

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 25, 2021



PRELUDE
TEMPLE TALK (ZION)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shawna Spears

***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** "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW # 396

***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.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.
Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with
you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *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: John 10:11-18**

Christ the shepherd

P: The Holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”
The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY “We All Are One in Mission” ELW # 576

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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** “There is a Balm in Gilead” ELW #614

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

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: Thane & Kristi Mundell

Acolyte: Evan Bregier

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Berta Kalsnes

Tech assist: Keegan Benitt

OUR PRAYERS TO Dan Narverud recovering at home; Alvina Hanson recovering at Oakland Park; Shari Larson who has completed immunotherapy and will undergo major surgery on April 27th at Mayo.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Harold & Mary Dupree by Ron & Ruth Ostby

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 Thursday May 6 & 20 at 1PM. Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome to come.

Fleece Blankets for Zion's Graduating Seniors. It's time for sponsoring or making fleece blankets for our 18 seniors. Some have been finished, we have fleece for more, and are seeking volunteers to either provide funding for a blanket or willing to make one. You can sign up after church today in the narthex or call Glenice Johnson 681-4472 if you wish to help with this project.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held virtually this year by Zoom on May 22nd from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. If you would like to be a delegate from Zion, please contact the church office. Discounted registration ends May 3rd.

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

ELCA NAT'L YOUTH GATHERING Info meeting today at 3PM. For parents & students currently in 8th-11th grade. Meet in Zion's fellowship hall.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is May 23rd. Seniors-please email Madison a senior picture, future plans, and favorite bible verse by May 18th.

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

April 12-18 income: \$7,623.

April 1-18 income: \$21,666.

Year to Date income Jan 1– April 18: \$100,038.

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

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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 for current 8th-11th graders in Zion Fellowship hall

Recital rehearsals

Monday, April 26: Parish Nurse by appt.

Recital rehearsals

Tuesday, April 27:

9:30 Staff meeting

10:30 Pastors Text Study

7:00 Rude Voice Recital

Wednesday, April 28: 6:00 Confirmation Classes

7:00 Senior Choir

Friday, April 30: 7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's

9:30 Coffee with Staff

Sunday, May 2: 8:30 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

9:30 Sunday School posted online

10:00 Worship at Silver Creek

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Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and
free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me
from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the
deep, then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on
your wings." *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung
with the sand, and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and
lies, then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the
whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the
rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient
schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all
the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their
eyes. With bold new decisions your people
arise. *Refrain*

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We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
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we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

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