

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
Second Sunday of Easter — Holy Communion
April 16, 2023



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Andraya Bakken

***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.**

***SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

***GATHERING SONG** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” ELW #369

Liturgy setting 10; page 203

***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.

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

***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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, Word of Life... **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a-¹bove all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.**

³But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion¹ and my cup;
it is you who up-¹hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night¹ after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-¹ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall¹ not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹it rejoices;
my body also shall¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life... **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 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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 our Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "SHOW ME, LORD" PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY "Thine is the Glory" ELW #376

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Whitley Robyn Henrickson, daughter of Reece & Lacey Henrickson
Whitley's sponsors are Robyn Cieklinski and Tim Gaffaney

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of the saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who is presented to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents: Whitley Robyn

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He 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,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The child is Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Whitley Robyn the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Whitley Robyn, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parents, Sponsors, People of God, as Whitley Robyn has been here baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life unto the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so say, I do.

The candle is lit

Jesus says in Matthew 5:

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.” In the same way, Riley Ann, let your light shine before others, so that

they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our sister in Christ.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

OFFERING *Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

OFFERTORY ELW #184 *"Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord..."*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer,

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***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

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" ELW #382

***DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world knowing Christ and making him known.

Thanks be to God.

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 LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianist: Laura Rude Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Jaycee Klaven, Jenna Lian Ushers: Craig & Marcy Mickelson
Acolytes: Livia Harbott, Karena Bakken Reader: Kaylynn Wold
Communion assistants: Tom & Kaylynn Wold

HOLY COMMUNION is offered at worship today. Those believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to participate. Please tell the communion assistant if you prefer grape juice. If you desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion registration cards are available in the narthex.

Communion will be served continuously with one dismissal after all have communed. Form two single lines up the center aisle; receive the elements standing; then return to your pew by the side aisle. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (9:00)



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OUR PRAYERS TO Andy Hart recovering in Rochester.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org, in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Chris & Nicky, Caitlynn & Brianne Ellison in memory of Clair & Suzy Ellison.

ZION'S WEBSITE for April is sponsored by Chris & Nicky, Brianne & Caitlynn Ellison in memory of Joe & Ginny Armstrong.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher.

WELCA Meets Tuesday

All women of Zion are invited to the WELCA meeting on Tues., April 18, 10:00 a.m. Join in fellowship, refreshments, Bible study, and making plans for our May prayer breakfast and the spring gathering in Holt next Saturday. WELCA board meets at 9AM. Hostesses are Eileen Rhen and Lana Christenson.

WELCA Spring Gathering Saturday in Holt

The Conference 2 Spring Gathering for WELCA will be held at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Hold on Saturday, April 22, with registration at 8:30 a.m. Program is Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom from Grygla who will speak on her visits to Lutheran churches in Tanzania, Africa. We will carpool from Zion's parking lot at 8:15 a.m. - all are welcome.

Quilting Mission Quilts - Thursday, April 20

Join our quilting group on Thursday, April 20, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary in helping layer fabric and batting filler, pinning edges or tying the final quilts. Coffee & snacks, too.

SARAH CIRCLE - will meet Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 1:30 PM in the church lounge.

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

April 3-9 income: \$8,602.

April 1-9 income: \$16,935.

2023 Budget \$340,444. \$6,547. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Electronic sign donations \$17,161.96

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are in the wall rack by the office door. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website, or contact the church office.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars*

THE GROCERIES TO GO PROGRAM is available through our church if you'd like to use that option. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and we'll get back to you.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 12 Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info or to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

PARISH HEALTH NOTE - This comes from the King James Bible app.....

"The challenge for us as for the Israelites is how we respond." Deuteronomy 4:9 When you feel abandoned by God, it is so important that you remember when God was there for you. God always comes through. It is important for us as well to remember and not abandon God when bad things happen in our lives because if there is any certainty in life, it is that bad things will happen. No one escapes suffering. The challenge for us as for the Israelites is how we respond. The way we handle tragedy teaches our children and grandchildren about our trust in God even more than the words we use. When our first response is prayer, we are teaching trust. When we recall the Blessings we have received, it is easier to stay faithful. Sometimes we think that if God is with us, we won't have to face these problems but that is so unrealistic! Jesus knew that his Father was with him IN the suffering and that is what helped him face it. God will be with us in OUR suffering as well. When we count our blessings daily, we are keeping the memory of them alive and we will be more able to survive what life sends. Lord, give us the grace we need to keep your blessings always in our minds and hearts as we face the daily trials of life. AMEN - *God's Grace, Blessings and Peace be with you always....Parish Health*

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April Noisy Offering: Vacation Bible School

Parents are invited to stay for coffee fellowship in the basement following worship. All are welcome!

Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

April 23: Paul & Becky Peterson, Robert & Laura Fay, Romaine Wilson, Ron & Mandi Lund, Ryan & Jamie Bakken

April 30: Ryan & Kayla Bruggeman, Ryan & Roberta Sagstuen, Sam & Kayla Kofstad

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP TODAY April 16th



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE -

Meals available at 5:15; Classes at 6:00

April 19: Pulled Pork & Chips

April 26: Chicken Alfredo & breadsticks

May 3: Baked Mac & Cheese

May 10: Tacos

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who brought food for our Easter Breakfast. We were able to provide a very delicious meal to our congregation. Your donations were very much appreciated!

A huge thank you to all of the students and parents who helped prepare and serve our Easter Breakfast.

This has been a tradition for many years and we are grateful for your help to keep this tradition going! We couldn't do it without your help!

And a special thank you to Shawna Spears and our 10th Grade confirmation class for putting on our Sunrise Service. Your telling of the Resurrection was a very special way to start Easter Sunday. We appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you for sharing your Faith and love of Christ with Zion!

We'd also like to thank Joel and Laura Rude for helping with music and lighting.

Zions Youth and Education Board

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, April 16:

9 Zion Holy Communion Worship,
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School
10 Food & Fellowship
11:00 Silver Creek Holy Communion-
worship/ Gideons
12 Silver Creek Council
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Next Sunday, April 23:

9 Zion Worship, Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School
10 Coffee Fellowship
11:00 Silver Creek
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, April 17:

9 SAIL Exercise
6:30 Den meeting

Tuesday, April 18:

9-1 Faith Community Nurse Office hours
9 WELCA board meeting
10 WELCA meeting
Noon - Pastor's text study
5:30 ZION COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 19:

5:15 Confirmation Supper
6 Confirmation Classes
6 God's Joy Choir
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, April 20:

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
9 SAIL Exercise
12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge
1 Quilting/LWR Workshop

Friday, April 21:

8:00 Men's Breakfast at Biff's