

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023***

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

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

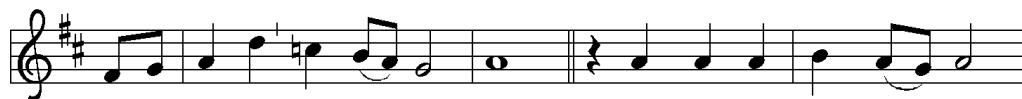
ELW 365

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (R) And also with you.)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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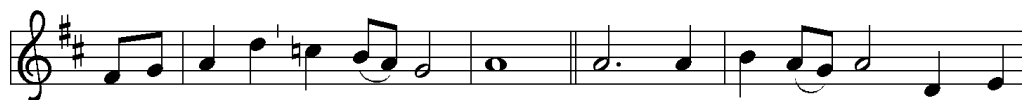
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

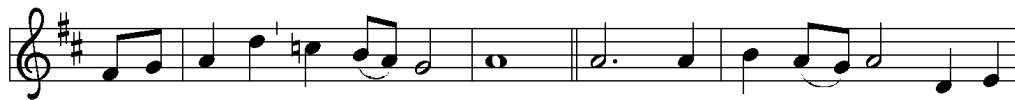


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

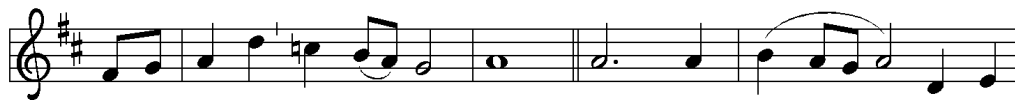


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (R Amen.)

FIRST READING (R Thanks be to God.)

Acts 10:34-43

PSALMODY

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

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

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

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

¹⁵**Shouts 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!"

¹⁷**I 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.

¹⁹**Open 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."

²¹**I 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.

²³**By 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.

***SEQUENCE HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW 369

For many Christians, a sequence (Latin: sequentia) hymn is a chant, sung or recited during the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist before the proclamation of the Gospel. By the time of the Council of Trent (1543–1563) there were sequences for many feasts in the Church's year. A sequence hymn is different from a gradual hymn in the fact that the words of the hymn have relevance to the day. The hymn sung today is a paraphrase on the original Latin hymn "Victimae Paschali" or "Christians, to the Paschal Victim" found on ELW 371.

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 28: 1-10

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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| 3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. | 4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |
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SERMON

***HYMN**

Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE** (☒ 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

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.



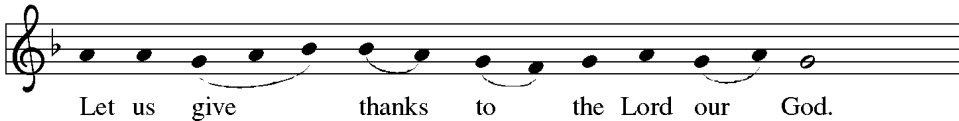
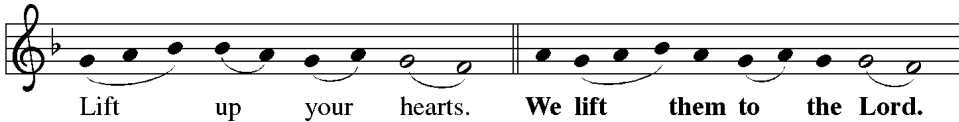
***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (☒ Amen.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

One Day (M. McDonald)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

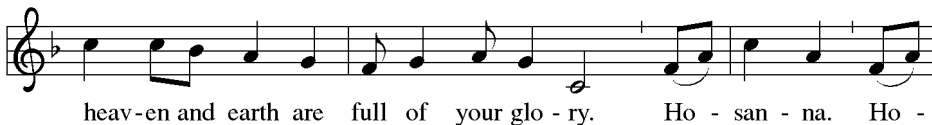
***SURSUM CORDA**



***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**





san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We offer to you...to make new the heavens and the earth.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we now gather...Almighty Father, now and forever.

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**

AGNUS DEI



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.

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. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (R Amen.)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (R Amen.)

*BENEDICTION (R Amen.)

*SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

*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!

POSTLUDE

Understanding the Paschal Season

Any story about God is a story about the cross. This includes the nativity, the epiphany narrative, the wedding at Cana, the miracles, the teachings, as well as the passion. These stories all point us to the crucified and risen Christ. This season of Easter is when we fully immerse ourselves into the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Candle will remain front and center at the altar throughout Easter (the paschal season) as a reminder to everyone that our Lord is present and that this is a special time in the church.

But why doesn't the Paschal Candle remain at the altar after Easter? Once we move ourselves out of full immersion of the paschal season and into the season of ordinary time, it is at this time that we move the candle to the place the where the Paschal Mystery is made most evident—baptism. In baptism, we are linked to our Lord's death and resurrection. As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 6: If we have been united in a death like his, we shall certainly be united in a resurrection like his. Therefore, we place the Paschal Candle near the font as a reminder to everyone of this holy promise given to us in baptism and we light the Paschal Candle to remind us of the Paschal season. The Paschal Candle is also lit at funerals. At a funeral, the candle is placed near the coffin as a reminder to everyone in the congregation of the Paschal Mystery: that because of the deceased's baptism, he or she is linked to our Lord's

death and in turn, linked to our Lord's resurrection. We light the Paschal Candle at these moments (and these moments alone) as a reminder of the Paschal Mystery that we are brought into through baptism.

What is the Paschal Mystery? During the season of Easter, we will come back to the topic of the Paschal Mystery. "The Paschal Mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal Mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past because by his death, he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all of humanity - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life. Christian liturgy not only recalls the events that saved us but actualizes them, makes them present. The Paschal Mystery of Christ is celebrated, not repeated. It is the celebrations that are repeated, and in each celebration, there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that makes the unique mystery present" (Taken from www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s1c1a1.htm#1085). Simply put, what we do here in worship is the Paschal Mystery and the best to begin understand the Paschal Mystery is to be present in worship. Easter last 50 days because one day cannot contain the entire Paschal Mystery. Today begins the journey.

The Church Year is not a walk-through of Christ's life, but an ordered, open exploration of the effects of Christ's presence. This is important to remember—that what we do the rest of the year matters. The entire church year points us to the cross of Christ. Even on days such as Reformation Sunday and Christmas morning, the crucified and risen Christ must be proclaimed by the faithful gathered in Holy worship.

Today, we will begin this 50 day journey of rediscovering the Paschal Mystery and its joy. The great fast of Lent is over. Our Lord, who has been crucified, has been raised from the dead. It might sound silly to say week after week, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" but it is because of this truth, death has lost the war, Satan has lost his grip on humanity, and the world will never be the same again. **Alleluia! Christ is risen!!! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my 75th birthday on this glorious Easter Sunday by Donna Jean Brandenburg.



Zion Prayer List 4-9-2023

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

Bob Guyton, Melissa Given, Cheryl, Casey Newtown, Kathy Chaney, Jason Minnick, Linda Crummitt, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Ron Trusty, Bill Eisentrout, Clark Kline, Frances Eaves, Doris Taylor, Donna Musser, Dolores Para, Eric Kinna, Skippy Zimmerman, Helene Keefner, Sarah Danner, Pat Rudy, Melvin Smith, Harold "Bubby" Webber, Tom & Bonnie Remsberg, Janet Young, John Bagent Jr., Evelyn Hawker, Sarah Gladhill, Wayne Smith, Anna Hough, Kathi Hayter, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Deaths: Faye Greenawalt and Rheta McCutcheon

Servants in God's House

April 9, 2023

11 a.m.

Nancy Gruner (Greeter)
Jonathan Basler (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)
Pat McIntosh (Lector)
Ken Basler (Head Usher)
Leslie Lent-Santora (Sanctuary Usher)
List is Forthcoming (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System)
Doug Davis (Livestream)

Servants in God's House

April 16, 2023

11 a.m.

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)
Gene Appleby (Lector)
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)

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.



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