

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship
April 14, 2024

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Faithful God, we confess that we have tried to live by our own poor strength, shunning the earth-shaking power of the resurrection. We have doubted your promises. We have failed to recognize you in the poor and needy. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now, victorious, lives to God. Our Savior has delivered you from the power of darkness and welcomed you into the realm of light. For his sake God grants you pardon and peace, the remission of all your sins. **Amen**

Song "Oceans" printed

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹ rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Kid's Time Shawna Spears

Noisy Offering for Vacation Bible School

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day "Open Our Eyes, Lord" printed

Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering - ushers bring offering forward

Offertory "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *(CCLI Lic. # 11095451)*

Prayers of Intercession Response: hear our prayer.

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.**

Holy Communion

Sending Song "Shout to the North" printed

Dismissal

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

Post-service Music

Announcements - April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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: Koni Johnson Ushers: Craig & Marcy Mickelson Acolyte:
Reader: David Lee Communion asst: Tom & Kaylynn Wold

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, the family of Ethan Larson and the family of Jeannie Nelson.

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 Tom & Kaylynn Wold in memory of Herb & Joyce Swenson, and Virgil & Dorothy Wold.

WEBSITE sponsor for April is Zion memorials.

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

ADULT FORUM and Conversation, Today, April 14th at 10:20 am. You are invited to a conversation about the Knight Avenue Property during Coffee Fellowship. We will also be asking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Team.

WORKDAY OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday, April 16th at 1:00 PM—Blanket assembly for our Seniors. Please bring a sharp scissors.

Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 PM—Join us for Quilting/LWR . Quilts and kits will ship out in May.

WELCA SPRING GATHERING Sat., April 20th at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Registration & Coffee at 8:30 am , Program at 9:00 and Lunch at 11:30. Registration fee is \$10.

Speaker: Jennifer Knott, Intern for the Pennington County Master Gardeners.

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 5th. If you are considering becoming a member, please contact the church office or Pastor Kristin. New member orientation will be on Thurs., May 2nd at 6PM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

April 1-7: \$ 6,777. March 1-31: \$29,440. YTD: \$93,532. 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.

PARISH NURSE NOTES —

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc (Tri-Valley) is a private, non-profit community action agency that hosts a variety of programs headquartered in Crookston, Mn. It has dedicated itself to improving lives, strengthening communities and engaging adults and families through services and volunteerism for over 50 years. Tri-Valley's mission of providing opportunities to improve the quality of life for people and communities operates programs that include: Housing, Transportation Programs, Head Start, and Child and Family Programs.

Jean Halvorson from Tri-Valley will be coming April 28th to explain the 2 Senior Programs that can be very fun and rewarding to participate in if you are interested. She will do this after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteerism for our aging population brings multiple benefits, such as, socialization, connection to others, eliminates boredom, making friends, educational opportunities, health benefits and financial incentives/reimbursements.

The Foster Grandparent Program...recruits senior volunteers and place them in local schools helping children with a variety of tasks such as reading, writing, spelling and math. Do you have a passion for today's youth? Be a mentor sharing your wisdom and experience to make a lasting life impression.

The Caring Companion Program...works to help seniors remain independent and living in their homes. They look for volunteers who would like to visit, have a cup of coffee, share a meal, or go on a shopping trip, while extending kindness of friendship to someone who is in need of socialization.

These programs are a **win-win** for both the volunteer and recipient!

There will be brochures available that day for more information.

Spring has sprung with warmer weather to come! God's Blessing and Peace.

Parish Health

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

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

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

April 28: Robert & Laura Fay, Ronnie & Mandi Lund, Ryan & Jamie Bakken, Ryan & Kayla Bruggeman

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— 6PM; Supper served at 5:15

Menu:

April 17 Baked Mac& Cheese

April 24 Spaghetti & Meatballs

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: April 14:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone
10 **May Sharing Servant** meeting in lounge
10 Coffee Fellowship/ **Adult Forum**
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, April 15:

9 SAIL Exercise
10:30 Ev/Lay Ministry Mtg

Tuesday, April 16:

9 Bible Study
9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours
1:00 Senior blanket workday
5:30 Zion Council

Wednesday, April 17:

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

Thursday, April 18:

9 SAIL exercise
1:00 Quilting/ LWR workday
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care
Homemakers Spring Fling

Friday, April 19:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, April 20:

WELCA Spring Gathering at Redeemer

Next Sunday, April 21:

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WATCH THE LAMB - a dramatic musical—will be presented Saturday April 13th at 7PM and Sunday, April 14th at 2 PM at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 401 St. Paul Ave., TRF. Performed by a community choir, & cast. Free admission. Free-will offering will be accepted. Refreshments served following the program. All are invited to attend.

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Fear to Faith

Fight, flight, or freeze: that's how our bodies tend to react when we perceive danger. Our heart rate increases, our breathing speeds up, and even our vision changes to take in our surroundings quickly so we can protect ourselves.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection, they seemed to be in the middle of a fight, flight, or freeze response. Their Lord had been crucified. They didn't know what to do next. When Jesus suddenly stood among them, they froze in shock and fear. Jesus overcame the disciples' fright by showing his hands and feet and by eating a piece of fish. As they looked at the scars and watched him eat, the truth of his resurrection dawned on them. The disciples' inclination to fight, flee, or freeze melted away.

Once Jesus had brought the disciples back to a calm resting state, he opened their minds to understand how he had accomplished God's plan to save the world. Jesus told the disciples that now that he was risen, it was their turn to tell his story in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Joy started to flicker in the disciples' hearts as Jesus freed them from fear. He gave them a purpose: to be his witnesses. They were to free others by sharing the good news that Jesus had died and risen again to forgive their sins and give the gift of eternal life to all who believe.

In our world today, many voices spread fear. It's easy to focus on those voices, feel overwhelmed, and freeze. But Jesus came to free us *from* fear and to free us *for* faith. Receiving the bread and wine of his supper reminds us that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. We don't have to be afraid of anything. Holy communion strengthens us to be his witnesses and to do his work in the world so others can be set free by the good news of Jesus' love.

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