

# Zion Lutheran Church



April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Clara Hayes in Memory of Paul D Hayes and The Pasquini Family in Honor of Ava's 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given to the Glory of God.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...**is from SUSIE BISHOP. Romans 8:37-39 NIV  
"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**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.

**THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES...**only 28 days until the first ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT of 2017! **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, right after second service. Friends 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 1 TAKEAWAY...** Don't assume you can control your tongue on your own without God's help.

**APRING 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 [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship!

In this world we are often looking for ways that God is speaking to us, or trying to tell us something. We want to know in very concrete ways that God is thinking about us or willing to touch our lives. But what we fail to realize is that God has already promised ways in which He will come to us: His Word and sacraments.

Today we will walk with Thomas as He meets the risen Christ and realizes the Word he heard from the apostles telling Him Jesus was alive was true. Thomas had God's Word, he did not need to have a dramatic sign or a miraculous encounter to believe. God already had encountered Thomas by means of the spoken Word.

May God continue to bless you in this world as you learn to rely in faith upon God's Word and sacraments as God's concrete evidence to you of His resurrection from the dead.

Christ's peace,  
Pastor Grimenstein



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

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

**P** 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.

**C** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

**C** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*  
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;\*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading** *Acts 5:29–42*

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle** *1 Peter 1:3–9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes

though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them



and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** **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 - Seek Ye First**

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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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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:

### **Sanctus**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** 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**

- G** **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

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## Agnus Dei



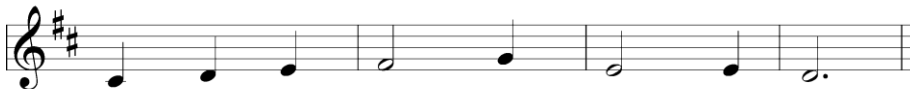
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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 Hymns –

**Jesus Loves Me** 588

**Your Table I Approach** 628

**Praise to You and Adoration** 692

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### 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.**

**P** 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 – Onward Christian Soldiers

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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, Jean Hess, and Beatrice Decker.

- For Joseph Ulm as he recovers from a virus and pneumonia.

-For Bernice and her upcoming surgery.

-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



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Seminarian:	Vicar Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Douglas Krantz
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Robert & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Kristen Neill (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 & Ava Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

**Last Week in Worship**

Easter Worship Attendance (4/16) – 331

Maundy Thursday Attendance (4/13) – 78

Good Friday Attendance (4/14) – 144

Sunday Offering (4/16) - \$8,338.00

Maundy Thursday Offering (4/13) - \$831.00

Good Friday Offering (4/14) – \$2,030.00

Online Offering (4/10-4/17) - \$760.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/23</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>4/24</b>	7:00 PM – Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>4/25</b>	6:30 – Sunday School/VBS Meeting 7:15 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>4/26</b>	7:00 PM –Midweek Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>4/27</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>4/28</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>4/29</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 9:30 AM – Men’s Choir Practice 11:30 AM – Middle School Youth Event – Paint Ball
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/30</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry

# Paintball!



<b>Who?</b>	<b>Anyone 6-8th Grade</b>
<b>When?</b>	<b>Saturday, April 29</b>
<b>Where?</b>	<b>Urban Assault Paintball</b>
<b>Address?</b>	<b>201 Cecil Sturgeon Rd., Mcdonald, PA</b>
<b>Time?</b>	<b>11:30 - 2:00pm</b>
<b>Food?</b>	<b>Pizza!</b>
<b>Cost?</b>	<b>\$30</b>

## **Details:**

We will be meeting at the South Fayette Children's Hospital parking lot (205 Millers Run Rd. - Bridgeville) at 10:45am and riding a bus to Cecil. We plan to return around 2:15-2:30pm.

**\*\*Every student must have a signed release walver In order to be able to play! \*\***

See attached or contact Joe Faini

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