

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 Holy Communion  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:00AM  
Thief River Falls, MN



## PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

(\*Please stand as you are able)

*Gathered as the People of God, we hear a solo voice sing “What Wondrous Love is This” as the cross is brought into the sanctuary stopping at the midpoint of the aisle, the presiding minister reads the Gospel from Mark 16:1-8*

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! He is risen Indeed!**

One: Dead has been vanquished!

**Many: Death, where is your victory?**

One: The Victory belongs to the Lord!

**Many: The Lord has triumphed!**

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! He is risen Indeed!**

**All: Alleluia!**

## HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW #365

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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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## SPECIAL MUSIC “Because He Lives, Amen” Senior Choir

## GREETING AND DIALOGUE

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! He is risen Indeed!**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! He is risen Indeed!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## 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.**

## 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>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**Kids Time** We sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward

**HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

**ELW #392 v. 1&5**

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

**SERMON PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "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 strivings 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  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every 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 bursting 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 power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN “Thine is the Glory” ELW #376 v. 1**

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

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## **THE SHARING OF PEACE**

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

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 208

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds<br/>in praise of love that still abounds:<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"</i><br/>Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!<br/>Repeat their song of glory here:<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"</i><br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;<br/>set heart and will on things above<br/>that we conquer through your triumph;<br/>grant grace sufficient for life's day<br/>that by our lives we truly say:<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"</i><br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 Eternal is the gift he brings,<br/>therefore our heart with rapture sings:<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"</i><br/>Now still he comes to give us life<br/>and by his presence stills all strife.<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"</i><br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>    | <p>4 Adoring praises now we bring<br/>and with the heav'nly blessed sing:<br/><i>"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"</i><br/>Be to the Father, and our Lord,<br/>to Spirit blest, most holy God,<br/>all the glory, never ending!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>                              |

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME!** ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD EXTENDS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING. MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

**OUR THANKS** TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp      Pianists: Laura Rude, Jenna Von Holtum      Organist: Marie Longo  
Greeters & Ushers: Tom & Kaylynn Wold      Acolyte: Karena Bakken  
Reader: Jamie Bakken      Communion asst: Marcia Sandahl, Vivian Knutson

**OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.**

Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, all who are moving through a challenging season, especially Cassie Wilson, and Sandy Lubitz.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM 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.

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

**WEBSITE** sponsor for March is Zion memorials.

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

**THANK YOU** to the Fifth Grade First Communion Class for baking the bread for the Lord's Supper today.

**PRAYER SHAWLS MINISTRY GROUP** will meet this coming Thursday April 4th at 10:00 in the morning. All are welcome to come and join the group to enjoy a cup of coffee and a good visit!

**HELP SUPPORT THE THIEF RIVER FALLS FOOD SHELF.** Shopping carts will be placed in the narthex for donations of non-perishable and non-expired food items before worship every Sunday in the month of April. Thank you for sharing your abundance with those who are in need.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** is May 7th. If you are considering becoming a member, please contact the church office or Pastor Kristin.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!**

March 18-24: \$5,776.      March 1-24: \$ 23,319.      YTD: \$80,800.      Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

**VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING** –Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

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**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 Group Respite** is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Thursdays from 12:30 - 4:30 PM. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at [debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org](mailto:debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org) for more information.

## PARISH NURSE NOTES —

**HE IS RISEN!** LORD GOD, YOU LOVED THIS WORLD SO MUCH, THAT YOU GAVE YOUR ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WE MIGHT BE CALLED YOUR CHILDREN TOO. LORD! HELP US TO LIVE IN THE GLADNESS AND GRACE OF EASTER SUNDAY, **EVERYDAY**. LET US HAVE HEARTS OF THANKFULNESS FOR YOUR SACRIFICE.

LET US HAVE EYES THAT LOOK UPON YOUR GRACE AND REJOICE IN OUR SALVATION. HELP US TO WALK IN THAT MIGHTY GRACE AND TELL YOUR GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD. ALL FOR YOUR GLORY DO WE PRAY, LORD, **AMEN!**

Happy Easter! Parish Health

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

### Today: March 31: Easter Sunday

7 Sunrise Service  
7:45 Breakfast served by youth  
9:00 Zion Easter Celebration worship  
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
11 Silver Creek Easter Celebration Worship  
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

### Monday, April 1:

Church Closed

### Tuesday, April 2:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours  
1:30 Parish Health mtg.  
5:30 Parish Ed mtg.  
5:30 Public Relations mtg.

### Wednesday, April 3:

5:15 Confirmation supper  
6 Confirmation classes  
6 God's Joy Choir  
7:00 Senior Choir

### Thursday, April 4:

9 SAIL exercise  
10 Prayer Shawl ministry  
1 Quilting/ LWR workday  
12-4:30 LSS Respite Care

### Friday, April 5:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

### Next Sunday, April 7

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship  
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone  
10 Blood pressure screening  
10 Coffee Fellowship  
11 Silver Creek Worship/ Baptism  
12 GV broadcast ch. 37





**Sunday School**— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

**Cornerstone Kids**—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

- ▶ **Easter Sunrise Worship** is led by the 10th Grade Confirmation Students
- ▶ **Easter Breakfast** is served by the from 7:45 to 8:45
- ▶ **April Noisy Offering** will go toward **VBS Day Camp**

**Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday.**

**Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,**

April 7: Megan Klamar, Mike & Jodi Flaagan, Nick & Ashley Beito

April 14: Nick & Cassie Wilson, Nick & Danielle Harris, Paul & Becky Peterson

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** - Join us for breakfast served after worship on **Sunday, April 21st.**

Free-will donation goes to youth. Breakfast will be **served by 8th Grade students.**

**Confirmation Classes— Resume April 3rd 6PM**

**Supper served at 5:15**

**Menu:**

April 3 Chicken Alfredo

April 10 Tator Tot hotdish

April 17 Baked Mac& Cheese

April 24 Spaghetti & Meatballs

## *Easter Flowers Shared in Loving Memory of:*

- † *Don Narverud & Susan Narverud* by Carol Narverud & family
- † *Cody Lundgren* by Charlie, Tami, Alex & Parker Lundgren; and David & Karen Kirkeby
- † *Rick Ostby* by Ron & Ruth Ostby, Mike, Lisa, Ella & Lucy Heuer
- † *Harold & Mary Dupree* by Ron & Ruth Ostby
- † *Laurel & Ardith Schuster and Delwin & Joan Schob* by the Schob family
- † *Rudy Rude* by Helen Rude & family
- † *of our beloved Laney Theodora Ricki Holtan* by Mommy, Daddy, Declan, Estee & Calla
- † *of our little Angel Laney Holtan* by Grandpa Dale & Grandma Deb Holtan
- † *Nicole Knutson, Art & Lyla Christianson, Elda & Clinton Knutson*  
by Rodney & Sandy Knutson, Nate & Sara, Grady, Noah Knutson
- † *Grandma & Grandpa Hed & Grandpa Spears* by Mike & Kami Spears family
- † *Loved Ones* by the Joppru Family
- † *Loved Ones* by the Bruggeman Family
- † *James & Phyllis Visser* by Renae Franke

## *Easter Flowers Shared in Honor of:*

- † *Grandson Gauge Peterson* by Amber Holtan & Pat Hanson
- † *Great-Grandson Gauge Peterson* by Great Grandpa Dale & Great Grandma Deb

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

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**March 31, 2024**

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

#### **It's Not Over Yet**

When you think back over your favorite books, do you remember the endings? If the story leads to a satisfying conclusion, even if the plot twists and turns, the writer keeps our attention. When we commit to a book, we put a lot of faith in the author to tell a good story and to wrap up their tale in a way that makes sense. When the ending is unclear or unbelievable, we wish we hadn't invested so much time in their book.

When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb, they thought they knew the ending of his story. Jesus' death on the cross brought his ministry to an abrupt conclusion. There was nothing left to do but show their devotion by anointing him with spices. How surprised the women must have been to hear that Jesus' story hadn't ended after all! He had been raised. He was going ahead of his followers to Galilee. They would see him again!

To us, this story of Jesus' resurrection is familiar, so we hear it as good news. For the women, though, it was terrifying. This wasn't how they expected Jesus' story to turn out. They had seen him die on the cross, and now they were being told he was alive? They didn't know what to make of this twist in Jesus' story. They were so afraid that they fled.

The women ran away because they were shocked when the story didn't turn out the way they expected. But soon they would learn that this was a *happy* ending: Where they had seen death, God made a way for new life! What seemed like the conclusion was actually a beginning. It was the dawn of a new day, a resurrection day. As followers of Jesus, we don't know what our future holds or how our stories will end, but we can trust that Jesus is alive. He goes ahead of us, leading us into a future full of God's love and grace.

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