# Zion Lutheran Church





April 26th, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter



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# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

# **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

# **Opening Hymn – Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

- Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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- ightharpoonspice In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonspice Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **Service of the Word**

## Introit



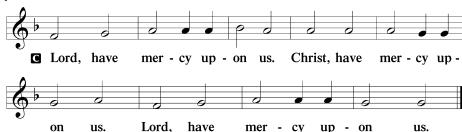
- P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is when brothers dwell in | unity!
- It is like the precious oil on the head of | Aaron, running down on the collar | of his robes!

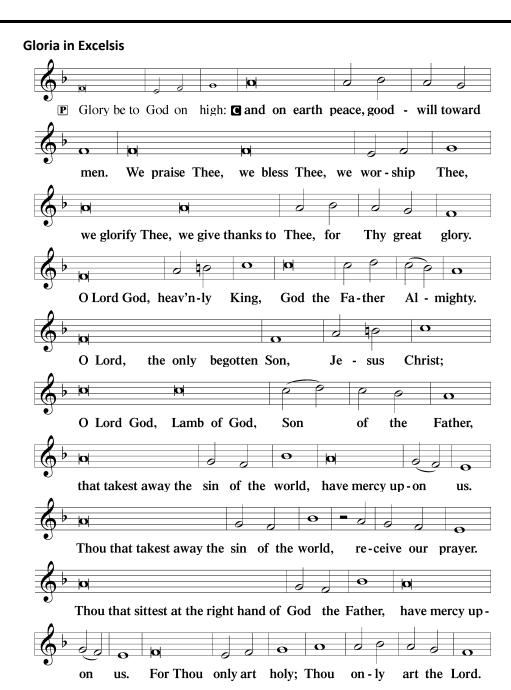
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

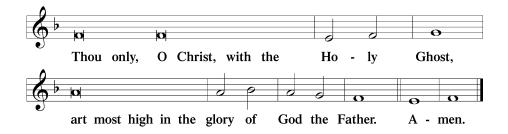
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;

- as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is when brothers dwell in | unity!

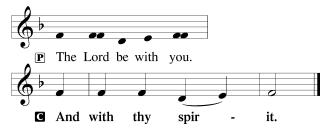
# Kyrie







# Salutation and Collect of the Day



# 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.



# First Reading -- Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . 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.

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

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

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.

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

## **Alleluia**



# **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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.



#### **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.



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## Sermon

# **Prayer of the Church**

- **P**... Lord in your mercy.
- ... Hear our prayer.

# **Service of the Sacrament**

## **Preface**



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has

restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus



# **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."

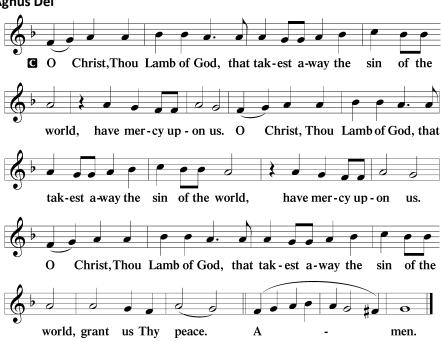
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# **Pax Domini**





# **Agnus Dei**

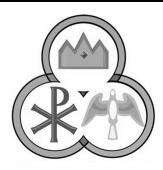


# Distribution

# **Distribution Hymns**

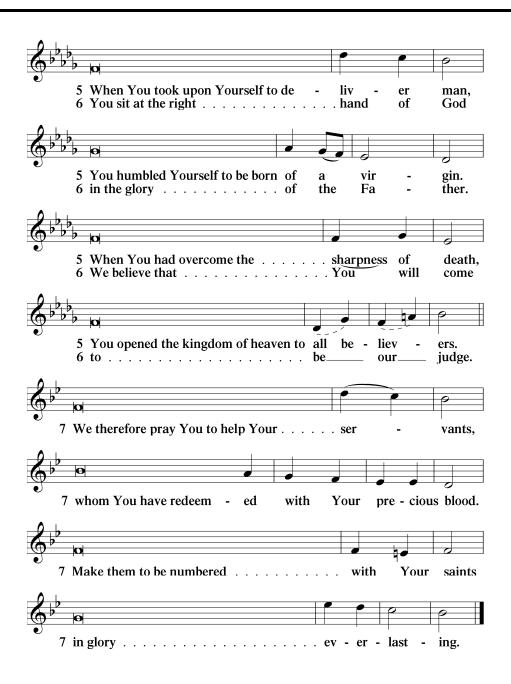
Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silent	#621
The Infant Priest Was Holy Born	#624



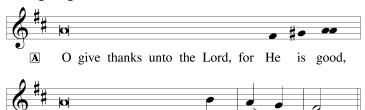


#### Te Deum





# **Thanksgiving**

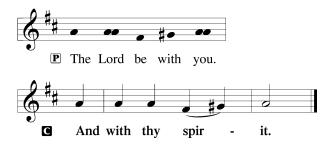


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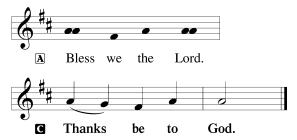
# **P** Let us pray.

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.

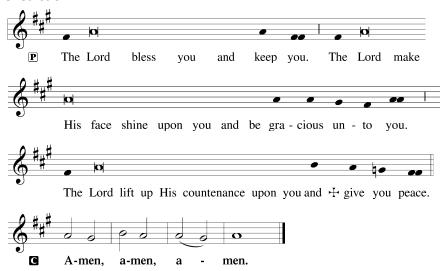
## C Amen.



# **Benedicamus**



### **Benediction**



## Closing Hymn – He's Risen, He's Risen

- He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
   Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,

For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

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- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose, And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
  - The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high; He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;

Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door. For all our transgressions His blood does atone;

Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
 Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
 With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Please leave your bulletin on the pew where you were seated to assist our custodian with sanitizing the pews following the service.

# Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

# The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Judy Bridges, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Jan Nemanick, Ruth Rostron, Steve Johnson, The Watt family, Patti Neill, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, and Tim Fitzgerald.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

# The World:

- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

# Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

# † Service Participants †

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger
The Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders: John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte: Joshua Grimenstein (8:00)

Sam Bishop (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Lynn and Tom Carthy; and by Hope Mance in memory of Loved Ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judith Dames in memory of Loved Ones.

THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN, a monthly newsletter that details news and events of our local LCMS congregations, is seeking a Layout Editor. This volunteer role requires about 5 hours/month working in Microsoft Publisher to layout and design articles; best of all, this person will work closely with TPL editors (and Zion members) Mary Lou Rilee and Nancy Koester! Contact Mary Lou at <a href="mailto:Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com">Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

# **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/19) – 20 (8 am); 23 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (4/22)- 7 Thursday Small Group Worship Attendance (4/23) -- 6 Sunday Offering (4/19) – \$2988.00 Online Offering – \$5145.00

<sup>~</sup>Online giving is now available by going to the Zion's website: www.zlcb.org/donate

# April 26th - May 3rd

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
4/26	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Online
4/27	7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Online
TUESDAY 4/28	
WEDNESDAY 4/29	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
4/30	Communion See details in back of bulletin
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SATURDAY	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/
5/2	Communion See details in back of bulletin
SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
5/3	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion



# A great big word of love.

A word that you often hear used in the church is the word "redemption" (pronounced ree-DEMP-shun). All of the events in Jesus' life work together to form God's plan of redemption.

# What does "redemption" mean?

The word "redemption" is a very important word used to describe what Jesus has done for us.

Redemption comes from the root word "redeem" which means "to buy back." God's plan of redemption was His plan to buy us back from sin, death and the power of the devil. This all happened when Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Law perfectly and died on the cross in our place. He payed the high price for sin, and He bought us back! But He didn't stop there. He overcame death for us and rose from the dead to prove





#### Parents:

it! What a great Redeemer we have!

What our God has done for us in Jesus reflects the Fatherly love He has for all people. As parents, we share this love with our children through the means our Lord has provided: Word and Sacrament. This is where we receive the real fruits of redemption.



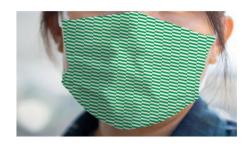


With the extension of pandemic restrictions into May, Zion will continue to offer two shortened, spoken Divine Services each week. These services will complement our already scheduled Wednesday evening service and two Sunday services and are being offered for our members whose medical conditions or age would make them more susceptible to the effects of the coronavirus.

- Services will be held from 10-10:30 am on Thursdays & Saturdays.
- A MAXIMUM number of 10 persons will occupy the sanctuary at any given time (8 worshippers, 1 pastor, 1 elder). Congregational members will be seated by the elder in "reserved" areas in the sanctuary to maximize safe distance between worshippers
- Participants should sign up via Sign Up Genius (go to "www.signupgenius.com/findasignup". In the "Search for a Sign Up" box, enter the email address "secretary@zlcb.org". This will take you to the Zion Worship Sign-Up page where you can choose a service date). Or, you may call Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066 to sign up.
- Communion will be offered to individuals/families as separate units in order to maintain a safe distance. An offering plate will be available in the narthex rather than passed

If you would like assistance signing up or have any questions, please contact Susie Bishop at 412-977-9066.

The Lord be with you, Pastor Grimenstein



## Attention all Mask-Makers!

Starting this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Zion is encouraging the wearing of facemasks for those who are worshipping in person. Members can find facemasks in a basket next to the bulletins in the back of the sanctuary. Facemasks may of course be removed to receive the sacrament. Since some of our members may be unable to make masks for themselves, we would also like to be able to provide facemasks to any who may need them.

Here are links to facemask patterns (one requires sewing, the other does not). <a href="https://youtu.be/S9RWII2-5\_4">https://www.facebook.com/tiffany.wambach/videos/10219383090882189/</a>. There are many other patterns available online. Our goal is to make at least 100 facemasks. Any remaining facemasks will be mailed to LCMS churches in the New York area who have asked for help in producing masks they are distributing among their local communities. If you are able to help produce a few masks, or have any questions, please contact Megan Glasser (<a href="mailto:mkglasser@yahoo.com">mkglasser@yahoo.com</a>) to tell her how many you are able to make.

Once your facemasks are completed, please place each facemask in an individual Ziploc baggy. A box has been placed outside the entrance to the preschool (near the flagpole) where facemasks may be dropped off at your leisure. If you are uncomfortable leaving your home to deliver the masks, please contact Megan and she will make arrangements to have them picked up from your front doorstep. If you are in need of a few masks, please feel free to come by and take a few from the drop-box!

# Thanks for helping!