



**Easter Sunday  
The Day of Resurrection**

**March 31, 2024 + 7am and 9am**

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**Congregational responses are in BOLD.**

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

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 at 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, a hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) or Pastor Amy Heinz at 608.498.5772 or [pastoramy@zionstratford.org](mailto:pastoramy@zionstratford.org).

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

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**Custodian:** Rod Huther

**Missionaries:** Steven & Bethany Friberg, Tanzania

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**PRELUDE**

**CENTERING AND BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We Gather in Grace**

**EASTER LITANY**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed him as God's own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!\*\***

**RETURN OF THE ALLELUIAS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*    **ELW 365**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
**Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his  
family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into  
freedom.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the  
Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of mercy,**

**we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**“Alleluia, Amen!”**

**ZLC Choir**

**We Hear the Word of God**

**COMPLEMENTARY READING**

**Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Shock and Awe**

Rev. Amy Heinz

**HYMN** “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” **ELW 367**

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**ELW page 104**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With boldness we approach the throne of our risen and reigning Lord, deeply assured of mercy and grace in our time of need.

*A brief silence.*

Your rising and your reigning give hope to your people. May all who live without hope today taste and see that you are good.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call us, your people, to testify to your goodness. Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call all the nations of the world to stop their scheming and seek your peace. May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your rule and pursue true peace.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call each of us to turn from the path of death to the path of obedience and life. Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve, and help us to live as people of life and light.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning bring light and life and healing. May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and illness know your healing presence.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

May we, your Easter people, never fail to bless and thank you for your immeasurable love and sure promises.

All praise to you, risen Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit lives in perfect communion forever and ever.

**Amen.\*\***

### **We Share the Meal**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*“God Extends An Invitation”*

**ELW 486**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Good Shepherd,**

**you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

#### **THE GREAT 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.**



You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
whom you sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch  
and was wounded for our sins.

He came with mercy in his voice  
and was mocked as one despised.

He came with peace in his heart  
and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,  
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,  
the Lamb upon the throne.

The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.\*\*  
Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of  
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”**

**ELW p. 207**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*“Lamb of God”*

**ELW p. 208**

*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

**ELW 379**

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

**ELW 392**

## **BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## We Serve the World in God's Name

### **BENEDICTION**

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and † grant you peace this day and always.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG**

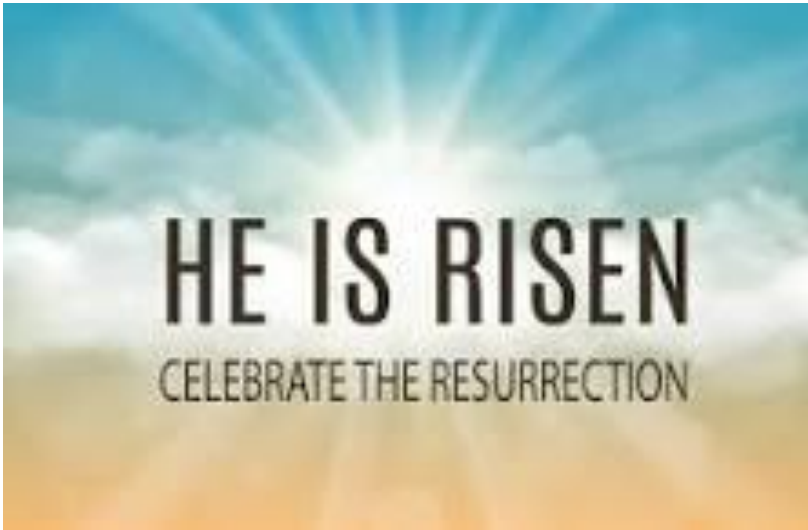
*"Thine Is the Glory"*

**ELW 376**

### **DISMISSAL**

We go in peace to serve the risen Lord,  
**with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**



## ***First Communion Class***

Looking for anyone who would be interested in taking the First Communion class on **April 7th** following the 9 am worship. First Communion would be held on **April 14th**. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 715-687-4110 or [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) and we will get you signed up for the class.

## ***New Member Sunday***

New Member Sunday will be held on **April 21st**

If you or others you know wish to receive a membership to Zion Lutheran Church please contact the church office at 715-687-4110 or [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org).

## ***Happy Birthday***

04/01 Don Kroening

Harold Wrensch

04/04 Allen Grell

Jett Schoenherr

04/05 Cole Kaiser

04/06 Lois Miller

Marge Kollmansberger

Jena Levelius

Johnathon Levelius

04/07 Barb Jannusch

Tristyn Zawislan

## ***What's Happening This Week***

### **Sunday, March 31**

7:00 am Easter Sunday/Communion

9:00 am Easter Sunday/Communion

### **Monday, April 1**

Office Closed

6pm Worship Team Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 2**

10am Bible Study

### **Wednesday, April 3**

6pm Confirmation CORE class

### **Sunday, April 7**

9:00 am Second Sunday after Easter /Communion

First Communion class following worship.

## **Zion Lutheran Church**

***Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Hands***

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