

March 31, 2024

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Holy Communion

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!

PRELUDES

Spanish Rhapsody Arr. Raney
Christ the Lord is Risen Today - with choir Arr. Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

I Know That My Redeemer Lives: Shout On!

Director: Bill Jones Composer: Traditional, Arr. Evelyn R. Larter

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.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

R: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: ²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

R: ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

R: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: ¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

R: ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: ¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

C: ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

R: ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
C: ²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
R: ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

R: 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.

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 **Mark 16:1-8**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Sally Padgett

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 Red hymnal #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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!**

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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... (The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.)*

AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Red hymnal #367

Red hymnal #391

Red hymnal #369

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

This Joyful Eastertide

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

POST COMMUNION HYMN #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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #619 (v1- 4,8)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Hail Thee Festival Day

Arr. Hobby

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Co Holley celebrating the partnership with Beverly Bashore

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Acolyte	Charlotte Dorn
Reader	Linda Holt
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeters	Jill & John Greer

ATTENDANCE: 3/23 & 24 : 116
Total Unified Giving: \$2,165.00

Sunday School: Adult 13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Little Kindness*

All items to be donated are due TODAY. If you would still like to make a monetary donation, please write it out to Women of Zion. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Oesterlen*

We will be collecting items for the Oesterlen Home in Springfield this month. Oesterlen was originally founded as an orphan's home by Amelia Oesterlen. It is now a children's mental health counseling clinic. It has a residential treatment center for emotionally troubled youth between 12 and 18 years of age. Please take 1 or 2 "eggs" from the display in the narthex, purchase the items and return them to the mission box, OR make a monetary donation. Please write checks to Women of Zion. Any questions contact Judy Bailey.

SOLAR ECLIPSE BLOCK PARTY: On Saturday, **April, 6th**, downtown Tipp City will be holding a Solar Eclipse Block Party. There will be food, entertainment and kids' activities. **Weather permitting**, Zion will be providing popcorn and bottled water during the kids activities from 10:00 to 2:00. We need Zion volunteers to sign up for a shift of one or two hours during this time. Please see the sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

WELCA NORTHWEST CONFERENCE of the Southern Ohio Synod is having their 12th Annual Spring Gathering here at Zion on Sunday, **April 14th** at 5:00 pm.

CHALK TALK by Elva Hurst will follow at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend the Chalk Talk. See the bulletin insert for more details.

CEMETERY LAWN MOWING

A sign-up poster is available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Bob for the garage key.

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

Miriam Comer in memory of loved ones

Gary & Kathy Groth in honor of our joyful grandchildren

Doug & Denise Jacobs in memory of our parents and
In honor of our children and grandchildren

Bill & Kim Jones in honor of our children and granddaughter

Brad Kennedy in memory of Dean, Sandy & Mary and Lodema & Alan

Bob & Deb Keppel in memory of our parents, Bob & Pat Keppel and Clair & Anita Weeder.
In honor the Dorn Family - Matt, Jessica, Madison and Charlotte.

Chuck & Erma Swanson in honor of our children and grandchildren

Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of our daughter Leslie

Tom & Babs Wesbecher in memory of loved ones lost in the past year



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.

THANK OFFERING will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, April 1	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Property Meeting Boy Scouts
Tuesday, April 2	10:00 am 1:00 pm 8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mission Quilts Bell Choir Rehearsal AA
Wednesday, April 3	No Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, April 6	10:00 am	Solar Eclipse Block Party



Staff

Sally Padgett, *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, *Custodian*