

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

April 9, 2023 Holy Communion

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:00AM

Thief River Falls, MN



PRELUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone” Laura Rude

L Christ is risen!

C **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

L Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C **Christ has risen indeed!**

L Darkness has been vanquished!

C **The brilliant light of hope has come!**

L Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good news!

C **Alleluia! Christ has risen! Amen!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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L Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed!**

L Let all the earth proclaim the glory of the Lord!

C **Let all heaven show forth in praise!**

L Christ is risen!

C **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Hallelujah, Christ is Risen”

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion
of the holy spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray...

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.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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

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

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

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

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

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

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

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

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

***GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

P: The holy gospel...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striving
cease. My comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scored by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev’ry sin on Him
was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by Darkness slain.
Then busting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He Rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Receive our prayer.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *Offering plates are available in the narthex. Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

***OFFERING CANTICLE** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” # 182

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.

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

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW # 367

***DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Easter Flowers Shared in Loving Memory of:

- † ***Milton Burstad & Janine Kalsnes*** by Della Burstad
- † ***Esther & Arne Lindquist, and Frank Dailey*** by Janet Dailey, Darrick, Cindy, Troy & Travis Wiskow
- † ***Duane (Swede) Peterson, and Olive & Eugene (Ole) Wiskow*** by Darrick, Cindy, Troy & Travis Wiskow
- † ***Our brother Marty Reiersen*** by Dr. Craig & Marcy Mickelson
- † ***Our Parents Cliff & Jeanette Reiersen and Matt & Ethel Mickelson and our brother, Marty Reiersen*** by Dr. Craig & Marcy Mickelson
- † ***Loved Ones*** by Dick & Jan Haugen
- † ***Rick Ostby*** by Ron & Ruth Ostby, Lisa, Mike, Ella & Lucy Heuer
- † ***Harold & Mary Dupree*** by Ron & Ruth Ostby
- † ***Raymond Nelson*** by Jeannie, Mary Jo, Wendy, Nancy & families
- † ***Cody Lundgren*** by Charlie, Tami, Alex & Parker Lundgren, and David & Karen Kirkeby
- † ***John Seaverson, Jerry Jenson, Alice & Lloyd Seaverson*** by Ruby Jenson
- † ***Nicole Knutson, Art & Lyla Christianson, Elda & Clinton Knutson*** by Rodney & Sandy Knutson, Nate & Sara, Grady, Noah Knutson
- † ***Loved Ones*** by the Joppru Family
- † ***Loved Ones*** by the Bruggeman Family
- † ***Loved Ones*** by Russell & Eileen Rhen

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

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: Gwen Wojciechowski

Ushers: Kevin & Tanya Ek

Acolytes: Jerlyn Lunsetter, Zander Olson

Communion assistants: Shawna Spears, Kami Spears

Cross Bearer: Millie Reiersen

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 there is an additional station at the rear of the sanctuary for those sensitive to Easter florals.

OUR SYMPATHY TO Lila Mathieu & family on the death of her mother, Rose Jesme.

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 Wally Sparby in memory of Ione Sparby.

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.

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

April 1-2 income: \$8,333.

March 1-31 income: \$18,081.

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 - The hope of Easter...Our hearts need hope to flourish, like flowers need the dew; When Christ arose on Easter morn, our hope was born anew! As the Lord fills the earth with new life, new beginnings, and fresh hope, may He richly fill you with the joy and peace that are ours in Christ. "Blessed 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." 1 Peter 1:3
HE HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!! Enjoy your day in celebration. HAPPY EASTER!

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Sunday School—No Sunday School Easter Sunday.

April Noisy Offering: Vacation Bible School

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

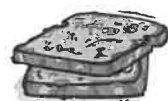


Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

April 2: Nick & Ashley Beito, Nick & Cassie Wilson, Nick & Danielle Harris, Nick Opdahl

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



Next FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP April 16th

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE - Wednesday classes & suppers resume April 12th.

April 12: Spaghetti & breadsticks

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, April 9: Easter Day

7:00 Zion Sunrise Worship
8:00 Easter Breakfast
9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship,
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
No Sunday School today
11:00 Silver Creek Holy Communion-
worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Next 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/ Gideon's
12 Silver Creek Council
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, April 10:

Church offices will be closed

Tuesday, April 11:

9-1 Faith Community Nurse Office hours
Noon - Pastor's text study
5:30 ALL BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 12:

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

Thursday, April 13:

9 SAIL Exercise
12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge
Homemaker's Spring Fling

Friday, April 14:

8:00 Men's Breakfast at Biff's
9:30 Coffee with Staff

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 9, 2023

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

The Stone-Moving Power of God

Special effort had been taken to seal up Jesus' tomb. Pilate and the religious authorities had taken great care to make absolutely certain there was no way Jesus' followers could move that stone themselves. They posted armed guards all around.

If they had had the technology back then, we could well imagine that floodlights, security cameras, and an alarm system would have been added to the tomb. But none of that would have mattered. For nothing in heaven or on earth could have stopped the stone-moving power of our God. An angel messenger comes in a brilliant flash to roll that stone away, and then he sits on it to share the good news that Jesus is alive. What had been intended by those who persecuted Jesus as a *period*—a full stop for the Jesus movement—becomes a *pulpit* for proclamation: “Do not be afraid!” (Matthew 28:5). Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection, we tune our hearts and minds to trust that this God who brings life out of death is still at work. What stones might God be moving today? Might we sense the Spirit at work in our lives here and now, rumbling the ground of our hearts and rolling away the messages of shame, fear, or rejection that have weighed us down? Might God be at work, rolling away stones of oppression and injustice in our world? Might we be sent, like these women, to not let fear rule our hearts, but to go, tell, and witness to a God who continues to open up a new future for us? Yes! The risen Christ appears to us today—present in word, and bread and wine, and water—ready to bless, nourish, call, and send. Nothing can stop this God. Jesus Christ is risen, indeed—Alleluia!

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