

# Zion Lutheran Church

Oldwick, New Jersey

*Founded 1714*



## **Season of Easter**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship Services

# WELCOME VISITORS!

## A VISITOR'S WORSHIP GUIDE

We are pleased to have you worship with us today. As a Lutheran congregation, we are liturgical, which means that we follow an order of worship. The music, lessons and prayers will change from season to season, Sunday to Sunday, but the order remains constant. For us, this constancy connects the church down through the centuries and around the world. We understand that liturgy brings us together as God's people.

The weekly bulletin, which the ushers gave you as you entered, provides you with the hymn numbers for the day, the lessons, and announcements. The hymns are found in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, in the pew rack. The order of worship (liturgy) is found in the booklet in front of the hymnal in the pew rack. To follow the order of worship, simply follow the instructions in the booklet. Congregational responses are marked with a C. Occasionally, a page is referenced in the booklet. These pages are found in the front of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red hymnal).

At our Sunday worship, there is a pattern to our service (liturgy). First, we gather for worship. As a community, we confess our sins and hear God's word of forgiveness. Having been forgiven, we sing God's praise and hear God's Word. From God's Word, we confess our faith, offer our gifts, and lift up our prayers. Finally, we are invited to come to our Lord's Table for communion (Eucharist). All who celebrate the presence of Christ are welcome. If you have children who have not yet received communion, they are invited to receive a blessing.

At Zion, we celebrate communion in a number of ways. At 8:30 and at Family Worship (Second Sunday of the month at 9:45), we have continuous communion. You will be invited forward where you will first receive the bread (wafer) and then the wine (chalice). You may dip your wafer into the chalice (intinction) or you may commune with bread alone. At 11:00, we celebrate communion at tables (a group along the altar rail). The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Here, you may kneel or stand. You will receive the bread (wafer) and will be offered a glass to receive the wine. You may also choose grape juice. The acolyte will have pre-filled glasses with grape juice available along with the empty glasses for wine. The entire table will be dismissed and you may return to your pew. At both services, if you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you.

This brief summary certainly does not cover all the questions, but is intended to be a guide. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Pastors, the ushers, the greeters, or even the person next to you. We want your worship experience to be rich and meaningful. May God bless you this morning!

# *Season of Easter*

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand, as you are able.*

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life. Let us come with repentant hearts to the God who makes all things new.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: we confess to you all the ways in which we dismiss the resurrection news. We are slow of heart to believe. We turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen.**

P: Peace be with you, sisters and brothers. In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption; you are God's beloved children. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift.

**C: Amen**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*see Hymn Board or weekly bulletin insert*

## GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE (continued)



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.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Prayer)*

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

*See weekly bulletin insert*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM (11 a.m. service only)

*See weekly bulletin insert*

### SECOND READING

*See weekly bulletin insert*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand, as you are able.*

C:

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to . . .

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

*See weekly bulletin insert*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON / TEMPLE TALK

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *see Hymn Board or weekly bulletin insert*

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for  
the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence for reflection. Each portion of the prayer ends with  
these words:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for  
whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

P: Peace be with you

R: Peace be with you.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand, as you are able.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE – THE MEAL


### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



**C** 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE 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

*Please be seated.*

## AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



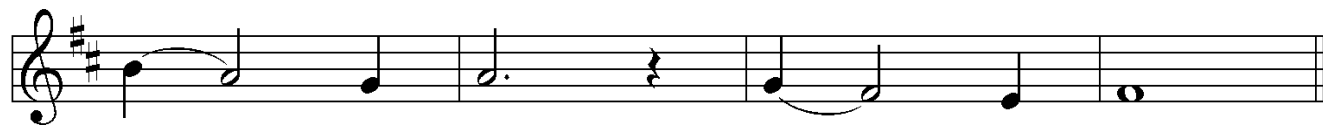
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand, as you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

## CANTICLE (continued)



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

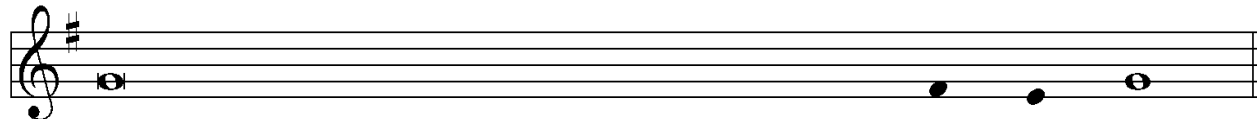
## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE

### BLESSING



☐ 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.



☐ A - men

**CLOSING HYMN** (11 a.m. service only)

*see Hymn Board*

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

## **Worship Notes**

- † All those who receive communion in their own denominational tradition are welcome to receive in our congregation.
- † If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Summer or Pastor Selover after the worship service or call the church office at (908) 439-2040.
- † Please make sure your cell phone ringer is off.
- † Please leave coffee mugs, food and water bottles in your cars.

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