

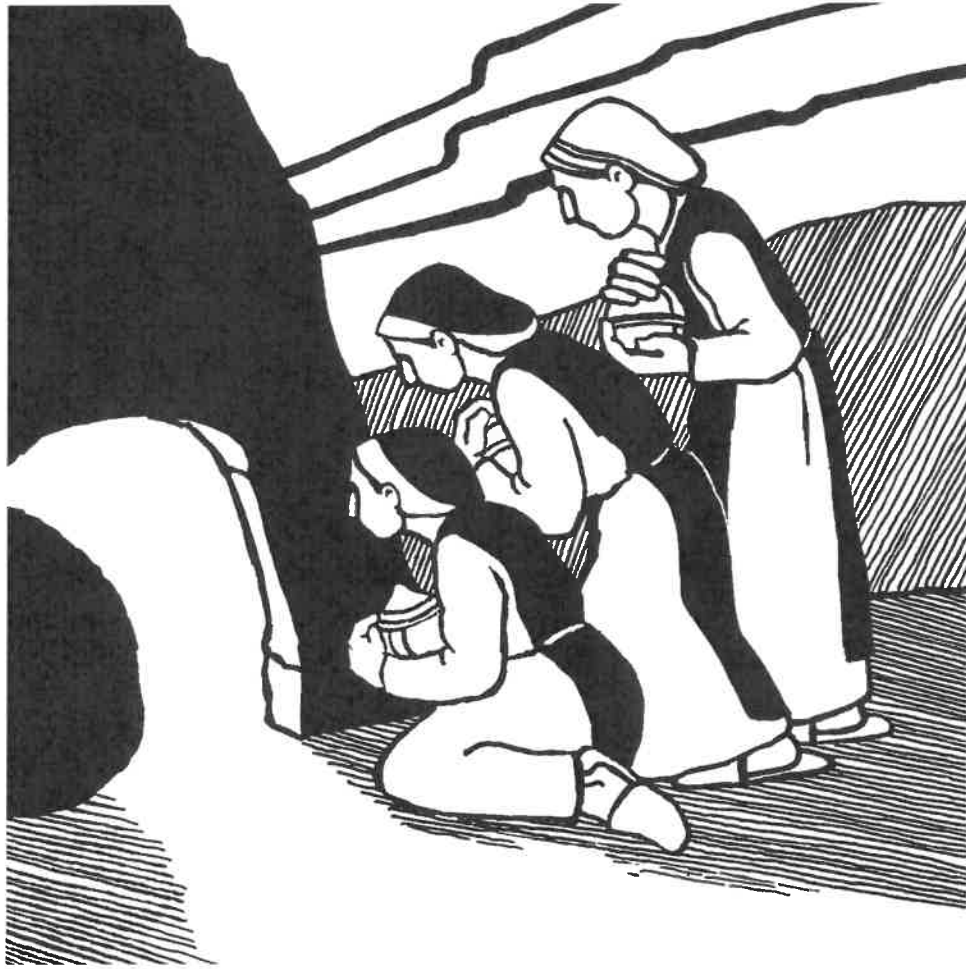
# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021 Holy Communion

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 8:30AM

SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:00AM

Thief River Falls, MN



For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

## PRELUDE

(\*Please stand as you are able)

**\*PROCESSIONAL EASTER HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” # 365 ELW**

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!                  | 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br>Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br>Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!<br>Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

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## \*LITANY

**Leader:** In the name of God, our Creator; in the name of Jesus our Savior, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we come to worship.

**People:** We are the Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim that it is empty. He is risen!

**Leader:** He is risen, indeed!

**People:** We are the Easter people who have met him by the roadside and recognized him as the Son of God-risen from the dead-and living in this world and the next. He is risen!

**Leader:** He is risen indeed!

**People:** We are the Easter people who have placed our hands in his side and felt his wounds. He was once dead but is now alive. He has been raised by the triumphant power of the Almighty God. He is risen!

**Leader:** He is risen indeed! We worship a risen God.

## EASTER ANTHEM

“He is Risen”

Senior Choir

## \*EASTER PRAYER

**All:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” # 380 ELW**

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| 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!<br>He is now the Living One;<br>from the gloomy halls of death<br>Christ, the conqueror, has gone,<br>bright forerunner to the skies<br>of his people, yet to rise.      | 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,<br>life eternal waits for you;<br>joined to him, your living head,<br>where he is, you shall be too;<br>with the Lord, at his right hand,<br>as a victor you shall stand. |
| 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?<br>Why that sad and mournful sigh?<br>He who died our brother here<br>lives our brother still on high,<br>lives forever to bestow<br>blessings on his church below. | 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.<br>Praise him, ransomed of the earth.<br>Praise him in a nobler song,<br>cherubim of heav’nly birth.<br>Praise the victor king, whose sway<br>sin and death and hell obey.  |

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

<sup>1</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.  
*The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

**\*GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

P: The holy gospel...

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Pastor Ale Tulu

**HYMN** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" vs 1-4 # 619 ELW

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, he lives, who once was dead;<br>he lives, my ever-living head! | 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;<br>he lives to guide me with his eye;<br>he lives to comfort me when faint;<br>he lives to hear my soul's complaint. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>he lives eternally to save;<br>he lives exalted, throned above;<br>he lives to rule his church in love.        | 4 He lives to silence all my fears;<br>he lives to wipe away my tears;<br>he lives to calm my troubled heart;<br>he lives all blessings to impart.       |

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**All: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

## **WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **\*THE 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**

#### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.**

**C: Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Thine Is the Glory” # 376 ELW**

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry  
thou o’er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay. *Refrain.*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu’rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear & gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain.*

*Refrain:* Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu’ring Son;  
endless is the vict’ry  
thou o’er death hast won!

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## EASTER FLOWERS are given In Loving Memory of:

- † Grandma & Grandpa Hed & Grandpa Spears by the Mike & Kami Spears family
- † Lorae Johnson by Ray & Kathy Wagner and families
- † Harold & Mary Dupree by Ron & Ruth Ostby
- † Rick Ostby by Ron & Ruth Ostby, Mike Lisa, Ella & Lucy Heuer
- † Don Narverud & Susan Narverud by Carol Narverud family
- † Rudy Rude by Helen Rude & family
- † Cody Lundgren by David & Karen Kirkeby, Charley, Tami, Alex & Parker Lundgren
- † Janice Henrickson by Geno Henrickson & family
- † Clifford & Jeanette Reiersen and Matt & Ethel Mickelson by Dr. Craig & Marcy Mickelson
- † Marty Reiersen by Dr. Craig & Marcy Mickelson
- † Loved Ones by Charlie & Kittie Cornell
- † Laurel & Ardith Schuster and Delwin & Joan Schob by the Schob family
- † of our beloved Laney Theodora Ricki Holtan from Mommy, Daddy, Declan & Estee
- † of our beautiful angel granddaughter Laney Holtan Love Grampa Dale & Gramma Deb
- † Clifford & Marzella Jorde and Gerald & Luceile Yonke by Richard & Sharon Jorde
- † Gerald & Ann Morkerid by Patty Sabol & family, Jon & Cindy Nessen & family, Roz & Allen Morkerid & family
- † Loved Ones by Del & JoAnn Offerdahl
- † Nicole Knutson, Art & Lyla Christianson, Elda & Clinton Knutson by Rodney & Sandy Knutson, Nate & Sara, Grady, Noah Knutson

Thank you for sharing flowers with us this morning.  
You may take yours home after the service today





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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:* Lana Christianson, Mary Ann Lofberg

*Acolyte:*

*Worship assistant/ Cross Bearer:* Millie Reierson

*Reader:* Shawna Spears

*Tech assist:* Jersey Smeby

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**OUR PRAYERS TO** Delores Hirst hospitalized at Altru, GF; Sara Villanueva recovering at home.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** Judy Hams & family on the death of her husband Mitch Hams. His funeral was held at Zion last Wednesday. Floral stands are shared from his funeral.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored in memory of Ione Sparby by Wally Sparby

**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](http://www.ziontrf.org). in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

**LAY READERS :** We are looking for lay readers for the 8:30 Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you

**ZION QUILTERS** will meet Thursday, April 8 @ 1PM and 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 to be included.

**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 22-28 income: \$4,174.

March 1-28 income: \$21,357.

Year to Date income Jan 1– March 28: \$77,218.

2021 budget \$350,940. / \$6,748 is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday, April 4: EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 AM—Holy Communion Sunrise Service at Zion -Youth led

8:30 AM—Holy Communion Easter Worship at Zion

10:00 AM— Holy Communion Easter Worship at Silver Creek

**Monday, April 5:** Church offices closed

**Tuesday, April 6:** 9:30 Staff meeting, 10:30 Pastors Text Study, 4 Parish Health, Board Meetings

**Wednesday, April 7:** 9:30 TRF Ministerial meeting, 6:00 Confirmation Service Credit make up at Zion  
7:00 Senior Choir

**Thursday, April 8:** 1:00 Quilting at Zion, Silver Creek Spring Cleaning Day

**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

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## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**April 4, 2021**

### **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY**

#### **On the Other Side of Fear**

The very last verse of this morning's gospel comprises what scholars believe to be the original ending of Mark. Somewhat alarmingly, the final words are "they were afraid" (Mark 16:8). If you crack open your Bible today, you'll see a few other paragraphs and endings beyond this verse; however, Mark 16:8 is thought to have been the original end to the book.

As people who are used to greeting Easter morning with flowers, banners, trumpets, and boisterous hymns, this original ending to Mark, filled with fear and silence, isn't quite what we expect to find at the empty tomb! The end of Mark's Easter story can feel disquieting; maybe that's why a faithful person added another ending or two.

Fear and silence are hallmarks of human life. Anyone who says they have never been afraid is either living under a rock or probably not sharing the full truth of their experience of things. As vulnerable human creatures, we are susceptible to fear, which can cascade into silence at our worst when we are most frightened. That is exactly where we meet the disciples today.

Yet someone, sometime, somewhere, had to have said something, or else we would not be here worshiping at Easter. At some point joy crept up and leapt over the disciples' terror and paralysis. At some point the words were blurted out and released into the air with gladness: "Christ is risen, alleluia!"

Today, we enter the story on the other side of fear and silence. Someone among those disciples did indeed proclaim the truth: Christ is risen! We can rest assured knowing that despair and death don't have the last word. Drawn into the resurrection life of Jesus, we are invited to take part in this movement of God, shouting with loud praise, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

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