# **Zion Lutheran Church**



### 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Fourth Sunday in Easter April 21, 2024

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

## Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

\*Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*OPENING SONG**

Greatly Blessed, Highly Favored

Worship Team

#### \*APOSTOLIC 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.

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ( 🕅 Amen.)

FIRST READING (
Thanks be to God.)

#### PSALMODY

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		
The holy gospel according to St. Jo	hn, the 10 <sup>th</sup> chapter.	
Glory to you, O Lord.		
*GOSPEL READING		John 10:11-18
(after the reading of the Gospel)		
The gospel of the Lord.		
Praise to you, O Christ.		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
Sermon		
*Song of the Day	Your Love O Lord	Worship Team
*NICENE CREED		
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that		

is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*Prayers of Intercession ( I Amen.)
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\*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC Lead on Good Shepherd

Worship Team

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (
M 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.

\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER ( 🕅 Amen.)

#### \*THE 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.

\*FRACTION SENTENCE

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

\*Post-Communion Blessing ( Amen.) \*Post-Communion prayer ( Amen.) \*Benediction ( Amen.) Chris Derr, piano

#### \*SENDING SONG

#### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pastor Donald Turley on the anniversary of his death, April 20, 2017, by his family



#### Zion Prayer List 4-21-2024

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Dick Greenawalt, Linda Crummitt, Margaret Guyton, Bob Hetrick, Tim Quinn, Joe Elliot, Beth H., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Evelyn Hawker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Marianna Bere, Julie Swiney, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Lucretia Reaves, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemyer, Anita, Frank Roys, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazeck, The Hubble Family, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Nancy Newkirk, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

#### Servants in God's House April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Kathy and Bob Hetrick (Greeter) Patricia McMorrow (Lector) Eddie Main (Head Usher) Rosella Wilson (Sanctuary Usher) Bob Hetrick (Comm Asst) Carolyn Milauskas (PowerPoint) Rick Milauskas (Live Stream)

#### Servants in God's House April 28, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Nancy Allen (Greeter) Stacey Black (Lector) Rosella Wilson (Head Usher) Terry Poffinberger (Sanctuary Usher) Brian Black (Comm Asst) Levi Derr (PowerPoint) 11 am (Live Stream)

### **Our Mission**

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others



#### **Our Vision**

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

#### **2024 Ministry Priorities**

#### Leadership

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and futurethinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

#### Communication

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

#### **Relationship Building**

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



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