

The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

Welcome friends and guests to our Easter Sunday celebration: This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Worship Service: In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all made in God's image! We gather in this time and space, breathing in the Spirit's invitation to connect and learn, and answer Jesus' call to justice and action. If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out the yellow guest card and put it in the offering plate so we may have a record of your presence today. *Come back and worship with us each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

Holy Communion: The Sacrament is offered to all worshiping with us. Zoom congregants, have your bread/wafer and juice/wine ready. Those worshiping with us in person may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing instead.

Other Information: Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary, our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call Vicar Lisa Rygiel at the church (719-846-7785) or contact her via email: zionsluth@gmail.com or Ischatzr@gmail.com. Further information about Zion's can be found on our website at: zionsluth.org.

~We Prepare for Worship~

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia!

Gathering of Prayers

~Gathering~

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ has trampled down death by his death, and has brought light to those in the grave. And to us he has given eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad, and all creation, both seen and unseen, keep the feast.

Thanks be to God.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God.

This is the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

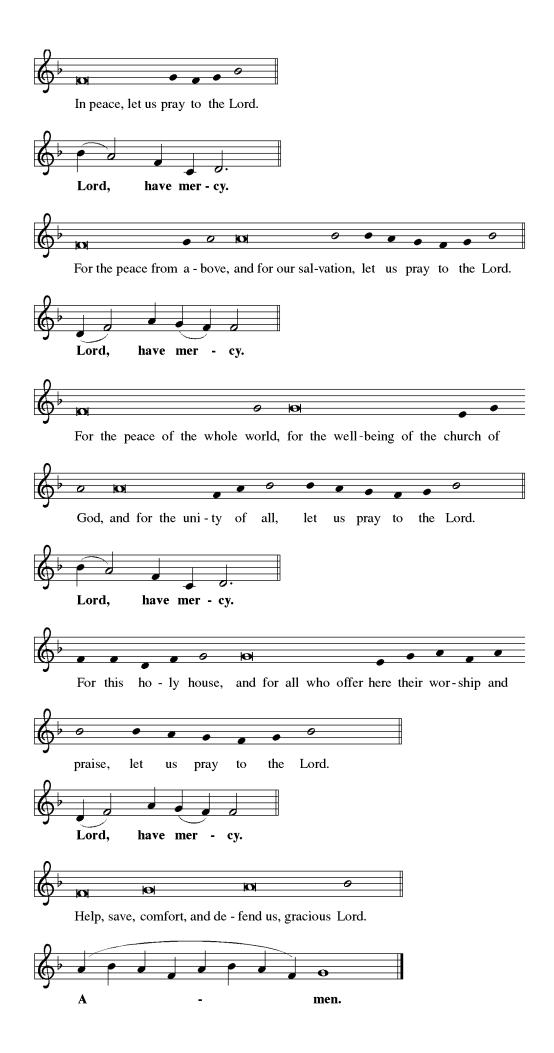
Gathering Hymn: #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (next page)

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu -	ia! ia! ia! ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly king, Al - le - lu - our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; Al - le - lu -	ia! ia! ia! ia! ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu -	a! ia! ia! ia! ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - where the an-gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu -	ia! ia! ia! ia!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Kyrie (next page)



Canticle of Praise



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Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Message

~Word~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 10:34–43 (pew Bible page 895)

A reading from Acts

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

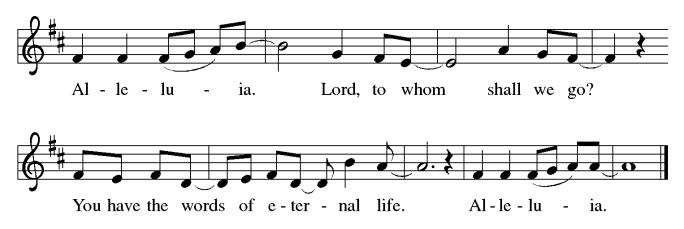
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (pew Bible Page 935)

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 (pew Bible Page 811) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

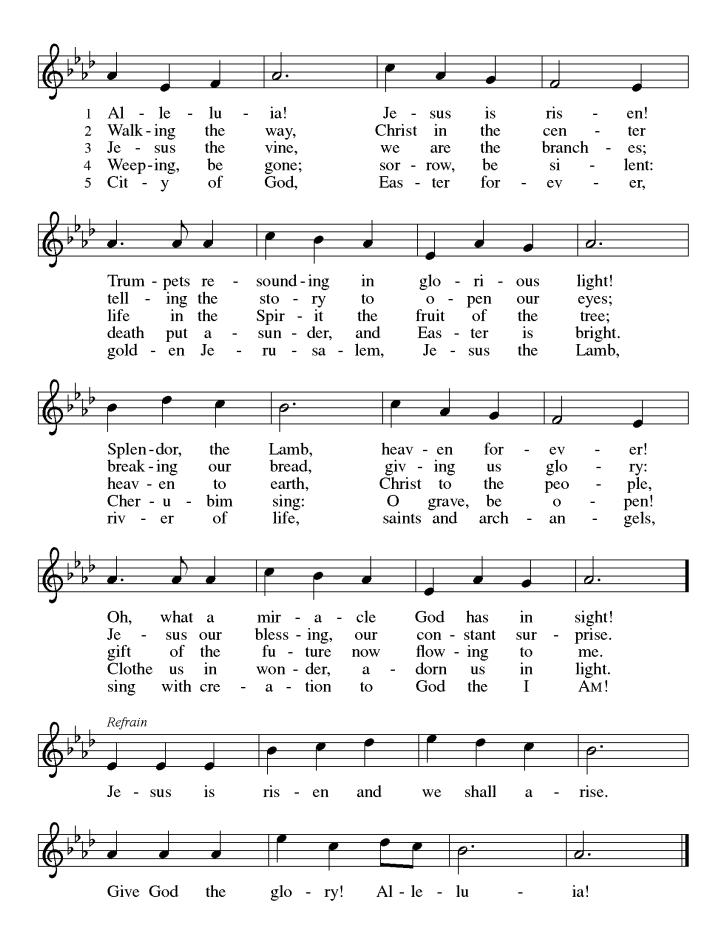
¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Vicar Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (next page)



New Members by Faith Acclamation

Linda Schafer, Tea and Chad Compton, please come forward. Will their sponsors, Joni Jones and Mark and Jo Moss, please stand...Brothers and Sister in Christ -- Linda, Tea, and Chad, we are pleased to welcome you to our church family. Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Holy Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world...People of God, do you promise to support Bruce and Tami, and to pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into this child who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us welcome these brothers and sister in Christ to our community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the People

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards, orchards and farms, and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world especially the Ukraine that all experience the peace that only you can give.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized we especially pray for...and for all health care workers who care for them.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire thespians, musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise we pray today for Peggy Gustafson and her family upon the death of Peggy's brother Charles Chase and for Mark Moss and his family upon the death of his brother Bobby Moss. Free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please share Christ's Peace.

~*Meal*~ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: <u>https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741</u>

Offertory Hymn: Special Music by Melodie Lanosga

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

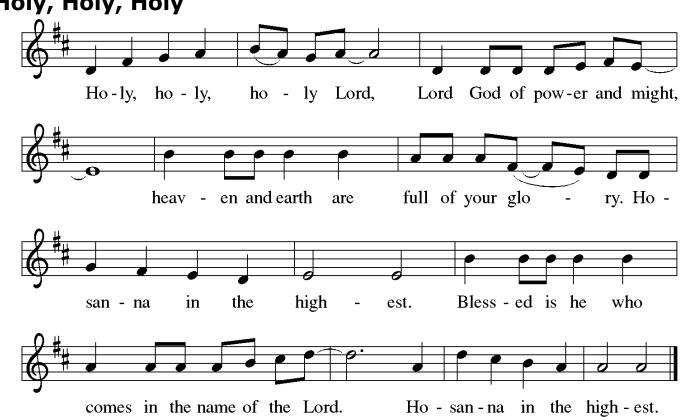
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

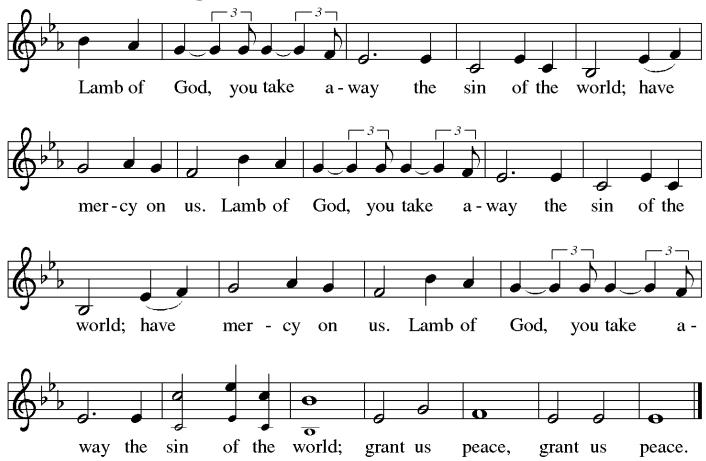
Lord's Prayer

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.

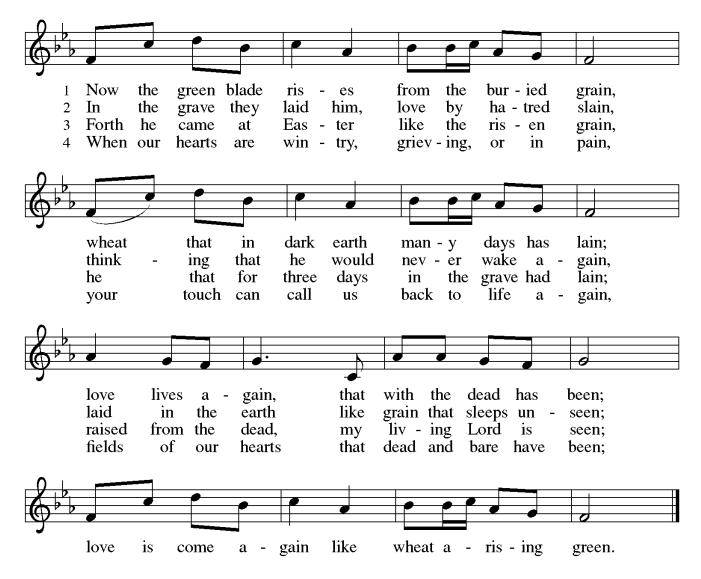
Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good. This is Christ's table, where all are welcome.

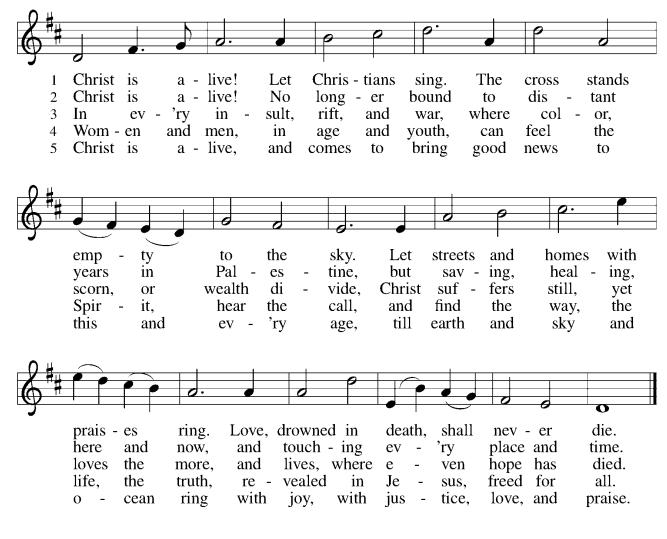
Communion Song: Lamb of God



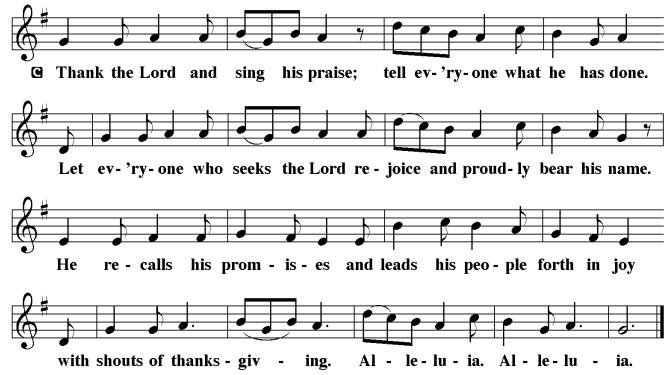
Communion Hymn: #379 Now the Green Blade Rises



Communion Hymn: #389 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (next page)



Song of Thanksgiving



Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Blessing & Benediction

(Presiding) From Mary Magdalene proclaiming to the other disciples that she had seen the risen Christ, to each of us saying to one another Christ is Risen, we know that our faith is passed on, shared, and only grows over time.

May you live with the assurance that in your times of struggle, others have faith enough to pray for you, help you, and care for you.

May you have the grace to accept the help you need.

May you pray for others in their times of struggle and be there to lift them up.

May we help one another on this journey of faith, knowing that we are not alone, as we question, doubt, praise and proclaim that Christ is Risen. Go in peace + and share the good news. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #369 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (next page)



Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go forth in joy! Let your voices ring with victory; for Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

Happy Easter!

~Welcome New Members~

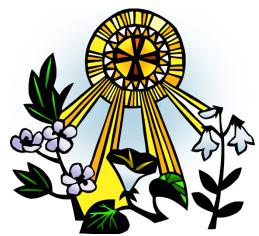
We are grateful for our new members and encourage you to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for an Easter brunch to celebrate our risen Lord and to further welcome our new members.

Tea & Chad Compton: The Comptons moved here from Georgetown, Texas, in November to be closer to Tea's parents, Mark & Jo Moss. Tea operates *Good Earth Mercantile*, which manufactures and sells fragrance products for bath and body and for the home. Chad is an IT Manager for an international social good company that develops software for non-profit donations and which introduced Giving Tuesday. Chad's hobbies including working on vintage cars and collecting Star Wars memorabilia. Tea likes to crochet, sew, and complete various other crafts.

Tami Hix: Tami was born and raised in Venice, California. She is married to her high school sweetheart Mark and has two children, Danielle and Patrick. She was the finance manager at Knotts Berry Farm and retired at 44. The family moved to their home in Longs Canyon in January 2011. Tami loves traveling, fishing, crocheting and reading.

Bruce Livingston: Bruce lived in the Denver area for 53 years and worked as a Master Plumber/HVAC tech for 40 years. After retirement he moved to Trinidad in the summer of 2021. Bruce enjoys hunting, camping, and fishing.

Linda Schafer: Linda is a retired mother of four who has been coming to Zion's for many years from the Walsenburg area. She and her late husband Bill, a rancher and engineer for the Department of Agriculture, were married for 56 years. At the age of 60 she became a pharmacy tech. Linda is involved in PEO and loves to play bridge.



May you live a resurrection life today and every day! Alleluia! Christ is Risen

~Easter Flower Dedications~

Mary McKenna in loving memory of Diane Allan Joni Jones in loving memory of brothers, sisters, and nephews JoAnn & Steve Karspeck in loving memory of their parents and sister Lynn Chase in loving memory of Fran Chase Connie Hass for Tony Hass' birthday Mark & Jo Moss in honor of their children -- Tea & Chad Compton, and Melanie, Sean, and Elizabeth Reilley Lisa & John Rygiel in honor of their mothers Carolyn and Joanne Sharon Sorenson & Ernie Parker in honor of their parents Doris Blalock in honor of her daughter-in-law's and grandson's birthdays Dick & Ann Rasmussen T.M. Garner Tami Hix Carol & Jeff Smith

~Serving Us Today~

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Worship Leaders: Vicar Lisa Rygiel, Julie Wersal, and David Lamb Music: Connie Pallone and Melodie Lanosga Ushers: Dick & Ann Rasmussen Communion: Mark & Jo Moss

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