

# Zion Lutheran Church



April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Second Sunday of Easter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary and Paul, Nancy & Andrew Klemash in Honor of Rachel's Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Paul & Theresa Hayes in Memory of Dick Wible.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...**is from JESSE CARTER. 2 Corinthians 4:7 NIV But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

**FAMILY CARE ROOM...**For the convenience of our members and guest, the small room in the narthex/lobby is now available for anyone needing a few moments of privacy for nursing needs, calming young children, personal time outs, mild coughing spells, etc. The room includes a few chairs, a changing station, a lockable door, privacy film on the window (coming soon) but no toys and **no soundproofing**.

**YOUTH GROUP...** Mark your calendars for April 29<sup>th</sup> after late service. The youth will be having a Chili Cook-off Fundraiser. Come enjoy some Chili prepared by the youth! Love donations excepted for this event. All proceeds will be put into their fund for the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering!

**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 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)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † 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,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C 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 † 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 up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



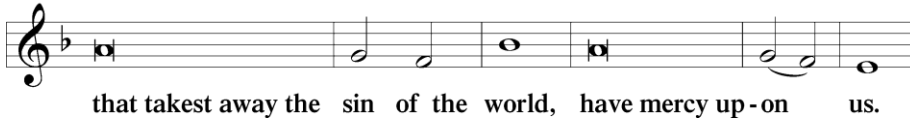
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



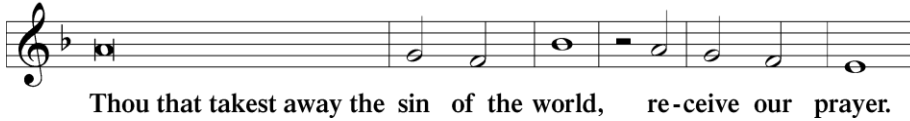
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



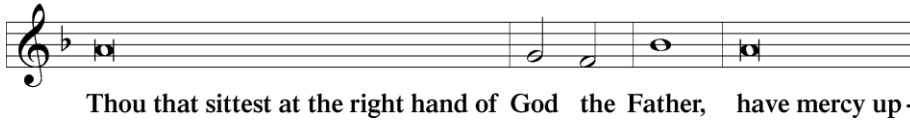
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



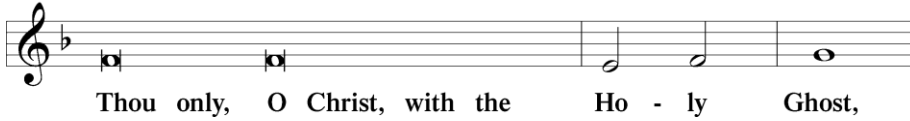
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



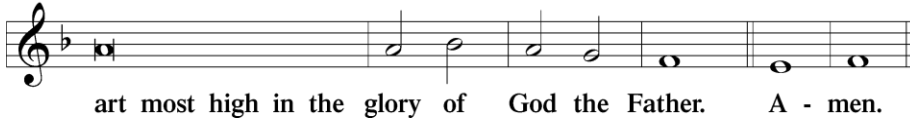
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**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.



### **First Reading – Acts 4:32-35**

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

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

### **Epistle Reading – 1 John 1:1-2:2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us

from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**P** 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.

### Holy Gospel

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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; <sup>31</sup>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 be to Thee, 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 – O Sons and Daughters of the King

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Sermon

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord in your mercy.

**C** ...Hear our prayer.

### Grace Ringers (8am) – Aria

### Men’s Choir (10:30am)

### 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 with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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."

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 al - ways.



☐ A - men.

### Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Sharing of Peace

#### 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.

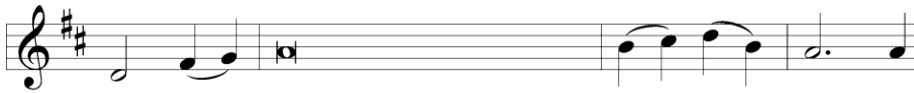
### Distribution Hymns

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #809

**Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** #940

**Jesus Shall Reign** #832

### **Nunc Dimittis**



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

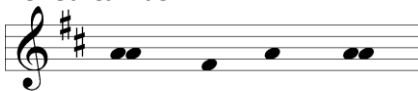
**G** Amen.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

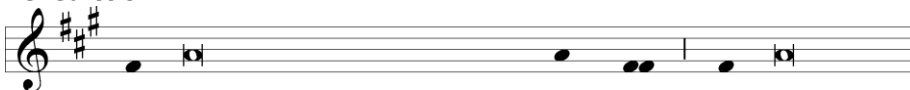


**A** Bless we the Lord.

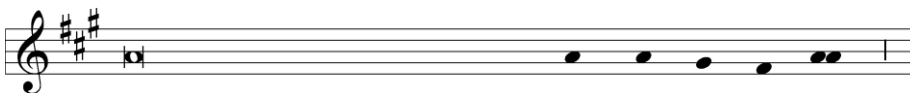


**G** Thanks be to God.

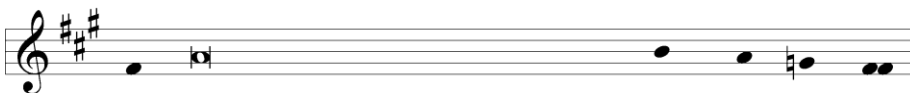
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### ***The Church:***

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

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Ryan McCaffrey, Mary Lou Neill and Dottie Heslop.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-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 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 those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Wallace & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) Robb & Alaina Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Bob Bonacci Bill Koester & Vince Kimberland (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Adele Goodge & Sharon Bogden

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/1) – 326  
Maundy Thursday Attendance (3/28) – 81  
Good Friday Attendance (3/29) -194  
Maundy Thursday Offering (3/28) – \$613.00  
Good Friday Offering (3/29) – 2,023.00  
Sunday Offering (4/1) -\$6,402.00

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## April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/8</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM –Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>4/9</b>	6:00 PM – Confirmation Class 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>4/10</b>	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>4/11</b>	6:00 PM – New Member Class 7:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>4/12</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>4/13</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>4/14</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/15</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion



## **GREAT TAKEAWAYS** from Lessons 5-8 **Forgiveness: Received from God, Extended to Others**

**LESSON 5: FORGIVING REPEATED OFFENSES** 1. *The false assumption that God grades sin on a curve leads believers to attempt to offset their sins with good deeds.* 2. Four steps when someone sins against us: a) **Rebuke** the offender. b) **Allow** space for repentance. c) **Forgive** if they repent. d) **Repeat** as long as that cycle continues. 3. We do not want to degrade our Lord's sacrifice by withholding the forgiveness He died to give.

**LESSON 6: FORGIVING INJUSTICE AND PERSECUTION**

1. We are responsible to obey God's command to forgive. We are to extend forgiveness whether or not they receive it.

2. Forgiving someone does not mean that we have abdicated justice. We have simply chosen to **return justice to God**, where it rightfully belongs. 3. God's vengeance does not constitute a senseless surge of divine rage; rather, His vengeance is the exercise of divine justice.

**LESSON 7: FORGIVING YOUR PRODIGALS** 1. Luther wrote that *the entire life of believers is to be one of repentance.* 2.

The prodigal son was **spiritually lost** because of his badness but repented and found his place in the kingdom of God;

however, his unforgiving, older brother remained spiritually lost in his own goodness. 3. There's nothing we can do to make God love us less or more than He already does.

**LESSON 8: FORGIVING LIKE JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD** 1. Jesus demonstrated that forgiveness is **an intentional, repetitive lifestyle.** 2. It is not our works that bring us blessings—it is **Christ's finished work on the cross.** We are forgiven and restored based solely on what Christ has already achieved. 3. **When Jesus died on the cross, all of our past, present and future sins were forgiven.** 4. The lesson for us about the Shepherd's forgiveness is contained in His words to Simon: "**He who is forgiven little, loves little.**"

Following a break in April, **Women's Bible Study** will resume with a new study TBD. Please direct questions or comments to [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com) or 281-684-9895. Thank you!

