We stand.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We kneel. Silence is kept for confession and meditation.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 

We stand.

**GATHERING HYMN #883** 

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

We sit.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

After the reading: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We stand.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION J

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-10

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

**SERMON** Pastor Nathan Gragg

Silence for reflection. Pastoral prayer.

We stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 502** 

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

### **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.** 

# **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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

# 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit.

# **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

We receive communion this morning at the head of the center aisle. We commune by intinction, hold your bread to dip in wine. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

We remain seated.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We stand.

**BLESSING** 

SENDING HYMN # 789

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**PEACE** 

We share the Peace of Christ with one another as we depart.



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Zion Lutheran Church May 7, 2017 + 8:30am Morning Communion

You are invited to use this time before worship begins for quiet prayer and meditation.

+ Serving in Worship This Morning +

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Director of Music Pastor Nathan Gragg Emerson Fite Julie Branham