

Zion Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Easter
April 3rd 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Vallelunga Family in Honor of Sara's Birthday and The Gauger Family in Memory of Steve's mom, Gloria Gauger.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Joe DePalma in Memory of Parents, Joseph & Margaret DePalma
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a "Why do we do this?" explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have "The Invocation" or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a new study, "Fight Back with Joy" starting Tuesday April 19th from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Sign up is in the narthex of the church. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **MARK JASA** is coming! Mark is a Pastor and Evangelist from sunny southern California who is coming to Zion on April 30th to teach us (and to show us) how to reach out to our friends and even total strangers with the good news of Jesus. Mark (get it?) your calendar for April 30th, 10am-3pm for a day with Pastor and Evangelist Mark Jasa!
- **YOUTH GROUP** will be having an event today for any middle and high school kids... bring a friend and join us for Glow in the Dark Dodgeball from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **BABY BOTTLES** for the Pregnancy Resource Center of South Hills -This annual fundraiser supports the life-saving ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. Baby bottles are still available at the display in the church narthex. Fill your bottle with change or bills, and return it to the narthex display TODAY!!
- **TRUSTEE CLEAN-UP DAY.** Following Church TODAY Sunday April, 3rd there will be a church clean-up day. Lunch and drinks will be provided. We will be moving mulch and doing general clean-up.
- **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.) **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is moving to Sunday's after late service. We will begin practices on Sunday April 10th!, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! You don't need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **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 www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Christ is risen!

And this week we take a look at some of the things that Jesus did after rising from the dead. One of the proofs for the resurrection of Jesus are the numerous appearances Jesus made to people, giving them more than ample proof that he was alive. And while there is no doubt that the Jesus who appeared to people following his resurrection was the same Jesus who was crucified for the sins of the world, there is something different about Jesus; something that makes him unrecognizable to those who spent years with him before the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will take a look at how Christ was unrecognized by his disciples following his resurrection, as well as what he did and said in order to reveal himself to those who knew him best.

We will also spend some time in our Epistle Lesson, Romans 5, also part of our Bible in a year readings for this week, as we take a look at what the death and resurrection of Christ have done for us.

God bless your time in worship this morning as we continue our celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus!

-Pastor Duncan

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

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude - Partita on Duke Street by Charles Callahan

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

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

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

Why do we do this? God's word is living and active, with the power to create faith in Christ, lead a person to lead a godly life, and reveal a God who is otherwise hidden. We believe God's Word (the Bible) is inspired (God-breathed), infallible (authoritative) and inerrant (without any mistakes). Because of this, we center our worship service around the Scriptures, God's Word, the Bible.

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character

produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The 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.

(Please be seated)

Offertory – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Collection of the 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 stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saves us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

People: 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 Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The 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 Hymns

<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	781
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	744
<i>Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior</i>	619

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Great is Thy Faithfulness 809

Postlude - Sortie

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	Michael Sterba & Robert Schmidt
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Elsie DallaPiazza(10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Megan Glasser & Carrie Lemonovich

Last Week in Worship

Wednesday Midweek Attendance (3/23) - 23

Maundy Thursday Attendance (3/24)-65

Good Friday Attendance (3/25) - 163

Easter Worship Attendance (3/27) –350

Sunday Offering (3/20) – \$3,383.00

Maundy Thursday Offering (3/24) – \$375.00

Good Friday Offering (3/25)- \$1,716.00

Online Offering (3/14-3/25) - \$930.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of April 3rd – April 10th

<p>SUNDAY 4/3</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Trustee Clean Up Day 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball</p>
<p>MONDAY 4/4</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting</p>
<p>TUESDAY 4/5</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4/6</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Mid Week Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 4/7</p>	<p>7:30 PM – Elders Meeting</p>
<p>FRIDAY 4/8</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 4/9</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4/10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOOD BANK COLLECTION</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice</p>

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL



Where? Zion Lutheran Church

When? ~~Sunday, April 3rd, 5-7pm~~

Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Contact Joe Faini for more info:

youth@zlcb.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd!

5-7:00pm





LCMS GATHERING **LAST MINUTE SIGN-UPS!**

Who? High School, Ages 14-19 at the time of the event

When? July 15-21

Total Cost? \$450

-Thanks to some very generous people in the congregation we were able to drastically reduce the cost from \$1,384 to \$450! That includes everything: Food, Gas, Hotel, Registration, etc.

Payment? All payments must be made to Zion. Zion will then pay the LCMS Gathering, and give out money to kids on-site. Make checks payable to Zion. **(Specify in the Memo Line: NYG)**

Deadline? Please bring in \$100 Deposit and your Youth Participation Worksheet by

Sunday, April, 3. We must have these postmarked by April, 4.

More Details to come after everyone is signed up.

Questions?

Contact *Joe Faini*:

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