



Christ has risen!

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

March 31, 2024—7:00am & 9:00am

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

*Page numbers with a "p" before them are from the front part of the red book;
numbers with a "#" before them are toward the back.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

EASTER DAWN

*Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel
Bobette Schauer*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

This is a great and joyous festival day.

Come to celebrate amazing good news.

We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Sing songs of praise, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has answered our prayers with salvation.

Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ has risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds RED ELW #367
(Vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration RED ELW #167

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC—9:00am

Behold the Empty Tomb
Arr. Joe E. Parks

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 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.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testi-

fy about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Alleluia

RED ELW page 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

“THE EASTER STORY EGG”

Written and Illustrated by Natalie Ard

SERMON

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**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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering RED ELW #692

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to You:

We are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,

Lord use our lives they are Yours:

We are an offering.

All that we have, All that we are,

All that we hope to be,

We give to You, We give to You

We lift our voices, We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You:

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
In the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Praise to You, O God of Mercy RED ELW #208

1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!

2 From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!

Bridge
Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

The Christ of unending joy,

And the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today RED ELW #365
(Vs. 1 & 4)

- 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!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Christy Hebeisen, Lowell Tritabaugh, Jenna Dobner, Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Cindy Hebeisen, Mark Zeiher and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Outdoor Clean Up Sunday and Potluck—April 21

Come to church in your outside working clothes. After service we will be doing outside clean up at Zion. Please bring your trimming tools, rakes, leaf blower, gloves, buckets, etc. Also, bring a favorite dish for a potluck lunch after the hard work is done. For those not able to help with the outside work, please bring a dish for potluck and join in fellowship. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule.

Bible Study—Reaching out for Interest in a Bible Study...

Are you interested in joining an evening bible study group? Are you willing to lead a bible study group? How often would you like to meet? Which kind of topics would you be interested in? If you are interested in leading or being part of an evening bible study, please reach out to any Board of Education member Sheri Kumar, Cindy Vasquez or Tina Schauer.

Feed My Starving Children - Chanhassen

If you and your friends would like to spend a Saturday afternoon in April putting together meals for children around the world, please contact Jane Scharpe or sign up on the Let There Be Light on the bulletin board in the narthex. Anyone 5 years & older can do it. What a great time for fellowship and sharing our time & talents. We need to reserve spaces so please respond ASAP. 2:30-4:15 on April 6.



If you have not yet made your donation, not to worry, you still have time! Now through April 6, your donation is multiplied by the Food Fund!

Did you know??

7,551,147 Minnesotans were served at food shelves in 2023? This was up from 5,505,100 in 2022.

Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

Facebook at
Zion Lutheran Church

YouTube at
www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN
www.zionarlington.org

Minnesota Valley Conference Women of the ELCA are meeting for their Spring Gathering at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton, Minnesota on Saturday, April, 13. Registration will be at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00. Registration cost remains the same at \$12.00. {The speaker this year will be Kim Dickey, from Global Health Ministries. This is the place that takes rolled bandages, along with many other health kits and items. Their work is so valuable to undersupplied nations.} One half of the offering will go to Global Health Ministries.

Worship Assistants

March 31—Easter 7am

Ushers: Haggenmiller Family
Greeters: Haggenmiller Family
Acolyte:
Reader: Brenda Danielson
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Tim Michaelis
Altar Guild: Pam Wendlandt
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Parameters: Stacy Haggenmiller

April 7

Usher: Ryan & Kate Bergs
 Ross Bergs, Scott Bergs
Greeter: Lyle & Betty Rud
Acolyte: Adilyn Kamps
Reader: Laurie Stern
Organist: Bobette Schauer
Altar Guild: Gordon & Barb Bergs
Bread Making: Jane Scharpe

March 31—Easter 9am

Ushers: Scott Bergs
Greeters: Neil & Lorraine Mielke
Acolyte: Alex Herrera-Guzman
Reader: Bruce Kallhoff
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen
Altar Guild: Jan Wark
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Parameters: Stacy Haggenmiller

Zion Lutheran Church ELCA



This Week at Zion:

Sunday, March 31	7:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion—Live-stream, in-person
	8:00a	Fellowship
	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion—Live-stream, in-person
	1-3:00p	Maranatha Church
Tuesday, April 2	10:00a	Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday, April 3	1:30p	Wednesday Bible Study
Thursday, April 4	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
	4:00p	ZCW General Meeting
	6-8p	Maranatha Church
Friday, April 5	5:30p	Dinner & Movie (<i>Arthur the King</i>)
Saturday, April 6	2:30p-4:15p	Feed My Starving Children
Sunday, April 7	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion—Live-stream, in-person Willie Robinson Baptism
	10:00a	Sunday School
	1-3:00p	Maranatha Church

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Unscheduled—Interruptible Hours for the week of March 31

Tuesday, April 2—9a-3p

Wednesday, April 3—12p-4p

Or by appointment