

# APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Mance Family in Honor of Shannon Mance's graduation from Pitt School of Nursing.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Paul & Terry Hayes in Memory of Loved Ones.Philippians 4:6 NLT "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything."

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT...** find out the who, what, where, when and why of the CHURCH COUNCIL at the display in the rear corner of the sanctuary.

**THERE WILL BE FOOD...** only 21 days until the first ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT of 2017! **Sunday, MAY 21**<sup>st</sup>, right after second service. Friends, family, and guests welcome for good food, fun, and fellowship! Save the date!

VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH for April is "Luther's Prayers." You can check it out of the Zion library!

**BLESS THESE LIPS Session 2 TAKEAWAY...** "It takes 4 positive comments to counteract 1 negative comment" (Sharon Jaynes)

**SPRING CLEANING FANS...** time to purge and organize the yellow barn shed. If this sounds like your kind fun, please contact me at linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** has started! Please take a baby bottle when you exit church this morning. Fill the bottles with change and bring them back to church. These funds are used for the Human Coalition (formerly the pregnancy resource center). These funds are helping to save lives.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** annual Fashion Show will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Butler Country Club starting at 10am. Enjoy lunch and a fashion show! See flyer in the narthex for more details.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Grimenstein this morning. The bible study will be on the Gospel according to Luke. Coffee and donuts always served during this bible study!!

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit <u>www.zlcb.org/sermons</u>

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Good morning! Welcome to worship.

Today's gospel reading recounts Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. These two disciples walked and talked with Jesus for hours, but didn't realize who they were walking with or who they were talking with. They saw Jesus as a travelling companion, they saw Jesus as someone to help take some miles off, they saw Jesus as someone who really understood the Old Testament – but they didn't see Jesus as the risen Lord who had conquered sin, death and hell for them.

They didn't see Jesus for He truly is, until Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them. They didn't see this was Jesus until He celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Because of our sinful flesh each and every one of us are born blind. By our nature, we don't see Jesus. By ourselves, we don't know Jesus. On our own, we are not capable of believing in Jesus. Thanks be to God though, He has given you His Holy Spirit, opened your eyes to see Jesus as your Savior, opened your ears to hear His Word, and opened your hearts to believe His Word. As we gather together today in preparation for the Lord's Supper, I pray that our Lord would open all our eyes to see Him as our risen Lord and Savior.

The Lord be with you, Pastor Grimenstein

ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

#### **Opening Hymn – A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

 $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathbf{H}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G** who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the -H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

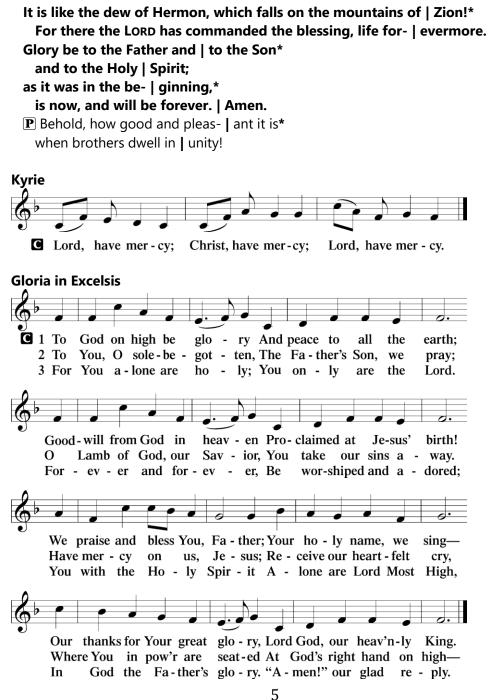
## Service of the Word

#### Introit

P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\* when brothers dwell in | unity!

**C** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,\*

running down on the collar | of his robes!



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

### **P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## G Amen.

### First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle - 1 Peter 1:17-25

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not

with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

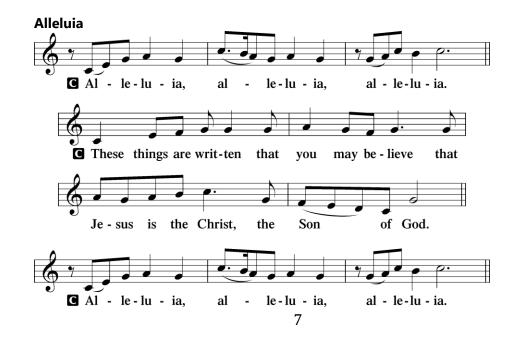
The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



#### Holy Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – Christ Be My Leader

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

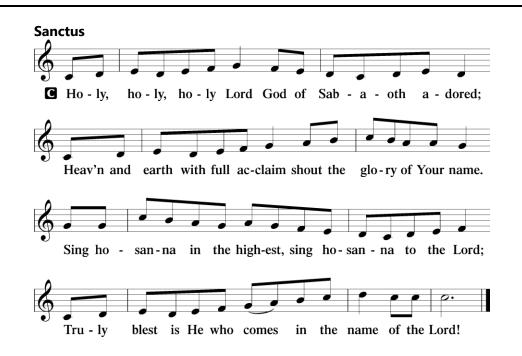
## Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

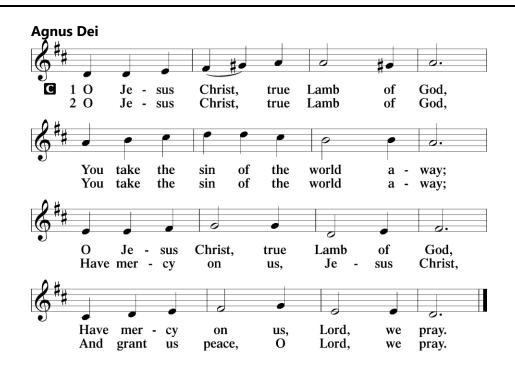
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



### **Sharing of Peace**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

### Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

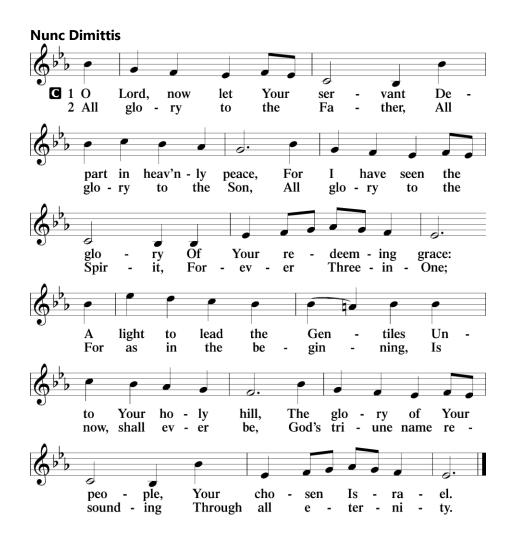
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity. During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

# **Distribution Hymn**

Children of the Heavenly Father	725
Lord of All Hopefulness	738
What Is This Bread	629



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

## **Recessional Hymn – How Great Thou Art 629**

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# Prayer Request for Family & Friends

# The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida, Dale Ferry, Bruce Gain, Ron Lyons, George Kozak, and Beatrice Decker.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

# The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

# Our Nation:

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Seminarian:	Vicar Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Douglas Krantz
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00)
	Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager (8:00)
	Vince & Ginny Kimberland (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00)
	Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
	Sam Dragan, Vince Kimberland (10:30)
	Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Debbie LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich
	& Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Megan Glasser, Deb Sterba & Lara Luedeman

# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/23) – 152 Midweek Service Attendance (4/26) – 17 Sunday Offering (4/23) - \$2,923.00 Online Offering (4/17-4/21) - \$660.00 ~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: <u>www.zlcb.org</u>~

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Week of April 30th - May 7th

8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry
7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:30 PM – Trustees Meeting
7:15 PM – Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM –Midweek Service
10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:00 & 8:30 PM – Softball Games (Double header) 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 AM – Men's Choir Practice
8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting



IMAGINE.... A MAJESTIC KINGDOM AND IN IT, A

MIGHTY FORTRESS. ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL EXPLORE HOW THE VICTORY IS WON IN JESUS! TO HAVE THE BEST ADVENTURE POSSIBLE, WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL GIVE THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND LOVE TO KIDS AND THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS.

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

**CREWS**: KIDS ROTATE FROM STATION TO STATION WITH CREW LEADERS AND HELPERS. NO PREPARATION IS NECESSARY! CREW LEADER & HELPER 45 MIN. MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM.

#### VBS PREP:

- REGISTRATION TEAM
- DECORATING TEAM

#### **VBS WEEK ACTIVITIES:**

- GAMES HELPER
- VICTORY BIBLE CHALLENGE HELPER

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL USE THIS PROGRAM TO REACH MANY CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL, SO PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR ROLE IN VBS. TO VOLUNTEER, SIMPLY FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX LABELED MIGHTY FORTRESS VBS AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT SUNDAYSCHOOL@ZLCB.ORG OR (724-713-6523)

KATIE GIELAROWSKI, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS DIRECTOR

#### 2017 MIGHTY FORTRESS VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE MIGHTY FORTRESS VBS A HUGE SUCCESS! PLEASE CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

VICTORY BIBLE CHALLENGE	□ GAMES
DECORATIONS	REGISTRATION
CREW LEADER	CREW HELPER
MONETARY DONATION	□ ASSIST WHERE EVER NEEDED

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