

Zion Lutheran Church

March 31, 2024 10 am

Easter Sunday



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear
witness to God's love.*

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Next Sunday, April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

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Introduction:

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!

Announcements:

***Easter Greeting**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**
Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #382 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

***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.**

***Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

***Hymn of Praise:** ELW Hymn #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! vs. 1, 4, 5

***Prayer of the Day:**

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.**

Choir:

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible on page 122 in the New Testament

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.

³⁴Then Peter 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 testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Pew Bible page 168 in the New Testament

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved,

if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation:** page 151 in the front of hymnal Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

The Holy Gospel is from John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 20:1-18** Pew Bible page 109 in the New Testament

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.

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; ⁹for 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 the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Avis Anderson

***Hymn of the Day:** ELW Hymn #366 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

***Nicene Creed:** Page 104 in the front of the ELW

***Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

***Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

Offering Hymn: ELW Hymn #619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives vs 1 & 8

Offering Prayer:

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.**

***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:**

***Holy, Holy, Holy:** Page 207 in the front of the ELW

***Words of Institution:**

***The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

***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 Hymn: ELW Hymn #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
ELW Hymn #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

***Communion Blessing:**

***Prayer after Communion:**

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

***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.**

***Sending Hymn:** ELW Hymn #376 Thine Is the Glory

***Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship

8:00-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Monday April 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Jo R & Sharon

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday April 2, 2024

Wednesday April 3, 2024

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday April 4, 2024

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI

1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle

7:00 p.m. Worship

Friday April 5, 2024

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Makoshika Wellness (Glendive's Culinary Kids)

Saturday April 6, 2024

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Furniture Room-Karen D & Karen S

Sunday April 7-

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Scouts