



Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 + 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are in BOLD.

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. The people of Zion practice eucharistic hospitality.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal on the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at office@zionlc.com or Interim Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.391.9311 or pastor@zionlc.com.

Ministers: All the People of God through the love of Jesus and the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Custodians: Barb Kaiser, Gerry Viegut

Missionaries: Steven & Bethany Friberg, Tanzania

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*Scripture Focus: In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CENTERING

We Gather in Grace

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day, we celebrate that Jesus overcame death,
so that we may have new life.

Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,

**flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city,
through every living thing.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
**You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.**

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
**Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our
thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**
To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN *“Thine Is the Glory”* **Hymn 376**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This Is the Feast”* **Page 149**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.**

PSALM

Psalms 118:14-29

*You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"

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GOSPEL**John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe." **

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE WORD*"I Love To Tell the Story"***Hymn 661 Vs. 1, 2****SERMON****Pastor Andrea Fluegel****HYMN OF THE DAY***"Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain"***Hymn 363 Vs. 1,2,5****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, at times it seems unjust that we Americans would be born to these United States and its abundance while other people like those of our sister congregation in Malawi struggle with poverty. Thank you for the gift of our nation. Help us to serve our neighbors in local communities and to continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Malawi. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. We lift before you all the people, places, and circumstances that we now name silently in our hearts or aloud with our voices...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise across the world. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protector of us all, we ask that you watch over our military troops. Keep your hand upon each one and send the Holy Spirit to dwell in each one. We ask you to guide each one to safety in your arms and to bring each one to your saving grace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Lamb of God"

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"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn 471

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

Hymn 366

BLESSING

PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

We Serve the World in God's Name

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Hymn 535

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS AND NOTES

These individuals have volunteered to service on the Call Committee here at Zion. They will be installed/ commissioned on June 5th.

Kevin Miller (chair)

Tadd Schoenherr (co-chair)

Cory Weisman

Mary Wussow

Paul Untiet

Chuck Foley

Keep these individuals in your prayers as they work through the process of finding a Pastor to serve here at Zion.

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