

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship
April 28, 2024

Pre-service Music
Welcome & Announcements
Gideons Message - Doug Hess
Call to Worship - Senior Choir

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 "Have No Fear Little Flock" #764

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.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^l fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ^l and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ^l live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD,**
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ^l serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ^l LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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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: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” #451

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism of Sarah Elizabeth Fay

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of the saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who is presented to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents: *Sarah Elizabeth*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The child is Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Sarah* the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Sarah Elizabeth , Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parents, Sponsors, People of God, as **Sarah Elizabeth** has been here baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life unto the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so say, I do.

The candle is lit

Jesus says in Matthew 5:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." In the same way, **Sarah**, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Sarah

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

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.**

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.

Sending Song "I Love to Tell the Story" #661

Dismissal

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

Post-service Music

Announcements - April 28, 2024

5th 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: Kay Tischler Ushers: Wayne & Margy Smith Acolyte:
Reader: Deb Fulton Psalm:

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

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:



Sarah Elizabeth Fay, daughter of Robert & Laura Fay. (Zion)

Sarah's sponsors are Patrick & Jamie Fay and Stuart & Shannon Gates.



Gracie Lawrence Bierman, daughter of Chelsey & Matt Bierman (Silver Creek)

Gracie's sponsors are Connor Boutain and Sue & Joe Blackbird

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 Dick & Jan Haugen in honor of Sarah Elizabeth Fay's baptism.

WEBSITE sponsor for April is Zion memorials.

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

All Boards Meeting - today from 2-4 PM

MISSION QUILTING – MAY 2 We have one more day to finish and pack up quilts for the May shipment. Anyone interested is invited to help on Thursday, May 2, 1:00 p.m. We also enjoy the fellowship and coffee time.

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**.

There will be a **Pot Luck Dinner at 11:30 AM** to welcome our new members. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

April 15-21: \$6,160.

April 1-21: \$17,413.

YTD: \$104,178.

Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

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

QR code to giving page:

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. YTD received \$1,989.
Thank you to all who have directed dollars!



MAY SALAD LUNCHEON Tues., May 7 from 11 am to 1 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church. \$10/ person.

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 here today, April 28th to explain the 2 Senior Programs that can be very fun and rewarding to participate in if you are interested. She will present 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*

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.

"What's In Your Tool Box?" Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 6 PM, Sara Lefebvre from Sanford Mental Health staff will be facilitating this presentation for the confirmation classes and parents in the Fellowship Hall. It will be geared for their age group to provide preventative and coping strategies for managing mental health issues personally and/or to help others when needed. All who are interested also invited.

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Sunday School & Cornerstone Kids— Last class day is May 12th. Students will sing during worship.

April Noisy Offering will go to VBS Day Camp

May Noisy Offering will go to TRF Food Shelf

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

May 5: Ryan & Roberta Sagsteun, Stephanie Walseth, Ryan Olson, Sam & Kayla Kofstad

May 12: Sean & Ashley Ranum, Seri Rusillo, Shawn & Amber Larson, Shawn & Kelly Bugge, Taryn Kostrzewski

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on **Sunday, May 19th**. Free-will donation goes to youth. Breakfast will be served by **6th & 7th Grade students**.

Confirmation Classes— 6PM; Supper served at 5:15

Menu: May 1: BBQ's & Tater tots May 8: Taco Bar

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, April 28:

9:00 Zion worship/Baptism
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone
10 Coffee Fellowship
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37
2-4 All Boards Meeting

Monday, April 29:

9 SAIL Exercise

Tuesday, April 30:

9 Bible Study
9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours

Wednesday, May 1:

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

Thursday, May 2:

9 SAIL exercise
1 Quilting/ LWR Workday
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care
6 New member orientation mtg

Friday, May 3:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, May 4:

LWR pickup day TRF

Next Sunday, May 5:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/ New Members received/ God's Joy sings/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone
10 Coffee Fellowship
11 Potluck Dinner to welcome New Members
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37