

## **The Resurrection of our Lord - Easter Day**

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# Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

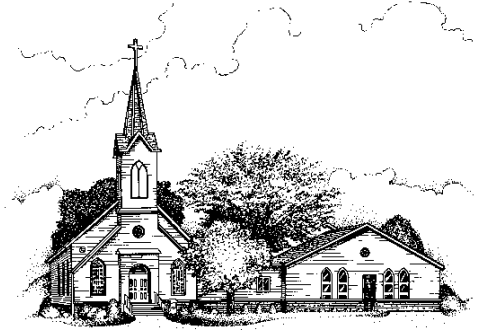
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## Welcome to God's house!

Good morning and a blessed Easter to all of you! Welcome to this celebration of Jesus' resurrection! We consider it a privilege to worship the living Lord with you this morning. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, weekly programs, Christian day school, or pre-school please talk with one of the pastors or contact the church office. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us.

## Order of Service

### Opening Hymn

### Come, Christians, Join to Sing #599



1	Come,	Chris-tians,	join	to	sing	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!	
2	Come,	lift	your	hearts	on	high,	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
3	Praise	yet	our	Christ	a - gain;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!	



loud	praise	to	Christ	our	King;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
let	prais - es	fill	the	sky;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!	
life	shall	not	end	the	strain;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
he is our guide and friend, to us he'll con - de - scend;  
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## Dialogue for Easter Day

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand  
is lifted high;**

**the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

We will not die but live.

**We will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

**His love endures forever.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Hymn

## He Is Arisen! Glorious Word #461



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is



God, my Lord; the gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, and Sa - tan's ar - rows



bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing glo - rious,



life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

## Confession of Sins

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

**When I was in great need, he saved me.**

The Lord is my strength and my song;

**He has become my salvation.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**Song of Praise                      Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds    #471: 1-2**

♪ Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still he comes to give us life

and by his presence stills all strife.

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Word

Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

**Job 19:23-27**

<sup>23</sup> “Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Irish Alleluia - Psalm 118B

### Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Tone



The Lord is my strength and / my defense;  
he has become my sal- / vation.

The Lord's right hand is / lifted high;  
the Lord's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,  
and will proclaim what the / Lord has done. **Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;  
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected  
has become the / cornerstone;  
the Lord has / done this,  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

♪ *Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were



on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.

He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #438**

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Sermon**

**Mark 16:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-28**

*Vindication!*

**Confession of Faith**

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♪ I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'ns and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of human birth.  
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, whom the Spirit did conceive.  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; our salvation to achieve.

Crucified, was dead, and buried, down to hell in victory;  
From the dead he rose the third day; up to heavn' triumphantly.  
There at God's right hand he's ruling, by his will the world is led.  
He will come to judge the nations, both the living and the dead.

I believe in God the Spirit, in his Church, his chosen band.  
They are joined in close communion, holy in his sight they stand.  
I believe that sins are forgiven; that the dead will rise again;  
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Prayer of the Church for Easter**

Jesus Christ, Lord of life and King of glory, you are our God. We trust in you  
and you have saved us. You are the Lord. We rejoice and are glad in your  
salvation.

**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Since you have swallowed up death with your victory, fill us with confidence that everything we face, we face with our triumphant Lord.  
**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

You have prepared a great feast for all peoples. Bless missionaries, evangelists and Christians everywhere who share your invitation in the good news of your resurrection. Bring your message of new life to hearts dead in sin.

**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Lord, grant that we may be faithful witnesses of your resurrection, not only by word of mouth but in actions and truth, for your honor and glory.

**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Lift up those who are bowed down, their faces downcast with grief from loss. Drive out doubt with the good news of your resurrection, and restore faith that one day we will rise imperishable and stand before you in glory.

**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. With the good news of your triumph, cheer those who struggle or are troubled with burdens of all kinds, [especially...]. You have given us all the victory in your resurrection.

**We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

*Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow*

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, this is the day in which you cleared away the darkness of sin, broke the bonds of death, and arose from the grave as a conqueror. In your wondrous love you gave yourself to redeem us, your servants. Preserve us in the peace and joy of this Easter happiness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one living God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise and thanks for your glorious resurrection from the dead and for the opportunity to once again hear this good news and rejoice in it. Through your death our sins were buried with you, but now through your resurrection sin and death are left behind. May we live our lives in this resurrection joy, continually putting off the old and striving to live a new and holy life which reflects glory to your name, until we also rise and reign with you in everlasting joy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Then the angel said to the women, "And now, go quickly and tell His disciples that He is going to Galilee to meet them there....." The women ran from the tomb deeply frightened, but also filled with joy and rushed to find the disciples to give them the angel's message. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Closing Hymn

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives #441:1-2, 7-8

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my everliving head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives all-glorious in the sky;  
he lives exalted there on high.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## **This Week at Zion**

<b>Today:</b>	6:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:00 a.m.	Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Festival Worship
<b>Mon:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Long Range Facilities committee
<b>Tue:</b>	7:00 a.m.	<i>Election Day</i>
<b>Wed:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
<b>Thu:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sat:</b>	4:30 p.m.	Parents' Night out at KML
	5:00 p.m.	Bags Tournament – Fellowship Hall
<b>Sun:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

**Welcome to all** who have gathered to celebrate our Savior's resurrection! May God's Word bring you the comfort, joy and peace we have because of Jesus' resurrection. We offer a special welcome to those who are visiting us this morning. Please join us for worship again sometime soon.

**Easter Breakfast** You're invited to join us for Easter breakfast after the sunrise service today. Thanks to Sue Brueggeman, Gerald & Elaine Schulz, the crew who came yesterday morning to prep, and all who donated, set up, cooked, baked, prepared, or in any way helped with our Easter breakfast this morning (including the Sunday School children who prepared the placemats!).

**We thank** Bea Pamperin for serving as accompanist this morning. We also thank Alyce Herman, Lilly Musack and Anna Bode for serving as the small choir.

**LWMS Rally** The spring rally of the local Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. See the poster on the bulletin board for additional information.

**Save the Date** We have our spring work day scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work needs to be done outside and inside. Please save the date and join us.

**OWLS Meeting** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, is the date for the next area OWLS meeting. Bruce Braun will be repeating his presentation on our mission in Ukraine and his family's history. It will be at the Lomira Village Hall beginning at 1 p.m.

## 2024 Memorial Lilies

### In Loving Memory of:

James & Diane Bartelt

Harold & Maily Boettcher

Mike, Irene, Jerry, & Bev Briski

Elroy & Carol Bublitz

Sam Ernisse

Ethan Etta

Virginia Feucht, Shirley Ruhnke

The deceased members of the

Geschke/Feucht families

Carol Galleske

Clarence & Elvera Giese,

Rudy & Vinelda Schulz

Gary Gehl

Jill Gudex

Grandparents lost this year:

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Pauline Karch

Jim Kisting

Gordon & LouAnn Kluever

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Lester Hahn

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