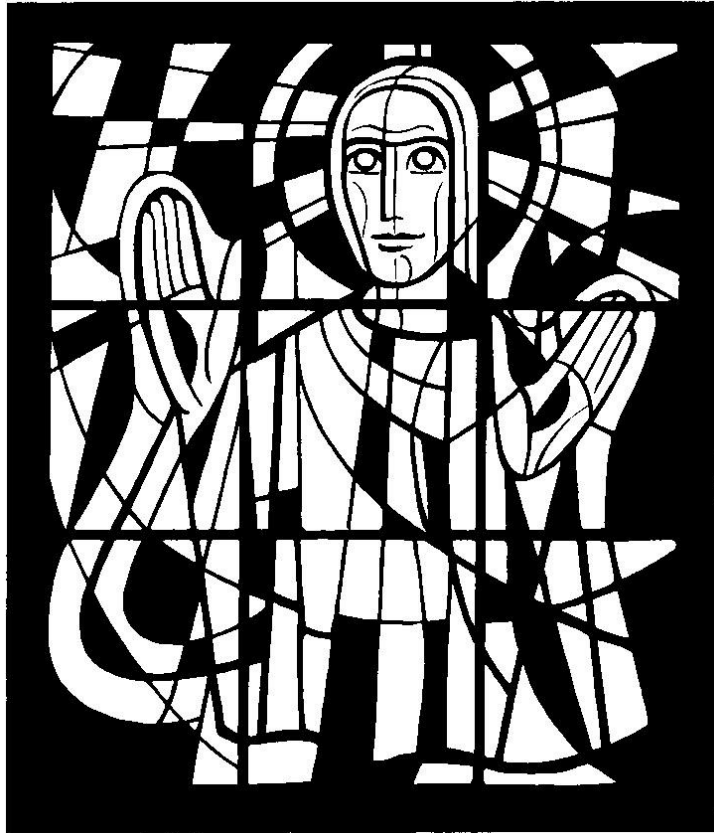


**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Mascoutah, Illinois  
April 12, 2026  
*Second Sunday of Easter*



*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

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to silence and set aside all phones and electronic devices so we can fully focus on worship and the Word together. Thank you for helping maintain a peaceful environment.

## Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit of the Godhead, who has called us into the marvelous light of Christ, lead us also in the footsteps of Christ that the sinner in us always give way to our sainthood in Christ; through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

# DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION

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## Confession and Absolution

### *Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel*

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “living hope” to which we have been “born again” and by which we are guarded “for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “though you have not seen him, you love him,” and by the mercies of God “you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

Prelude

Easter Mosaics

Jacob Weber

The congregation will select the hymns.

*Stand*

*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.

**C** 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.

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

**C** make known His deeds among the peoples!

**P** Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

**C** tell of all His wondrous works!

**P** Glory in His holy name;

**C** let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**P** Seek the LORD and His strength;

**C** seek His presence continually!

**P** Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

**C** His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

**P** He remembers His covenant forever,

**C** the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

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** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

### Kyrie

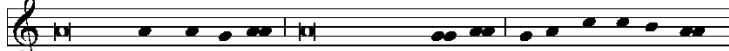
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



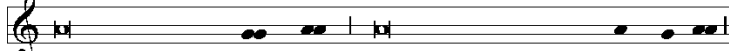
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



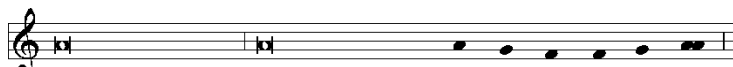
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



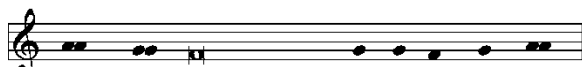
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Acts 5:29-42*

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Hand Chime Choir

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

arr. Linda Scholes

## Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

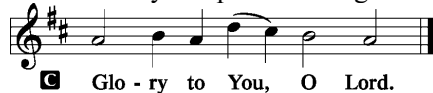


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

On 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." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

Eight 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." Then 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." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but 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.

*Sit*

The congregation will select the hymns.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that believing, we may see, and seeing, we may rejoice in Your Son and the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness until the day Christ returns as Judge and Lord of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, You have added believers to the Lord Jesus in all times and places, from those receptive and hostile alike. Shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. Curb wicked rulers and break their power, that all would be brought to the feet of Jesus in worship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst. Comfort also those who weep with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve Your Holy Communion and Your Son's blessed Supper among us. Give contrition and faith to those who gather at this altar. Unite them in their confession of Your truth, and so bring them worthily to eat and to drink Christ's body and blood for their forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son suffered on our behalf to win salvation for us. Grant that we may have the privilege not only of believing in Him, but also of suffering for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## In Our Prayers this Week:

Tony Timmerman, Emily Jensen, Sue Kandler, Patrick Lange, Kara Simon, Lisa Weekley, Bailee Hollenkamp, and Pinky Ahner, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.  
Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.  
Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.  
Others who have requested our prayers:

O Lord, heavenly Father, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.]*

## Special Offering Music

*Stand*

## Offertory

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What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so 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.

## 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

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

**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.

## Pax Domini

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*In Holy communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before service.*

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

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

### This Joyful Eastertide

*LSB 482*

- 1 **This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
 My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain**
- ref **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,  
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!**
- 2 **Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
 Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: Refrain**
- 3 **My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
 Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain**

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### Hymn

### In Thee Is Gladness

*LSB 818*

- 1 **In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given  
 The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;  
 Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining  
 To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses  
 In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
 With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,  
 Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Hymn

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
 Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;  
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.  
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

Thank the Lord

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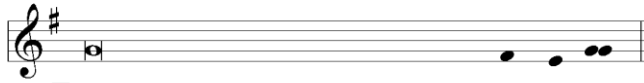
**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
 He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-  
 joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
 giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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.

## Benediction

LSB 183



**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

The congregation will select the hymns.

Postlude

Toccata on 'Easter Hymn'

arr. Page Long

### NO JESUS...NO PEACE, KNOW JESUS...KNOW PEACE.

In today's sermon we learn that apart from Christ there is no peace, but in knowing Him by faith, true peace is given. The disciples, like Thomas, were filled with fear, doubt, and despair behind locked doors, just as we often struggle with anxiety and unbelief in our own lives. Yet the risen Jesus comes into their midst—and into ours—bringing His victory over sin, death, and the devil with the words, "Peace be with you." This peace is not based on sight but on faith, delivered through His Word, forgiveness, and Sacraments. Therefore, instead of hiding in fear, believers are called to live in that peace and share Christ, the Prince of Peace, with a world in desperate need of Him.

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- **Today Randy Thomsen, Jon Robinson, Geoff Phillips, & Jeff Fick**
- Apr 19 Mike & Angie Twenhafel, Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer
- Apr 26 David Rowold, Duane Fischer, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro

### VOTER'S MEETING – THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>

Zion's April Voter's Meeting will be held this Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend and participate. Your presence and input are valued as we make decisions together as a church family.

### VBS INFORMATION MEETING ON APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Christian Education will be holding an information meeting for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> immediately after the worship service. Anyone interested in leading, teaching, helping or volunteering with VBS are encouraged to attend this brief meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to the BOE members, Cary Robinson, Alicia Dietrich, or Jenn Jeffries.

### **SHARE IN THE MIRACLE – UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

You're invited to be part of a true miracle – the Miracle of Unity! Join us on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Regency Conference Center, 400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269. Invite a table of eight (adults only). There is no cost to attend but reservations are needed. An opportunity to make a financial contribution will be presented. For more info, please contact Rev. Aaron Dickerson at 618-874-6605 or [aaron-dickerson@att.net](mailto:aaron-dickerson@att.net).

### **LCMS FOUNDATION**

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Should you let your family members know the details of your gift plan from your estate, for family and ministry? It depends on many circumstances. But, if at all possible, it is a great thing to draw family members in at the time of planning, to celebrate God's blessings together and to inform family members of your intentions so that they can do their part of honoring those intentions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in those conversations. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### **SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE**

A mission education team from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft Wayne was in the Dominican Republic this March. They had the opportunity to meet the missionaries and were updated on the latest happenings across the region. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the safe travel to the Dominican Republic of CTSFW Mission Education Team this March and for the vital connections made between our future pastors, deaconesses, and the mission field. We ask that You continue to bless the missionaries they visited and let the seeds of mission zeal planted this month bear much fruit for the sake of Your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850**

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're picking up with chapter 44! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Sharathon 2026 is just around the corner! Save the date for April 30th-May 2nd—join us for live programming, giveaways, and more, and consider partnering with us! Learn more by visiting [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon).

### **EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...**

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Easter Hymn “The Day of Resurrection;” Worship, Adiaphora & the Lutheran Confessions; First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus of Nazareth; Restoring Faith, Freedom & Family; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR**

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Purdins in celebration of their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, with gratitude for God's enduring blessings.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton  
Offering Ushers: Randy Thomsen, Jon Robinson, Geoff Phillips, & Jeff Fick  
Acolytes: Max Lara & Dawson Rowold  
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge  
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

### **THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, APRIL 19**

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Leif Peterson  
Offering Ushers: Mike & Angie Twenhafel, Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer  
Acolytes: Ryan Hinton & Benjamin Pannier  
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Sun.	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.	<b>Echo Deadline</b>	
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Voter's Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
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:** Maundy Thursday: 57

**ATTENDANCE APRIL 3:** Good Friday: 66

**ATTENDANCE APRIL 4:** Easter Vigil: 27

**ATTENDANCE APRIL 5:** Easter Sunday: 211

Adult Bible Class: 24 High School: 4 Sunday School: 21