



The Resurrection of Our Lord:  
Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026  
10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

**Welcome Friends and Guests:** 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.

**Serving this Sunday:**

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Steve Hanson  
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil  
Ushers – Steve Hanson & Mark Moss  
Communion – Carol Hanson & Jo Moss



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**Worship & Music:** In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to learn more about us. *Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. We use both the cranberry book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

**Communion:** We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of communion tray) are available.

**Other:** Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

**Fellowship:** Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our Easter Brunch. All are welcome!

***Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.***

~Gathering~

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

**Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship**

**Easter Proclamation**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

In the name of the Creator God 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 (cranberry hymnal) Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Greeting**

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

## Kyrie



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Canticle of Praise (next page)

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain




has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.


*Refrain*




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## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And, also with you.**

O God, you gave your only Son...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

### **First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All 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.**

### **Responsive Reading:** Psalm 118:102, 14-24

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the  
things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of live. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And 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. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then 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." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message:** Terri Watson

**Sermon:** Pastor Lisa Rygiel

**Hymn of the Day:** #379 (cranberry hymnal) Now the Green Blade Rises

### **New Members by Faith Acclamation**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for our sister Coralie ...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?

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Coralie in her life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **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 siblings 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**

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of empty tombs and open futures, roll away every stone that seals off life, every policy that denies dignity, every law that restricts flourishing. Raise your beloved from closets, cages, and tombs of despair. Make your church bold in the face of oppressors, tender in the face of suffering, and fearless in the work of liberation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, especially...Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, we are summoned to imagine and build a world where all your people may live, love, and flourish use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you!**

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter people throughout the centuries: *Christ is risen!*

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

~Meal~

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

As evident through all of creation, God has given freely to us as we freely give now.

You can give via check or cash, by mail to 510 Pine Street, or online at:

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741).

**Offering Solo:** Harpist Keeliey O'Hara

**Offertory:** #323 (cranberry hymnal) God Loved the World, vs. 3

**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... and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.... In the night in which he was betrayed...With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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**

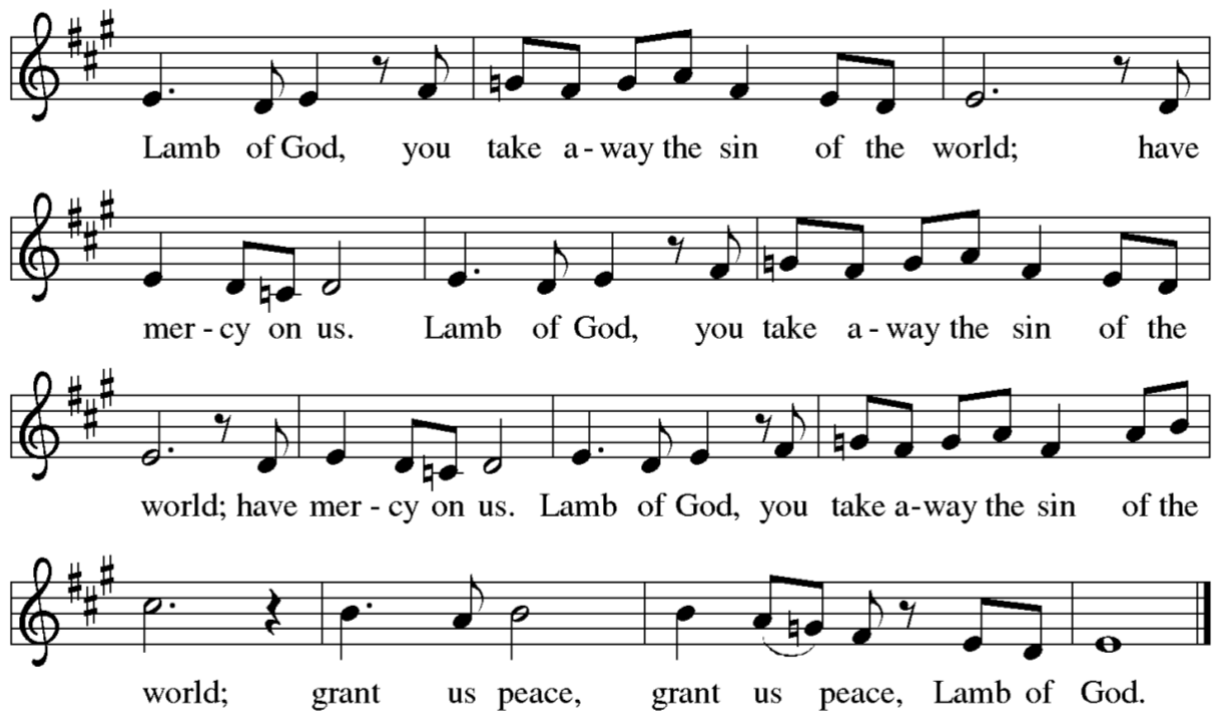
*God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.*

*Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.*

*Our bread is gluten free & both wine and white grape juice are available. God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.*

*Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.*

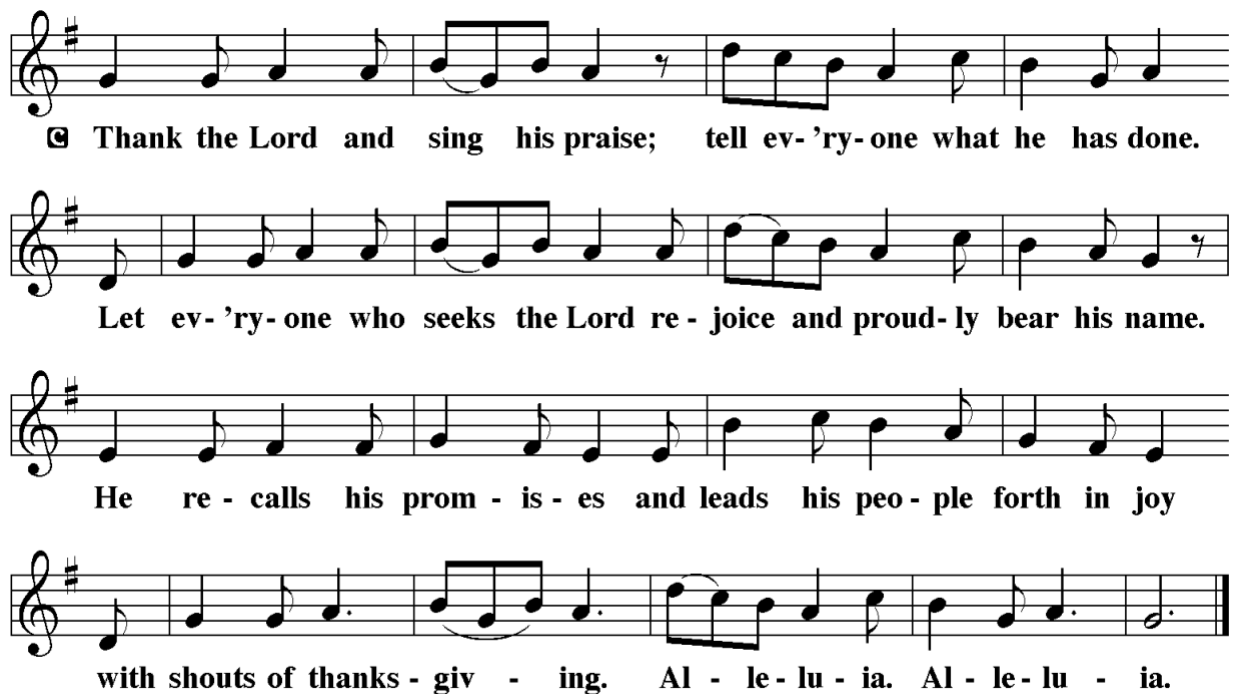
**Communion Song: Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Communion Hymn: #364 (cranberry hymnal) Christ Has Risen, Alleluia**

**Song After Communion: Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise**



**☑ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**  
**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**  
**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**  
**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

### 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

#### Benediction

Beloved of God, May resurrection open before you not as metaphor but as movement — not as escape but as return, not as consolation but as revolution. Christ is risen. Life is stronger than death. Liberation is stronger than fear. And love is stronger than hate.

**Alleluia.**

And may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** #369 (cranberry hymnal) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. As the might of our cry of "Hosanna!" shapes the work of our congregation in this community. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- + **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our special Easter Brunch. All are welcome.
- + **Wednesday Book Club:** The Wednesday Book Club is focusing upon *What if Jesus was Serious – A Visual Guide to the Teachings of Jesus We Love to Ignore*. It meets at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- + **April Newsletter:** The April edition of the Zion's *Connections* newsletter was sent via email on March 31. Printed copies are available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. If you did not receive an email copy, and wish to do so, please let Jo Moss know.
- + **Church Council:** The next church council meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, April 12.
- + **Children's Choir:** Choir practice is at 3 p.m. next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.
- + **Time of Prayer and Coffee:** We are invited to join our siblings in Christ from the Methodist church for a time of prayer and coffee at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday at Kangaroo Coffee -- in the Marketplace on Commercial Street.
- + **God's Work Our Hands:** Terri Watson is coordinating efforts to match people who are able to provide outreach and support to members of our congregation who need assistance, such as rides and errands. For more information talk to Terri or use the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.
- + **Zion's Camp Out:** Mark your calendars! We have reserved the group camping area at Trinidad Lake State Park May 31 (Sunday) through Wednesday June 3. We are looking for people interested in leading activities and coordinating this adventure. Please see Pastor Lisa if you have suggestions.
- + **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com.

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