Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 20, 2025 9:00 am

Photo by Traci Pederson

L: Alleluia! C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ is risen indeed! C: Alleluia!



Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW #365

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1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia! 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia! Greeting

L: Alleluia! C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ is risen indeed! C: Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

- L: 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.
- C: Amen.

Choir Anthem

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen"

with choir, brass, and organ

Congregation, please join in when directed.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation, please join in.

Christ lives today! Rejoice with praise! To God with grateful songs we raise! The Lord is risen from the grave, the Son of God now lives to save.

Sing out with joy! The day is done! Give thanks and praise the Holy One! Let all creation lift on high the Lord who lives, No more to die!

A Message for All God's Children



First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.



³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- L: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- C: ²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
- L: ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C: ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

- L: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- C: ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- L: ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
 C: ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

- L: ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C: ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- L: ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C: ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- L: ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

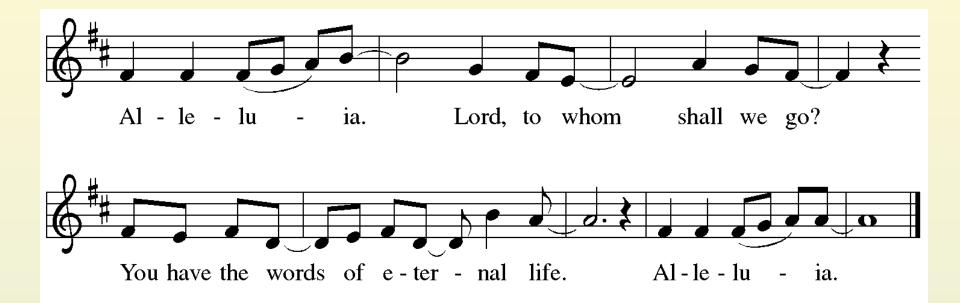
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Gospel Acclamation p. 171



This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.





Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW #535

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> Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. (Repeat)

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. (Repeat)

1.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. (Repeat) Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful Gospel. (Repeat)

2.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. (Repeat)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Response after each petition: L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

> We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

L:



God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. 3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. **Open wide our hands in sharing,** as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Offering Prayer

- L: Risen One,
 - you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- C: Amen.

Words of Institution



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. 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

L: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #480

Text: Latin Hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862-1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893, st. 2. Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1450-1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750. Public Domain.

> O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.

O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming from Jesus' wounded side: come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied. We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor within these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven behold your glory face to face.



Come, Let Us Eat ELW #491

Text: Billema Kwillis, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.;
tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.
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Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together, our Lord's body let us take together. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

2.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest, in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.

3.

4.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

3.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Break Now the Bread of Life ELW #515

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt. Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1899. Public Domain.

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living word. Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blest the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all!

2.

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

3.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

- L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C: Amen.

Blessing

- L: The triune God,
 - who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
 - C: Amen.

Announcements

Regular Wednesday Schedule resumes on Wednesday, April 23!

Church School and Pre-Confirmation at 5:15 pm Worship at 5:45 pm Confirmation at 6:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thine is the Glory

ELW #376

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939. Music: George Fredric Handel, 1685-1759. Public Domain.

1.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! 2.

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

3.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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