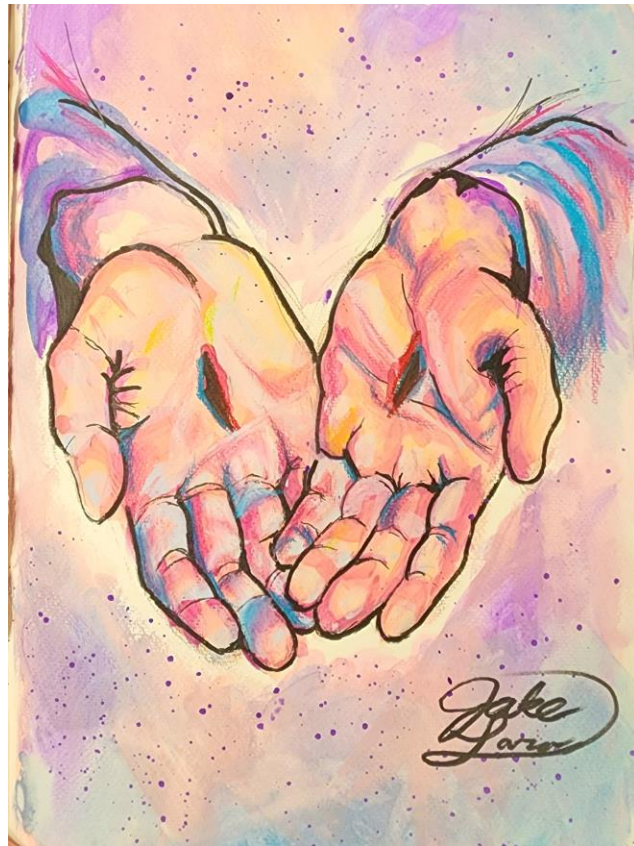


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

March 31, 2024

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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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.

LSB Divine Service Setting IV With Communion (p. 203)

Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Tocatta on 'The Easter Hymn'

Page Long

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

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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

LSB 203

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and

confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

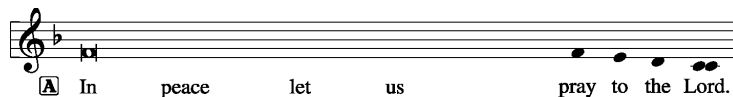
Introit

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

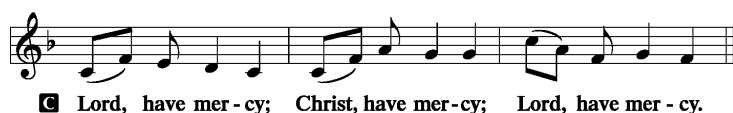
- L** He is risen! Alleluia!
C Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!
L Remember how He told you, Alleluia,
C that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!
L O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
C You have set Your glory above the heavens.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

Kyrie

LSB 204



P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the

proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

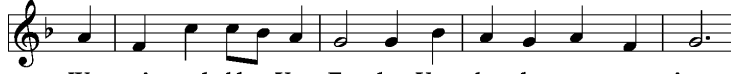
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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Mercy Tree

Joseph Martin

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

Stand

Choir

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

- 1 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.
- 4 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 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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Sermon

Where Is Jesus?

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.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

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.
- C** 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.
- C** Grant to Your Church the power of the resurrected Christ.
- P** Help us to show forth Your praises.
- C** 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

† Christian Drinnon, Steve Hollenkamp, Cary Robinson, Jon Robinson, Zachary Lorton, Callan Crismon, Brianna Clark, and Jean Kemezys, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

† Ray McDaniel, as he recovers from a heart procedure.

† All officers, board members, and committee members of Zion.

† Faithfulness in reception of Word and Sacraments.

P Renew us in the Spirit of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

C Speak peace to our souls and maintain our faith in Him who promises resurrection and life. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

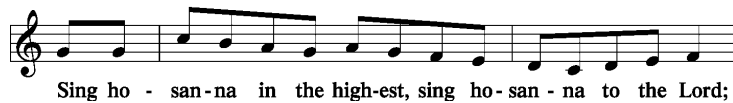
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore 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 208



Prayer of Thanksgiving

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in

Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 $\cdot\ddot{\text{T}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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 $\cdot\ddot{\text{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

- 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!
- 3 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!
- 5 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

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain
- 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

- 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.

Stand

- 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!

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Sit

Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 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. Refrain
- 3 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. Refrain
- 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. Refrain
- 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! Refrain

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Stand

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Remain Standing

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

Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Sit

Postlude

Easter Hymn

arr. Kevin Sadowski

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



BULLETIN COVER ARTWORK

Thanks to Jake Lara for drawing the bulletin cover for the Easter service this morning. Jake has given a vivid picture of Jesus' crucified hands, and yet while the hands bear the mark of the nails, they are clearly living hands, showing the dual grace that Jesus is both crucified and risen. The hands extend to you, offering God's grace and forgiveness won by the shedding of Jesus' blood, made certain in Jesus' resurrection. Thank you, Jake, for this wonderful gospel message in visual form.

THANK YOU TO OUR BRASS PLAYERS TODAY

Thank you, brass players! Josh and Leif Peterson, trumpets; Abby McDaniel, horn; Johnathan Clayton, tuba; and Bob Eldridge, Thor Peterson, and Jon Robinson, trombones.

CHALICE AND PATEN USED THIS MORNING

The Chalice (the large common cup) and the Paten (the plate) used during Communion Distribution this morning are made of olive wood from the Holy Land. Pastor Clayton purchased these vessels in Bethlehem on his recent trip there.

APRIL ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The April Echo is now available. Pick one up in the narthex today!

FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 6th

The Men's Club will present *The Secret Life of Pets* for kids of all ages this Saturday, April 6th. What do your pets do when you're not at home? They gossip with their friends, satisfy their sweet tooth, and throw outrageous parties! Join us in the church basement at 2:30 p.m. for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

YOUTH GROUP LEADER NEEDED

The youth group needs your help! For several months now, the youth group has been without a leader. We need one or two people to step up and be a leader and advisor for our wonderful youth of this church! Please consider taking on this most important role in our church. If you are willing or have any questions, please reach out to Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987. Thank you.

HYMN FESTIVAL APRIL 14th AT ZION LUTHERAN, MASCOUTAH

This year, 2024, is the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal, Etlich Cristlich lider, (also often called the Achtliederbuch) which was published in Wittenberg early in 1524. In honor of this anniversary, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL will be hosting a Hymn Festival on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will feature several hymns first published in this earliest Lutheran hymnal, as well as more recent Lutheran contributions to hymnody. Each hymn will be preceded by a commentary given by an area LCMS pastor to give the background and meaning of the hymn. The Hymn Festival is free and open to all. Come and join in the great Lutheran tradition of singing hymns together at Zion Mascoutah at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14th!

NEW EMBROIDERED ZION POLO SHIRTS

Zion's Evangelism Committee has been working to offer a new style of Zion polo shirts embroidered with the congregation's name and the LCMS cross logo. Shirts will be available in three different colors: dark grey, light grey, and red. Sizes available will be Small through 4XL. Shirts will cost \$30 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and leave a check for \$30 for each shirt in the attached envelope at the time that you sign up. Shirts will need to be pre-paid at the time of the order. We will accept sign-ups until May 12, 2024, which is Mother's Day. Choose your size, choose your color, and leave a check. Thanks!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS BAGS

The youth group will be putting together homeless bags at their April meeting. We need to collect items to put these together. We really appreciate anything that you are able to donate! We ask that you bring the items by April 14th. There is a bin in the narthex to place these in. These bags will be available after the meeting for the congregation to take and put in their cars to distribute. Here is a list of items that are needed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bottled water, hairbrushes, socks, non-perishable snacks, small soaps, etc.

MASCOUTAH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – THIS THURSDAY

Holy Childhood Church is holding a blood drive at their Parish Center, 104 N. Independence St., Mascoutah on Thursday, April 4th from 2-7 PM. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyChildhood to schedule an appointment.

"SHARE IN THE MIRACLE" DINNER

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School will host its annual "Share in the Miracle" dinner at the Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon, Illinois, at 6:00 PM on May 9th. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Zion has reserved two tables for several years; if you are interested in attending, please contact Lionel (618-806-8993) by April 15th.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT ZION AND OFFERING

Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will be hosting an Information Meeting about our Mission Partnership with the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Erin Mackenzie, the LCMS Volunteer Coordinator for the Dominican Republic, will be joining us in person, and Rev. Sergio Fritzler, the President of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic, will join in the meeting by Zoom. After the meeting, refreshments will be served. At the meeting, the SID would like to gather an offering to support the Seminary in the D.R. To prepare for this offering, we will have a Door Offering on April 7 and 14, and these funds will then be passed along through our SID Mission Partnership to the Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Please attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM (choir is cancelled that evening) and please support this mission partnership with your donations in the Door Offerings beforehand.

TRINITY LUTHERAN, MILLSTADT HYMN FESTIVAL

Trinity Lutheran in Millstadt, Illinois is celebrating 175 years of God's grace. On April 28th at 3pm, please join Trinity as they praise the Holy Trinity in song with a hymn festival. Former organist and choir director Rev. Scott Schilbe will be the organist, and former pastor Rev. Tyler Arnold will serve as commentator on the hymns. Trinity is located at 503 E Washington St, Millstadt, IL.

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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 HomePod 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
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Brady Twenhafel (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz & Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 7

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Isaac Robinson
Acolytes: Lily McDaniel & Leif Peterson
Altar Guild: Abigail Clayton
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	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 IV w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	<i>Church Office Closed, No Preschool</i>	
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Family Movie	2:30 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I no communion	10:00 AM
	Communion Service	11:15 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE MARCH 24: Palm Sunday: 163

Adult Bible Class: 25 High School: 6 Sunday School: 52

ATTENDANCE MARCH 28: Maundy Thursday: 71