

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2020**



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INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Arr. Labenske

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,

now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #377 (vs. 1-3)

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, lets us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection

in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Reader: Kervyn Mach

R: ³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

Reader: Kervyn Mach

R: ¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 20:19-31**

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

P: ¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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 the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN #384 (vs. 1-3)

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #207

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

C: **Thankful hearts and voices raise;; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit., bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #376

Thine is the Glory

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. Labenske

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Debbie Weprin in memory of her husband Richard.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Maundy Thursday: 37 Unified Giving: \$458.00 Building: \$50.0
Good Friday: 30 Unified Giving: \$248.00

Saturday Vigil & Easter Worship: 111

Total Unified Giving: \$7,082.00
Total Building Fund: \$1,231.00

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unified Giving: \$21,581.52

Expenses: \$20,908.45

January 2021

Building Fund Giving: \$1,688.31

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of January 31, 2021: \$28,648.29

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of January 2021 on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

F.Y.I.

Pastor and Jackie will be out of town April 8-11. Pastor Schaefer will lead worship services and be available in case of an emergency.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Team will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

ZION SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY—Saturday, April 24 from 9:00– Noon

Bring you favorite yard and lawn tools. We'll be weeding, cleaning up, pruning and a little mulching. Refreshments will be provided!

Rain date: Saturday, May 8—same time.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH / SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Community organizations across America are becoming involved by collecting adult socks to be distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many of the residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those most needed items. The funnier, funkier styles you can find - holiday themed, bright colors, animals, patterned. One recipient of socks replied, "We're just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor!" Also needed are traditional tube socks. **Please avoid socks that have individual toes.** Last year when the socks collected by Zion were dropped off at Troy Care and Rehabilitation Center, the receptionist was astonished. "Nobody brings us socks – we need them so badly!" There will be a laundry basket and display in the lobby inside Zion's Walnut Street entrance. If you cannot shop for socks, feel free to leave a donation and the shopping will be done for you. Socks should be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations should be given to Linda in the office. **Socks and monetary donations will be collected until April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Holt.**