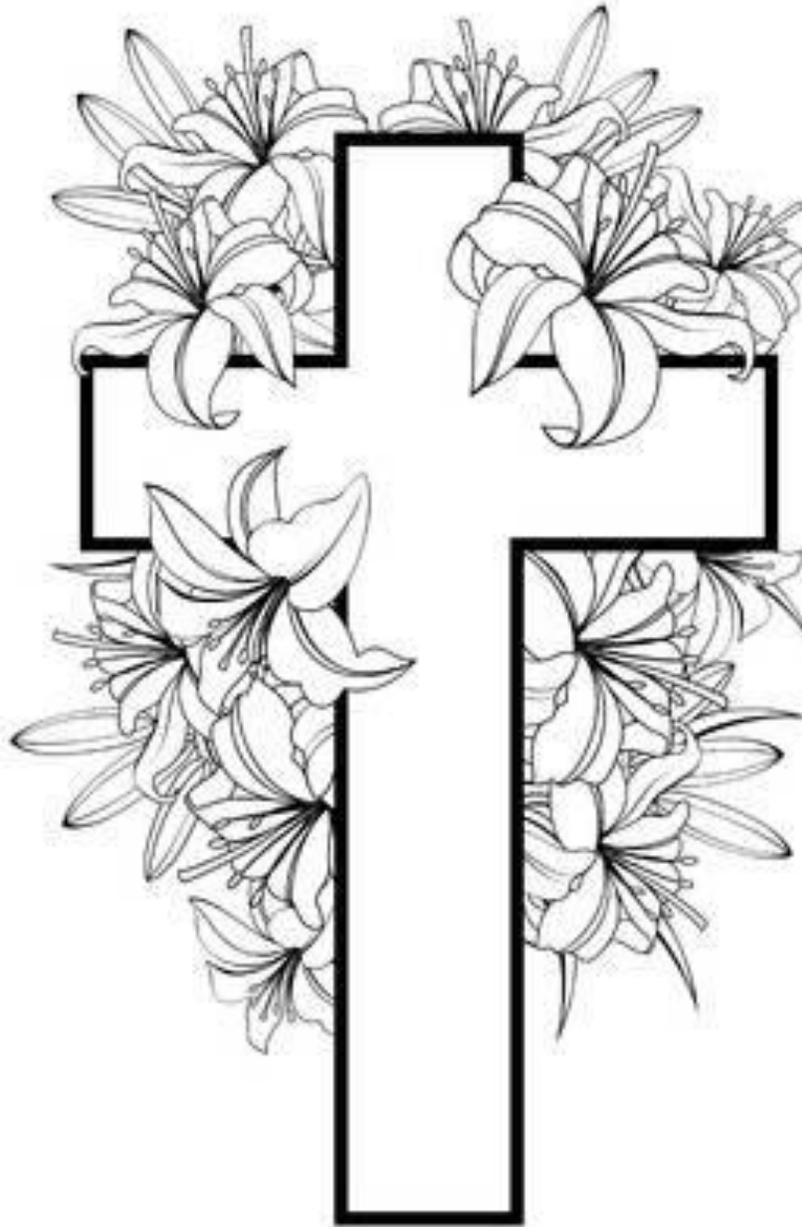


Zion Lutheran Church & School

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday April 10th 2021 5:30 p.m.

Sunday April 11th 2021 8:00 a.m.



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WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION LSB 480 *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

- 1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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(5:30) ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM LSB 268

ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service, Setting One, Page 151

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 148*

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

⁶**And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,**

for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE Page 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria in Excelsis” Page 154

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 1:1-2:2*

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA & VERSE Page 156

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 470 “*O Sons and Daughters of the King*” vs. 1-5

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON *“Faith Without Sight”* John 20:29

HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 470 *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”* vs. 6-9

- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES CREED Page 159

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY Page 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

LORD'S PRAYER Page 162

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 Page 166

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.

C: Amen.

DEPARTURE HYMN LSB 477 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”*

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled—

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,

Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient pow'rs of evil

In confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried:

Now He lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,

Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior

Who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit,

Fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, alleluia

To the triune Majesty!

WELCOME to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

RECEIVING COMMUNION - 10:30 a.m.

In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:

Am I truly sorry for my sins?

Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?

Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?

Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?

This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

PRAYERS

For Healing: Mindy Pastrovich, Minda Drewel, Lara Brumm, Dee Galyon, June Bierbaum, Harold Turner, Hendrix Porter (Son of Sarah Saxby Porter), Todd Schmidt, Pat Titsworth, Reini Morgan, Florence Collmann, Declan Treece, Aldena Pluhm, and Heath Beccue.

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ALTAR FLOWERS are in Celebration of Amy's Birthday ~ by Andy & Jessie Frerichs

BAPTISMS

This Saturday during the 5:30 p.m. service, Cary Cole and daughter Jasmine Cole, will both receive the washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit through Baptism.

Their witnesses are Brandy and Jason Fletcher. God's Blessings to this family and their sponsors.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday April 18th, at 11:45 a.m.

One order of business will be to vote on the Principal and 7th & 8th Grade teacher position, for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Bio's are located at the back of the sanctuary on the tables, please help yourself.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 11 – *Drive Thru Sausage Dinner* – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 15 – *Berean Bible Study* – 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 17 – *Worship – Traditional(Communion)* - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18 – *Worship – Traditional(Communion)* - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 18 – *Bible Class* – 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 18 – *Worship – Contemporary* -10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 18 – *Congregational Meeting* – 11:45 a.m.

HAVE YOU "HERD" ABOUT OUR FOURTH QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS?

Zion's Student Council has selected a special project through Lutheran World Relief for our fourth quarter chapel offerings. We would like to be able to purchase a HERD of thirteen animals, which includes two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen, and six chicks, to be given where there is a great need. **YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED!** We will need to collect \$530 in chapel offerings and donations to be able to give this gift of love. Each week our Student Council President will be giving an update of our progress. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

THANK YOU for the many cards, prayers, support and words of sympathy during my mother's illness and recent passing. Jim Wreath

MISSION SERVICE The Ladies Aid project for April is a monetary donation to the Zion Alumni Scholarship fund. If you would like to participate, please give your donation to Becky Helgen or Sharon Cordani. High school seniors can apply for this by contacting the LHS office for an application.

Serving Us in Worship

Organist –Ernie Thomack

Elders – 5:30 p.m. Andy Frerichs
8:00 a.m. Brad Bowles