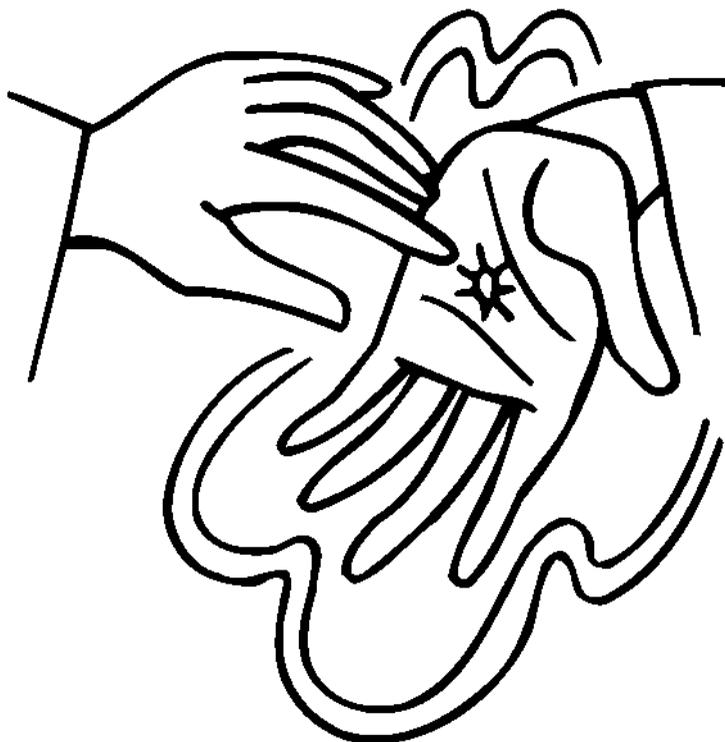


2nd Sunday of Easter

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH | IOWA CITY, IOWA

APRIL 23 & 24, 2022



Zion Lutheran Church...

As God welcomes all people through the grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve.

Available during worship. Ask an usher for assistance.



Large
Print
Bulletins



Personal
Hearing
Devices



Child
Worship
Activities



Seat cushions
for sitting
comfort



Whether you are worshipping online or in-person, you are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

Know too, that your offerings support the many ministries of Zion Lutheran, and your gift helps realize the vision of a spiritually alive world.

Thank you for your generosity, and for being part of Zion Lutheran today.

Give online:



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

The community of Zion Lutheran Church invites all who enter our building to join in a covenant of care for one another. Covenant

language in the Bible describes the relationship God has with us through God's promise to love us and God's invitation for us to love each other. As reflectors of that love, we use covenant language to describe our relationships with each other. As the Body of Christ gathered at Zion, we invite all to join us in a covenant of care for one another.

Zion's Covenant Foundations

- As God invites and welcomes all, we hope to offer that same radical hospitality here.
- As God prioritizes those who are littlest, last or least among us, we seek to extend tenderness and patience with each other.
- Our care for each other, as beloved and equal members of the Body of Christ, should guide our interactions at all times.

Accessibility for all

Accessible washrooms are on each floor of the building.

All-gender washrooms are on the lower level and upper level.

Gendered washrooms are on the main level.

Changing stations are available in all washrooms.

Scent free zone is located in the southeast section of the pews (far left, front)

Gluten free communion option: Speak with an usher or a pastor prior to worship.

*Audio and video recording of this worship service is in progress.
The recording will be made available on the Zion website for public viewing.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN | *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* ELW (red hymn book) #369

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

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When the captain of the temple and the police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

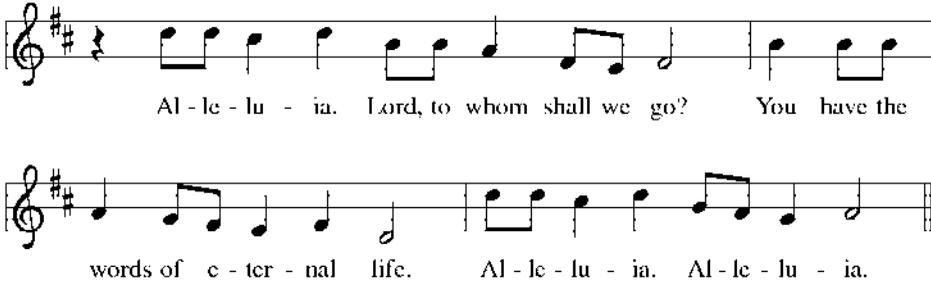
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY | *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

ELW (red hymn book) #366

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #144

LORD'S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL VERSION)

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #145

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The ushers will invite you to the altar rail to receive a fellowship cup. Those who wish to remain in their pew, may pick up a fellowship cup in the narthex. You may consume it upon returning to your seat. Gluten free wafers are also available. Ushers will collect the empty fellowship cups.

Lamb of God

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #145

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

ELW (red hymn book) #384

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

OFFERING

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the worship space.

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the Spirit of adoption,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN | *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

ELW (red hymn book) #382

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

5:00 p.m. Saturday

Greg Spragle

Pianist

9:30 a.m. Worship

Jennifer Lutz, pastor

Presider

Emily Busche

Pianist

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