

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIDEON'S SPEAKER Dale Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP Senior Choir

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***GATHERING SONG** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW #502

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.

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

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 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his

body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #423

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Silent prayer may follow.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God,

mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world.

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Other petitions may be offered, including particular needs and requests for healing.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed. Heal the pain of all who grieve.

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please take a few moments to reflect on specific prayers for healing you may have. You may use the paper provided to write those prayers if you wish.

All will be invited forward to place their prayers in the Baptismal Font and receive the anointing with oil.

The following hymns will be sung during the anointing:

“Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW #612

“Thy Holy Wings” ELW #613

ANOINTING

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Each worshipper will have the sign of the cross placed on their foreheads.

Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing],
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

When they are afraid, give them courage;

when afflicted, give them patience;

when dejected, give them hope;

and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***SENDING**

The God of all consolation bless you in every way,

grant you hope all the days of your life,

restore you to health and grant you salvation,

fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** "When Peace Like a River" ELW #785

***DISMISSAL**

Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements - April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

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: Gabe Nelson

Ushers: Lana Christianson, Mary Ann Lofberg

Acolytes: Sienna Gregerson, Jerlyn Lunsetter

Reader: David Lee

OUR PRAYERS TO the family & friends of Joyce Swenson and Harvey Hanson who is Hospice Care in Fargo.

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 Sheila Dahlen & family in memory of Pastor Robert Dahlen

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.



DON'T FORGET – The second session of directory pictures is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, through Saturday, May 13. If you haven't scheduled pictures and would like to, the website is ucdir.com, church code – mn321, and password – photos. If you need to change the time of your photos or schedule photos, please call Darlene at 689-8921.

WELCA BLANKET DAY - MAY 3, 1:00 PM Come and join in the fun and fellowship of helping make the fleece blankets for our graduating seniors.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet Thursday, May 4th at 10 AM.

QUILTING - Thurs. May 4, 1:00 p.m. All interested folks are invited to layer, pin, sew or tie our mission quilts. LWR quilts and care kits will be delivered to delivery truck on Sat., May 6.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be May 7th. If you haven't been contacted and are interested in joining at this time, please contact the church office. An orientation will be held May 4th.

FALLS DELIVERED MEALS - the week of May 8 -12 is Zion's week for deliveries, If you can help with deliveries please call Koni Johnson at 681-1344 or 686-7746.

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

April 16-23 income: \$5862.

April 1-23 income: 26,566.

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 & HANDYMAN PROGRAMS are available through our church. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and Darlene will get back to you.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge. For more info or to sign up please contact Lutheran Social Service at 866-787-9802.

PARISH HEALTH - April is National Volunteer Month and recognizes all those who give their time and energy with volunteering. Without volunteers donating their time and passion to the causes they care about, most endeavors would never be possible. Volunteers make it happen!

Volunteering doesn't just help those you are supporting, it's good for you too! Did you know volunteering can boost your mental and physical health? It also adds to life satisfaction, social well-being and depression prevention. The benefits of volunteering include engaging in social interactions with other people, being a helper, making a positive impact, and being part of something bigger than yourself. Studies show it makes you happier and can give you the "**The Helpers High**", a feeling of prolonged calmness, a reduction in stress and a greater sense of self-worth by helping others.

The older people who volunteer may reduce the onset of cognitive decline and decrease rates of depression and loneliness. WOW, who wouldn't want all of these benefits! Many members of our congregation must have already experienced these facts. No wonder Zion **ROCKS** with volunteerism!

Some interesting facts....according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, individuals between the ages of 35-54 are most likely to volunteer their time, women more than men. 22% of volunteers are under the age of 22 years old. Volunteers are worth on average \$28.54 an hour according to the Independence Sector Study and volunteerism has a value of 184 billion annually.

Thank You to all the volunteers in our church who generously give of their time and talents to make the many programs and activities work. You truly are appreciated, impressive, and a very important part of the church's functioning.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Erma Bombeck

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." Elizabeth Andrew.

--*God's Blessing and Peace, Parish Health*

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ANDY HART BENEFIT SUPPER will be held Friday, May 5th starting at 5 PM at the Eagles in TRF.

This is hosted by the Thief River Falls Police Department. There will be live and silent auctions, bake sale, donation boxes, 50/50 Raffle and more. Donations of items can be picked up by volunteers. Contact Dusty at 218-689-1691 or Mike at 218-689-0919. Monetary donations can be made thru Venmo: @AndyHartBenefit. Donations can also be made at Border Bank.

April Noisy Offering: Vacation Bible School



Last Day of Sunday School is May 14th. Kids will sing in church.

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 program)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

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

May 7: Sean & Ashley Ranum, Seri Russillo, Shawn & Amber Larson, Shawn & Kelly Bugge, Taryn Hoverson

May 14: Tim & Kirsten Michalke, Travis & Sara Scheef, Tyler & Jenna Holen, Wade & Koni Johnson



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School will be held August 6-10th.

More information to come.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE -

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

May 3: Baked Mac & Cheese

May 10: Tacos

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be May 21st.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP May 21st

Check out the Youth Bulletin Board for information on **Pathways Bible Camp** and the **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** July 16-20 in New Orleans.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, April 30:

9 Zion & Silver Creek Worship together at Zion, Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee Fellowship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, May 1:

9 SAIL Exercise

6:30 Den meeting

Tuesday, May 2:

9-1 Faith Community Nurse Office hours

11 Evangelism/ Lay ministry board

Noon - Pastor's text study

1:30 Parish Health committee

5:30 Education board

5:45 Worship board

6:30 Parish Fellowship board

Wednesday, May 3:

9:30 Coffee with the Staff

1 Fleece blanket making

5:15 Confirmation Supper

6 Confirmation Classes

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, May 4:

9 SAIL Exercise

10 Prayer Shawl Group

1 Quilting/ LWR Workshop

2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

7 New Member Orientation

Friday, May 5:

8:00 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, May 7:

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

9 Zion Holy Communion Worship
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

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Coming Up -

May 9-13 Zion—Falls Delivered Meals

May 11-13 Directory Photos