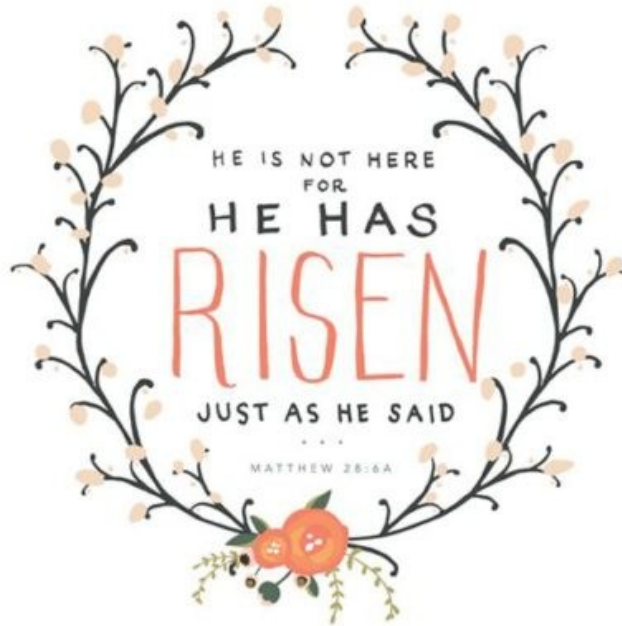


Sunday Worship
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE –Bells *This Joyful Eastertide with Earth & All Stars* Arr. Organ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #619 (v1, 5-8)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

P: Christ has risen, Alleluia

C: He 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 . . .

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Bells *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* Arr: Organ

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

R: ^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 16

- R: ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C: ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**
- R: ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C: ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**
- R: ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C: ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- R: ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C: ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- R: ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C: ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- R: ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

R: ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- R: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So 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."²⁶ A 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."²⁷ Then 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."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple Hymnal #939

Touch that Soothes and Heals

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 (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

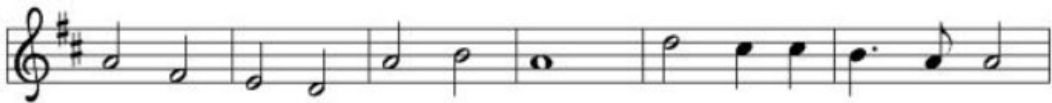
P: Lift up your hearts

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P: With your holy ones...now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.)*

BLESSING Numbers 6:23-26

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #361

The Day of Resurrection!

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?
C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**
P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE - Bells

Now the Green Blade Rises

Arr. Haller

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bill & Kim Jones in celebration of Finn's 1st and Ryan's birthdays.*

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

In Helpful Service

Acolyte	Campbell Ewing
Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Kervyn Mach
Reader	Chris Frame
Ushers	Bob & Deb Keppel
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the narthex. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Seeds of Hope*

On any given day in Ohio there are over 16,000 children in foster care and over 124,000 children in kinship care. Seeds of Hope was born out of the need to support and encourage the families that care for these children. Over the past 4 years, Seeds of Hope in Troy has filled over 1,000 need requests from foster, kinship and adoptive families in Troy, Miami County and the surrounding counties.

Zion is collecting the items listed below. On the table are pink slips of paper listing the needed items. Take one to remind you when you go shopping. They will be taken to Seeds of Hope in Troy. Please drop off your donations in the narthex by **Sunday April 26th**.

- All sizes of diapers
- Girls and boys training pants
- Baby wipes
- New or lightly used baby/toddler clothes
- Walmart gift cards

LITURGY 101 starts April 19th. Have you ever found yourself curious about our worship—why we do what we do, what it all means, and how it's rooted in Scripture? You're not alone. Join us for a new Adult Education series on the liturgy, where we'll explore its origins, its history, and how it shapes our faith today. We'd love to have you with us Sunday mornings at 9 am, starting April 19th.

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

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

SHREDDING EVENT RETURNS - Saturday, May 2nd 11:00am - 2:00 pm

Thrivent is once again sponsoring a free community shredding event in our parking lot. Donations will go to our youth fund. Hunter Parks with Hearts Hot Dogs will be providing lunch. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Needy Basket. Limit of 5 boxes of paper per vehicle. We need a few volunteers to help unload vehicles. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

WOMEN OF ZION TEA PARTY- Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm.

Join us for our inaugural tea party. Come and enjoy scones, tea sandwiches and desserts with delicious teas. Hats and gloves are optional but fun! Please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY REDEDICATION is May 17th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

The cemetery is located at 723 South Hyatt Street beside the Catholic church. The first Lutheran church stood on this site and those who rest there carried the faith forward from its earliest day. We gather to honor their lives, preserve their memory, and celebrate the heritage entrusted to us across two centuries.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, April 12	5:00 pm	Women of Zion
Monday, April 13	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, April 14	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome/Communications Mtg. Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

SERMON NOTES