

Zion Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 7, 2024 9:00 AM

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(\*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

## 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

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” # 369

## **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.**

## **\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)**

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 God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-<sup>1</sup> on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar<sup>1</sup> of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the<sup>1</sup> hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

**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 story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Thine is the Glory” #376

### **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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERTORY** ELW #186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*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.**

#### **LAMB OF GOD** Page 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.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**      **“Christ is Arisen, Alleluia” #364**

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**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: Tanya & Kevin Ek      Ushers: Don & Irene Dossier      Acolyte:  
Reader: Diane Lee      Communion asst: Kami Spears, Shawna Spears

**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, Sandy Lubitz, and the family of Ethan Larson.

**TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (11:00 -SC)

Maizie Mae Meunier, daughter of Brady & Michaela Meunier  
Maizie's sponsors are Shanielle Ahlf, Micah Ranum, Erick & Lindsay Peterson.

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

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

**WELCA Meets on Tuesday** All women of Zion are invited to the monthly WELCA meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. as we join together for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments. Hostesses are Kittie Cornell and Kathy Wagner. Board meets at 9:00 a.m.

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

**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 25-31: \$6,121.      March 1-31: \$29,440.      YTD: \$86,755.      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 —

**The healthy benefits of awe.....**Gazing at a sunset. Seeing a loved one reach a goal she's sought for years. Walking your child down the aisle at a wedding.

These experiences have something in common: They inspire a **sense of awe**.

Feelings of warmth and positivity flood the mind in a way that they don't when doing things like laundry or shopping for groceries.

Now science is finding that the benefits of awe may go beyond feelings of warmth and wonder. In fact, according to recent research, experiencing awe may carry significant physical and mental health benefits.

Doctors still don't fully understand the reasons behind these benefits, but studies show positive effects in people who regularly feel wonder or awe. These include: **Reduced inflammation, lower stress, improved heart rate, and improved diastolic blood pressure.**

Mayo Clinic experts say that you should make a point of having awesome experiences. Getting out in nature is the most common way for people to feel that sense of awe. But it's not the only way. Relationships with other people can produce feelings of awe. Experiencing art or any kind of personal expression can produce it too.

One tip? Enjoy awe-inspiring experiences, like a riverside picnic or sunrise hike, with devices turned off. But do call on technology for things like connecting with loved ones online and viewing art virtually.

Our Lord has created a beautiful world and full of people. Sometimes with our busy lives, it may be easy to not pay attention to these awe-inspiring experiences and there are many! Seek and find them, pay attention to your surroundings and events, enjoy the moments of them and the benefits they give. **Have an awe awesome week!**

God's Blessings and Peace, Parish Health

**Attention Parents...**Behavioral Health from Sanford are the facilitators of the *Parenting the Love and Logic Way* program that looks to be well worth your time and money! It is six sessions designed to help parents equip kids with character, compassion, problem solving skills and more. It's a program designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately! Dinner is provided at 5:00, class 5:30-7:00, and free childcare is provided for ages 4-12! It starts on April 16th so registration should be done soon. More information is on the registration form at the narthex of the church. **It has very good reviews. Take a look!**



**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 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**— 6PM; Supper served at 5:15

**Menu:**

April 10 Tator Tot hotdish

April 17 Baked Mac& Cheese

April 24 Spaghetti & Meatballs

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today: March 31: 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

**Monday, April 8:**

9 SAIL Exercise

**Tuesday, April 9:**

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours  
9 WELCA Board  
10 WELCA meeting  
5:30 Worship Board

**Wednesday, April 10:**

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

**Thursday, April 11:**

9 SAIL exercise  
12-4:30 LSS Respite Care

**Friday, April 12:**

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

**Next Sunday, 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

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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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