

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger
still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring
joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #539 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* vs. 1, 2, 5

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Commemorations

Sunday, May 9, 2021 **Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

Friday, May 14, 2021 **Matthias, Apostle**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Welcoming All,
Growing,
and Sharing God's Love.*



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COMMUNION WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life,
from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with
strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our
journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our
hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN #836 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond
understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you
above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we
can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I

chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #595 *Jesus Loves Me*

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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 THE CHURCH

...Hear us, O God, / **Your mercy is great.**

The petitions conclude: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. / Amen

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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.

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