

ALLELUIA!

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April 9, 2023

**The Resurrection of Our Lord
and Holy Communion**

INTRODUCTION

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Jesus Christ is Risen Today* *Arr. Waters*

RESURRECTION HYMN **Red hymnal #365** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

C: **The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**

P: Death, be not proud. Death, you shall die!

C: **For Christ is risen!**

P: He has destroyed the shroud that enfolds all peoples!

C: **He has swallowed up the sheet that covers all nations!**

P: He wipes away the tears from our faces.

C: **He removes the disgrace of His people.**

P: People of God—Friday was not the end of God's story! Our God is a God of the living! Jesus Christ has risen to save you! He has risen to give you life! People of God—look! The tomb is empty! His has risen!

C: **The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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, let 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.
C: **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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

R: ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones
Composer: Joseph M. Martin

Our Lord is Risen

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

R: ¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 28: 1-10**

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

P: ¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #361

The Day of Resurrection

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **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 THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer....**

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The transformation of our lives and God's world begins with the acknowledgement that Jesus is Lord over sin, death, and the devil. Then we come to Him, confessing our sins, seeking His gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us kneel and confess our sins. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the tomb. We also want to rise victoriously over the death and defeat we face every day.

C: We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to live whole-heartedly for You and others.

P: We are trapped in the tombs of self-centeredness. We need the power of Your forgiveness. Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.

C: Forgive us! Let us die to sin and be raised to new life in You, through Your resurrection. Make us alive in You! Amen.

P: Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full. He has won the victory! He is your living, personal, and sure Redeemer. Hardened hearts are crushed! Stone walls of sin have been rolled away! Alleluia! In Jesus' name, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! We have been forgiven! We have been restored to new life in Christ! Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Red hymnal #Red hymnal #391
#362

*This Joyful Eastertide
At the Lamb's High Feast*

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

MISSION DECLARATION

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving Others."**

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

Arr. Held

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Debbie Weprin in memory of her 40th anniversary with her late husband Richard*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters 10:00	May Fischvogt & Lois Davis
Acolyte 10:00	Alex Garvic
Reader 8:00	Tim Rambeau
Communion Assistant	Brad Kennedy
Usher	Tim Rambeau
Reader 10:00	Katie Kessler
Communion Assistant	Susie Gray
Ushers	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ATTENDANCE: Worship April 1 & 2

Total Attendance: 128

Total Unified Giving: \$4,973.00

Total Building Fund: \$ 400.00

Sunday School

Adults: 13 Youth: 6

Kids: 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PLANTS can be picked up following 10:00 worship.

MISSION OF THE MONTH / OESTERLEN SERVICES FOR YOUTH, INC.

was founded in 1903 as an orphanage by Amelia Oesterlen. It currently is a mental health treatment and social service agency serving youth and their families. It is located in Springfield, Ohio. Please take an egg or two from the display in the back of the narthex. Many items are needed to help these kids and their families. The display will be available April 10-30 for bringing in items. Any questions, Call Judy Bailey (937-845-0380).

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of Miami County will be held **June 17, 10 am-11 pm** at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would love to have some more members. Our next team meeting will be **April 16, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. If you don't want to join the team, you can still help by: **Making a donation.** You can donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. When asked who you are supporting, select the team Holy

Walkamolies For the Cure. Checks payable to American Cancer Society may be given to Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

Purchase a luminaria in memory of a loved one, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone currently battling cancer. These will be placed around the track during the event. Luminarias are \$10 each. For an order form see Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

EASTER FLOWERS

Beautiful flowers have been given to the honor and glory of God in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please be sure if you have ordered a flower to take it home following the 10:00 service.

Rick & Judy Bailey in memory of our parents, Anna & George Garrety and Ken & Vi Bailey

Gary & Kathy Groth in honor of 6 grandchildren: Shelby, Gavin, Bailey, Abby, Caden & Emery

Linda Holt in honor of the Choir

Linda Holt in honor of Jessica Dorn

Linda Hood in memory of Edwin Hood and family

Kari Kennard in memory of Thomas Walker

Brad Kennedy in memory of family that has preceded us.

Bill & Kim Jones in memory of Joe & Barbara Manning and Art & Delores Jones

Bob & Deb Keppel in honor of Linda Short

Barbra Kruse in honor of parents and family

Bob & Wanda Lenehan in memory of loved ones

Kervyn & Janice Mach

Dale & Debbie Rudisill in memory of parents, brothers and sisters

Ginger & Dale Schaefer in memory of parents; Wade & Sara Schaefer, Charles & Betty Gabriel. In honor of children and grandchildren

Judy Tritle in honor of Connor Tritle and Chloe Tritle

Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of our daughter Leslie

Pat Walker in memory of Thomas Walker

Tom & Babs Wesbecher in honor of our grandchildren; Nathan, Sophia, Ada, Eli, Addyson & Kayden