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks.

[in-person only]

May 12 Topic: Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Wednesday, May 13

WOW (Worship On Wednesday)

12:10pm Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)

12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)

Sunday, May 17, Festival of Ascension (transferred)

Sunday School – 9:00am (in-person only)

Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, *behind the kitchen.*

Psalm 33: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Come join us in the Fellowship Class on Sunday May 17th for a time of prayer and reflection. Franklin Graham is calling for 50 days of prayer, starting May 15th and culminating on July 4th. We know that there is nothing more powerful that we can do for our country, our churches and families that to come together in prayer before Almighty God. We will be spending time praying for our nation and its leaders. We will also be in prayer for our own pastor, council, and members, as we seek the Lord's will concerning the further of our church and congregation during our annual meeting in June. May the Holy Spirit descend on all as we come together as one body glorifying our Lord and trusting Him for the path ahead of us.

10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament

3pm Hummelstown Singers Spring Concert

at Hummelstown United Church of Christ

104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036

Members & friends of Zion sing with this wonderful group.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 7

**Annual Congregational Meeting directly following 10:15am Worship
Congregational Lunch afterwards. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall to help us plan for
the meal.**

Sunday, June 14

RIVERBOAT SUNDAY IS BACK! Zion & Agape will lead 10am Worship on the Pride of the Susquehanna. There will be a 10:15am service at Zion. More details to come closer to the date.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

9:00am Sunday School (in-person only)

9:45am Fellowship (in-person only)

10:15am Worship Service (in-person & online)

**Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)
12:10pm WOW, Worship On Wednesday (in-person & online)
12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)**

Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion's website: www.zionharrisburg.org

Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information

The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services on Zoom is listed are available on the church website. We also broadcast worship on our YouTube channel using YouTube Live.

PARKING NOTES/UPDATES:

SUNDAYS:

STREET PARKING IS FREE ON SUNDAYS.

VALIDATED PARKING FOR CHESTNUT STREET GARAGE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER WITH YOU TO VALIDATE PARKING

- **The elevator entrance/exit should be open to enter and exit from your vehicle or park close to an exit to the street to be able to return to your vehicle.**

Simply drive into the parking garage. Your license plate will be scanned as you enter and exit. Please keep your license plate number with you to complete the validation at Zion. LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE GARAGE WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND GIVE THEM YOUR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER TO VALIDATE PARKING. ***THIS IS REQUIRED EVERY SUNDAY WHEN YOU ATTEND WORSHIP.

WEDNESDAYS: 12:10pm WOW Services:

Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Speak with pastor about parking options for regular WOW attenders.