

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 8:30 AM
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 10:00 AM

Thief River Falls, MN

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

April 18, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“All the People Said Amen”

Senior Choir

***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** “Come, Thou Almighty King” ELW # 408

***GREETING**

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.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."
The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and
hear my prayer.
- ²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.
- ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

***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: Luke 24:36b-48**

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to

them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Peace Be With You” Pastor Mark Helgeland

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” ELW # 380

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING *Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit*

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward at this time)*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Response: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW # 618

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

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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: Phyllis Dalager

Ushers: Kevin & Tanya Ek

Acolyte: Evan Bregier

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Denny Minks

Tech assist: Keegan Benitt

OUR PRAYERS TO Dan Narverud hospitalized at Sanford, Fargo; Alvina Hanson hospitalized at Altru, GF

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Family & Friends by Dick & Jan Haugen

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)

April 1-11 income: \$14,042.

April 5-11 income: \$2,360.

Year to Date income Jan 1– April 11: \$92,415.

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 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

Monday, April 19: Parish Nurse by appt.

Tuesday, April 20: Newsletter Deadline

9:30 Staff meeting,
10:30 Pastors Text Study,
7 Zion Council

Wednesday, April 21: 6:00 Confirmation Classes

6 Pinewood Derby set up in fellowship hall
7:00 Senior Choir

Thursday, April 22: Pinewood Derby in Fellowship hall

Friday, April 23: 7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's;

9:30 Coffee with Staff

Sunday, April 25: 8:30 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

9:30 Sunday School posted online;
9:30 6/7 grade Zoom devotion in youth room;
10:00 Worship at Silver Creek;
3:00 Nat'l Youth Gathering Informational meeting at Zion

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Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

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Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,

lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.

- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt. Public Domain

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Public Domain