

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 11, 2021



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** “This is My Father’s World” ELW # 824

***GREETING** (p. 203)

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

***KYRIE** (p. 203)

Congregation: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Congregation: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

The believers' common life

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1--2:2

Walking in the light

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the

light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Madison Crane

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

P: The Holy Gospel...

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Restoring Broken Hope"

Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY "Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW # 813

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Zion) insert

Baptism of Gracelynn Juliet Erickson, daughter of Drew & Brittany Erickson
Gracelyn's sponsors are Alicia & Jeff Schneider, Adrienne Bohl, & Ian Erickson

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Your mercy is great.**

***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.

OFFERING *Plates are available at the entrance and exit for your contributions.*

***SENDING SONG** "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW #886

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

This Is My Father's World

- 1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901 Public Domain

Faith of Our Fathers

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,

raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

- 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4 Text sts. 2-4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress. #SAS000638

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Public Domain

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician: Laura Rude

Ushers: Wayne & Margy Smith

Acolyte: Megan Peterson

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson

Reader: Kami Spears

Tech assist: Keegan Benitt

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Zion 8:30



Gracelynn Juliet Erickson, daughter of Drew & Brittany Erickson

Her sponsors are Alicia & Jeff Schneider, Ian Erickson, and Adrienne Bohl.

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Silver Creek 11:30



Lane Matthew Bierman, son of Chelsey Swenson & Matt Bierman

His sponsors are Tony & Sanna Gustafson, and Courtney & Tra Alderete

OUR PRAYERS TO Delores Hirst recovering at Oakland Park, Troy Wiskow who was hospitalized at Sanford/Fargo, now recovering at home

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Ken Mehrkens by Connie Mehrkens

ZION'S WEBSITE for April is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

ZION QUILTERS will meet Wednesday, April 21 @1PM Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome to come. The usual spring pick-up for Lutheran World Relief quilts and care kits is May 1. Watch for information on work sessions for assembling various kits and final packing for shipment in April. If you have gathered items for kits during the past year, please bring them to church.

BABY CARE KIT DONATIONS REQUESTED WELCA ladies are assembling baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief and welcome donations of new or gently-used cotton t-shirts (no onesies), long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers, light-weight receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods or baby caps, socks, hand towels, and bath-size soap. Sizes 6-24 months may be used. A decorated, labeled box for donated items is located in the church's entry/gathering area.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Sign-up sheets on Madison's office door to Acolyte, Read, or Tech Crew for Sunday worship.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

March 1-31 income: \$22,337.

April 1-4 income: \$11,682.

Year to Date income Jan 1– April 4: \$90,055.

2021 budget \$353,032. / \$6,789. is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

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Thank you to all who designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion!

Men's Breakfast will resume Friday, April 16th, 7:00 AM at Biff's.

Coffee with Staff will resume Fridays at 9:30 AM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 11: 8:30 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF; 9:30 Sunday School posted online
9:30 6/7 grade Zoom devotional; 10:00 Worship at Silver Creek

Monday, April 12: Parish Nurse by appt.

Tuesday, April 13: 9:30 Staff meeting, 10:30 Pastors Text Study, 5:15 Ch. Ed & Youth Board,
6:00 Worship Board/ New Traditions meet in Fellowship Hall; 6 Scouts

Wednesday, April 14: 6:00 Confirmation Classes; 7:00 Senior Choir

Thursday, April 15: 6 PM Sanford Mental Health presentation for Confirmation students & families at Redeemer

Friday, April 16: 7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's; 10:30 Coffee with Staff

Sunday, April 18: 8:30 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF; 9:30 Sunday School posted online; 10:00 Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek

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