

Guests and Visitors – Brief Statement Regarding Communion

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

We welcome you to worship today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, we confess that communion was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and that when consecrated, the bread and wine are truly his body and blood!¹ We also believe that every Christian is called to examine themselves before coming to the table, trusting in God’s forgiveness as an answer to our sin, while truly recognizing the body and blood of Jesus, given for us. We further believe that Jesus has made the altar a place of *unity* – a place we are called to be in full agreement and reconciliation with one another.²

From scripture,³ the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), and Zion Lutheran Church, as a part of that Synod, understands unity not only as a matter of relational peace with each other, but public confessional unity as well. Your faith is a public witness, in addition to a personal conviction.⁴ To come to the altar for Holy Communion is to make a public witness that you agree with everything this church body believes, teaches, and confesses. If you are not currently a member of a church within the LCMS, that would be difficult to say truthfully, and though we make no judgment of your genuine faith in Jesus, the call to confessional unity still stands.

Our call from Jesus is to steward God’s gifts faithfully, and to protect the church’s confessional integrity, as well as yours.⁵ Out of love and respect for you, and in obedience to the will of God, please speak with Pastor before coming up to receive communion. If you are not receiving communion today, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, or to remain in your pew as we sing God’s praises.

Please come and speak with Pastor David after service for any questions you may have – even if you disagree with this approach – for this, too, is a good and Spirit-filled place for conversation! May you be blessed in our time together today as we gather around the Word of God in faith, hope, and love. It is good to be together in the Lord.

¹ Matthew 26:26-28

² Matthew 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

³ 1 Corinthians 1:10

⁴ Matthew 5:14-16

⁵ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER MORNING 7:00

April 20, 2025

PRELUDE Agnus Dei/King of Kings M.W. Smith/S. Ligertwood, J. Ingram, B. Ligertwood

RINGING OF THE BELL

P Christ is Risen

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" - LSB 457*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION

P We pray together,

C **Father, to whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts so that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

P Holy Triune God,

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore, stir up within me Your Holy Spirit and create in me a clean heart. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me that in the confidence of my Baptismal faith and in the certainty of my Savior's Resurrection, I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

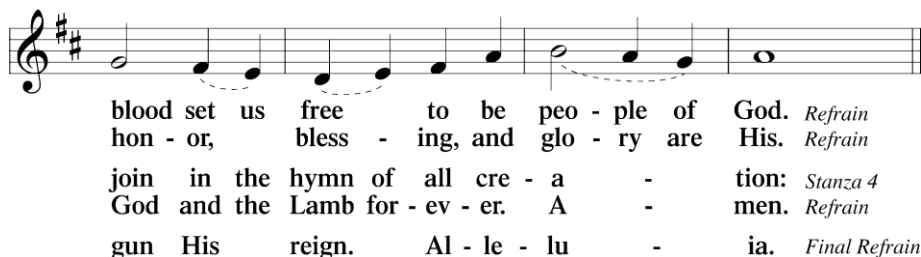
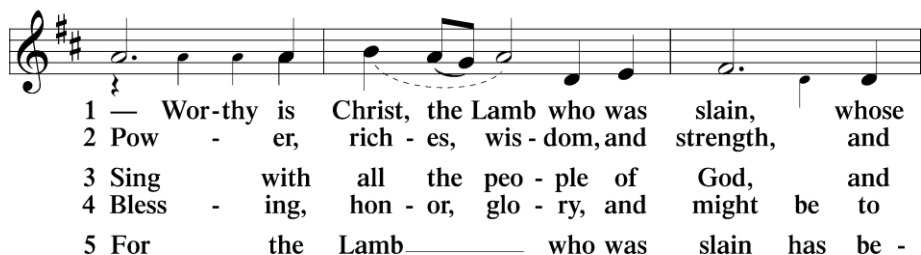
P Rejoice and live your lives in the victory of the resurrection! As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to each of you and in the stead and by the command of my risen Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

In Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and in His resurrection, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This Is the Feast*” Pastor will chant first refrain. Congregation will join in at 1st verse.



THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 65:17–25*

“Behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
 in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
 and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
 and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
 and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
 an infant who lives but a few days,
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
 or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
 and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
 and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
 in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set And
 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our
 day Lord, That by our lives we tru - ly
 To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth

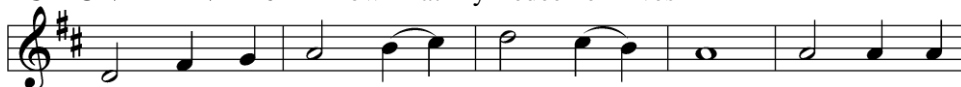
as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My
✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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| 5 | He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart. | 6 | He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
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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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CHOIR AND CONGREGATION Joy to the Heart" by K. Lee Scott Insert

(Those who wish to join with the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, you may go to the balcony at this time.)

Stanza 1 (Choir)

Look there! The Christ, our Brother comes resplendent from the gallows tree
and what He brings in His hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

Refrain

Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning

Stanza 2 (Choir)

Good Jesus Christ inside His pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope
and let the blood flow from His flesh to fill the springs of living hope. (refrain)

Stanza 3 (Choir)

Good Christ Jesus, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree
To offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity. (refrain)

Stanza 4 (Congregation and Choir)



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(Repeat Refrain)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

“HALLELUJAH CHORUS” from *The Messiah* by G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship

Pastor Nieman

Elder: Colin Fuller, Sr., Joel Groenewold

Altar Guild: Linda DeFranco

Musicians:

Zion Mixed Choir

Zion Worship Team

Trumpet: Matthew Leonard, Arnie Berg

Woodwinds: Jim Postilion

Trombone: Matthew Graves

Baritone: Cheldon White

Keyboards: Andrew Moore