Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.

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Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones and electronic devices when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Hallelujah! Living and reigning Lord, upon whom the Father laid the sins of us all, because in obedience to Your Father's will and in love for us You forfeited Your life, You sit now at His direction in regal splendor on His right hand; we adore You and will honor You with praise and righteous living; Hallelujah! O Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION LSB p. 167

Confession and Absolution

Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast

Blersch/Hildebrand

Many Lutheran Churches use a Processional Cross to begin and end festival services. When a Processional Cross is carried in to lead a procession, the congregation stands.

Stand

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- **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 for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

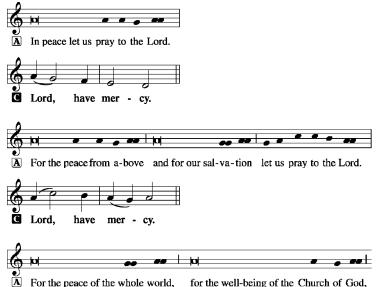
Service of the Word

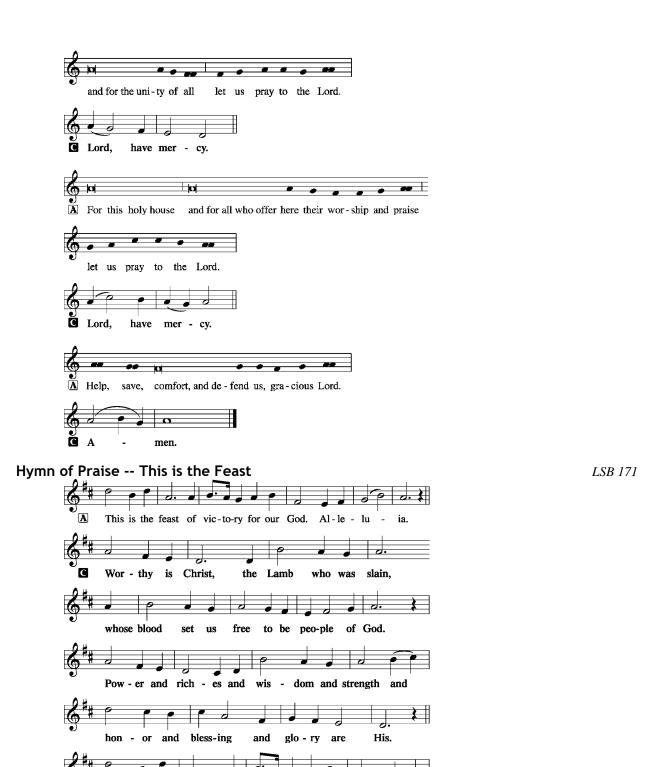
Introit

Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b

- P He is risen! Alleluia!
- Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!
- P Remember how He told you, Alleluia,
- that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!
- P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
- You have set Your glory above the heavens.
- P Yet You have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings
- and crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P You have given Him dominion over the works of Your hands;
- **C** You have put all things under His feet.
- P O LORD, our Lord,
- how majestic is Your name in all the earth! 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.
- **P** He is risen! Alleluia!
- Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!
- P Remember how He told you, Alleluia,
- that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!

Kyrie LSB 168





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Sing

This is the feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last He will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir

In Joseph's Lovely Garden

Clarence Dickinson

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

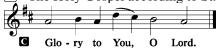
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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you."

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia! When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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Sermon

The Resurrection of...

Stand

Nicene Creed

© I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P O God of life and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Your abundant grace,
- C You have begotten us again unto a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- P You have transformed the night of doubt and sorrow into the new and eternal day of joy and gladness.
- C You have brought life and immortality to light by the glad tidings that Christ is risen. For this, O Lord, we give You thanks.
- P You have delivered Your Son, who died for our sins, from the grip of death and raised Him by Your power.
- That which You sowed in dishonor and weakness, You raised in power and glory.
- **P** We praise You that through Him You removed death's sting for us.
- **C** You have brought us victory over the grave.

- **P** Fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection.
- **G** Grant to Your Church the power of the resurrected Christ.
- **P** Help us to show forth Your praises.
- **©** Bless our homes with the comfort and hope of Easter.
- P Send the conquering banner of Christ's victory into all the world.
- C Grant that more may join the hosts of heaven in songs of triumph.
- **P** In the promise of Easter take away from us all fear of death.
- C Let the radiant beams of Easter's light shine into the depths of our souls.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- Marleen Purdin, Michelle Underwood, Tony Timmerman, Emily Jensen, Sue Kandler, Patrick Lange, Kara Simon, Lisa Weekley, and Bailee Hollenkamp, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- **†** Carolyn Rowold, as she was hospitalized this past week.
- ❖ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.
- P Renew us in the Spirit of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- © Speak peace to our souls and maintain our faith in Him who promises resurrection and life. Amen.

Sit

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Stand



Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 178



Sanctus continues on the next page.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

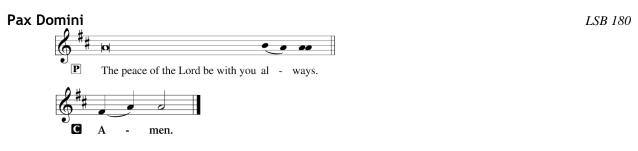
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

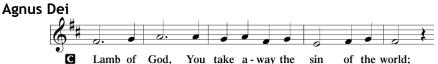
Proclamation of Christ

- **P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come. Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.





LSB 180



Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."
- The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving, All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.

 Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

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Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

- I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all my blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Stand

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Sit

Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
 Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
 Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
 Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Hymn continues on the next page.

- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
 Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
 Then the holy holy Celebration jubilee
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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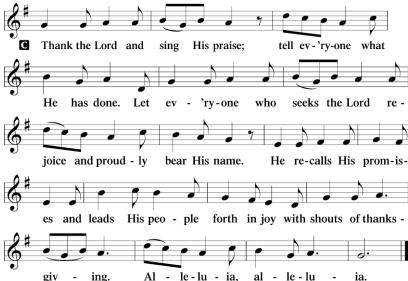
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 181



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 183



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



Remain Standing

When a service begins with a procession led by a Processional Cross, it also will usually end with a recessional also led by the Processional Cross. Again, the congregation stands for the recessional.

Hymn Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen LSB 474
(Stanza 4; Choir only)

- Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Choir only

- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM!

 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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Postlude Festival Alleluia arr. Miller

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION

THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

Thank you to our talented musicians today! Josh, Knut, and Leif Peterson – trumpets, Abby McDaniel – horn, Bob Eldridge, Luke Lara, and Jon Robinson – trombones, Nathaniel Clayton – timpani, and Cecily Peterson - vocal soloist.

EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED BY MEN'S CLUB

Zion's Men's Club will serve an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9 from 8:00-8:45 AM. The meal will be held in the gym. The menu will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, and more. Come enjoy this meal, and this time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Zion. (Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Bible Class will continue to meet at their regularly scheduled times on Easter Sunday, so come to breakfast early to make it to class on time.)

USE OF PROCESSIONAL CROSS TODAY

The processional cross, which was donated by Pastor Don and Emily Stein last spring, will be used for a processional and recessional today in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord. It is customary for churches-including Lutheran churches--to begin and end Festival services with a processional and recessional, led by the cross. This reminds us of the victory that Jesus won for us by His death on the cross, and that we live as He has called us to "take up our cross and follow Him." Zion's new processional cross will be used for Festival Services such as Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sundays. "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His saving name!"

PASTOR SEDWICK'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Sedwick has started his Skill Bridge program at Zion. He is retiring from active-duty Chaplaincy, and before receiving a Divine Call to serve as a parish pastor, he will be at Zion from now until early August. He will not be able to join us for Sunday Bible Classes and Worship until July, due to other preaching commitments across the Southern Illinois District, but he will be easing back into parish ministry through the week at Zion. Pastor Sedwick's email is john.m.sedwick@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 618-767-4682, in case you need to contact him.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE FUNDRAISER CONCLUDES

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who helped reach the \$1538 mark! That \$1538 is headed to Samaritan's Purse because of your efforts. The youth would also like to thank the donor who matched the funds for the Youth Group. Many blessings all the way around!

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

For the last month we have been collecting funds to help with earthquake relief in Syria, coordinated by Arabic Lutheran Ministries. Despite the dangerous circumstances, Arabic Lutheran Ministries has been able to open a center for the displaced families through a church in Aleppo, where more than 300 families are staying. The immediate need for these families is food, clothing, and various personal supplies. More teams of volunteers are being sent to reach other devastated Syrian cities such as Latakia, Tartus and Jableh, to start centers to shelter families and help with their basic needs. If you would like to donate to this relief effort, place your contributions in the jars at the back of the sanctuary. Easter Sunday will be the last day the donation jars are out, so please make your contributions today.

VOTERS MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13th

Zion's next Voters Assembly Meeting will be held this Thursday, April 13th, at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONING INVITATION

This year the Confirmation Questioning will not take place during the Bible Class hour before Confirmation. Instead, it will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 4:00 in Zion's sanctuary. Members are welcome to come, be refreshed in their own confirmation, and support our youth who are being confirmed this year. All are invited.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION APRIL 23rd

Zion will rejoice in celebrating Youth Confirmation Sunday on April 23, 2023, during the 10:00 AM Divine Service. We have four youth being confirmed this year: Daniel Bretz, Michael Ganey, Tyler Hinton, and Luke Lara. We look forward to welcoming these dedicated, faithful youth into full communicant membership in the congregation.

MISSION SUNDAY AT ZION ON APRIL 30th

Come celebrate Mission Sunday! At the SID Convention a year ago, the District entered into a mission partnership with the Seminario Concordia El Reformador (Concordia the Reformer Seminary) in the Dominican Republic. As a part of this mission partnership, the SID is hoping to send significant financial contributions to assist with the work of training pastors to serve across Central America and South America. At the Mission Sunday, we will have members of a mission team from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis who visited the DR in January with us at Zion, to hear a bit about their experiences there. We will join together for a Central American-themed meal in the gym after the service. (Two different offerings will be collected...one to cover the food costs for the meal, and one to go directly to the work of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic.) Mark your calendars now for Mission Sunday on April 30, including the meal after the service.

LADIES: HELP IS NEEDED SERVING MISSION SUNDAY MEAL! PLEASE RSVP BY APR 16th

Dawn Corey is making all the Latin American style food for the dinner on Apr 30th. We are only asking for 3 to 5 people that can serve in the kitchen. Please contact Glenda Pike or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

RISEN CHRIST HYMN FESTIVAL ON MAY 7th

On Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 in the afternoon, Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will be hosting a "Risen Christ Hymn Festival." This hymn festival is the book-end to the "Christ Triumphant Hymn Festival" held at Zion Lutheran in Belleville in November of 2022. We will be singing many of the great hymns of the Easter season, including "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia," "At the Lamb's High Feast," "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen," "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," and "Abide with Me." Between the hymns, we will hear commentaries from Dr. Jon Vieker, the Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, who previously was an assistant to LCMS President Matthew Harrison and a leader of the LCMS Commission on Worship. Come sing our joy found in Christ's resurrection!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The concert by the Chamber Orchestra from Concordia Chicago, held at Zion Lutheran, Mascoutah on March 26, was a huge success in every way! Thank you to all who attended, and a special thank you to all who helped to make this event such an incredible blessing! Over 180 people attended to enjoy the concert. The Ladies Aid provided a wonderful meal for the orchestra members and host families after the concert. The host families had a delightful evening with their students. We significantly exceeded our financial goal to support the ongoing work of the Chamber Orchestra. Thank you to everyone, especially to all those who made special financial contributions for this concert, to the Ladies' Aid for providing and serving the meal, and to the host families for welcoming these students in to your homes. It was a wonderful event!

NEEDED: SOUND TECH AND VIDEO TECH

Within the next several months, Zion will need help with the sound board and with the Facebook video feed each week. If you are interested in learning these positions, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and we will schedule a training session so everyone who volunteers feels comfortable in the positions. Thanks in advance for your engagement to serve in this way!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody couldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

OH NO! You know what is coming! Something needs to be done and we are looking for some Nobody's to do it!!!! Do you love children? Wow! Do we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for help with Summer Sunday School. Could you help one Sunday or a month of Sundays? Please talk to Marianne McDaniel or Anna Pannier. We will have lessons for you to teach. Can you help us? We are also looking for a VBS coordinator. You can help choose the week of VBS! This is a big task, but it is one week of commitment to be here for VBS. The kids love VBS, but it can't happen without YOU! Marsha Baro did this job last year and I have done it in the past. Please talk to either one of us if you want to know what is involved.

LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT

April 11 is the deadline to register for the Lutheran Older Adult Retreat Wed., & Thur., April 26-27 at Pere Marquette Lodge near Grafton. The cost is \$115 (lodging separate) for both days, \$85 Wed. only & \$60 Thur. only and must be received by April 11. For lodging, call Pere Marquette at 618-786-2331 by April 11 for the group rate. To register or details, go to www.SIDLCMS.org and click on the Lutheran Older Adult Retreat 2023 link or contact Margo Wolf at 618-979-3376 or dmwvette74@gmail.com.

GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

Please join us for a God is Great! Concert by Nashville Christian recording artist Jennie Williamson. The concert will take place at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Collinsville on Wednesday, April 12^{th} from 2:00-6:30 PM. For all ages! Invite your family and friends.

2023 CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE GALA

We invite you to join CHI for an afternoon of fun activities, learning about LCMS mission history, and supporting your Lutheran archives at the 2023 Concordia Historical Institute Gala: For All the Saints Across the Ocean! The gala will be on April 15th form 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Visit https://concordiahistoricalinstitute.org/gala for more details and how to support us in ministry!

11th ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

The women of Immanuel Lutheran Church (522 S. Church St.) in Waterloo invite you to their annual Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, April 22, from 9-11 a.m. Join us as we enjoy "A Morning with Katie Luther" complete with a delicious breakfast, a wonderful message, and beautiful hymnody. This short 2-hour retreat is just what we need to refresh and renew ourselves in God's Word and with our sisters in Christ. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registrations are appreciated by calling 618.939.6480 or emailing immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com. There is no fee for this event, but we will be collecting monetary and item donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and art supplies to benefit the Bi-County Backpack Program and Camp Wartburg.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Study John 20-21 and 1 John 1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Judges 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Daily Prayer in Luther's Small Catechism on Concord Matters (4/15 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON...

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple Home Pod, and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR
The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Easter.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton Matthew Clayton Lector: Organist: Nancy Peterson Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton

Dalton Wambold, Chloe Pannier, & Isaiah Clayton (crucifer) Acolytes:

Jenny Kneschke & Jordan Rehfeldt Altar Guild:

Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 16

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton Organist: Nancy Peterson Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton Ella Sax & Lola Simon Acolytes:

Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

Easter Sunday

Sun.

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

	Easter Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	Office Closed; No Preschool	
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Voter's Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 - 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Confirmation Questioning	4:00 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE APRIL 2: Palm Sunday: 151

Adult Bible Class: 18 High School: 5 Sunday School: 41

ATTENDANCE APRIL 6: Maundy Thursday: 67