

**Sunday Worship**  
**April 19, 2026**  
**Third 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**

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** – Quintessential Winds      *Beach Spring*      Composer:Funderburk

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*In holy baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.*

### **PRESENTATION**

*The Holy Spirit calls and invites us to receive God’s grace. Sponsors present those to be baptized, and we promise our support.*

**P:**      People of God, do you promise to support Edwin and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**C:**      **We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Only by God’s grace can we renounce the forces of evil and the power of sin. With the whole church, we confess our faith in the triune God.*

**P:**      Do you believe in God the Father?

**C:**      **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**P:**      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C:**      **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*With thanksgiving, God's saving deeds are remembered.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: Holy God, holy and merciful...one God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### **BAPTISM**

*Dying with Christ in baptism, the child of God is raised to new life through water and the Word.*

P: *Edwin James* I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**C: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT – SIGN OF THE CROSS**

*Additional signs proclaim the meaning of baptism. We pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit sustains the baptized. The baptized are marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

#### **WELCOME**

*The baptized are called to follow Jesus, the light of the world. We welcome new companions in the mission of God.*

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

#### **HYMN Red Hymnal #213**

*You Belong to Christ*

#### **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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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



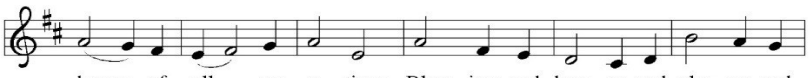
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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.



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.

THE WORD**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

R: <sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 116:1-4, 12-19**

R: <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: <sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

R: <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

R: <sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C: <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

R: <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

C: <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

R: <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

R: <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

C: <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

R: <sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 151



## HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 24:13-35**

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

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the

people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.

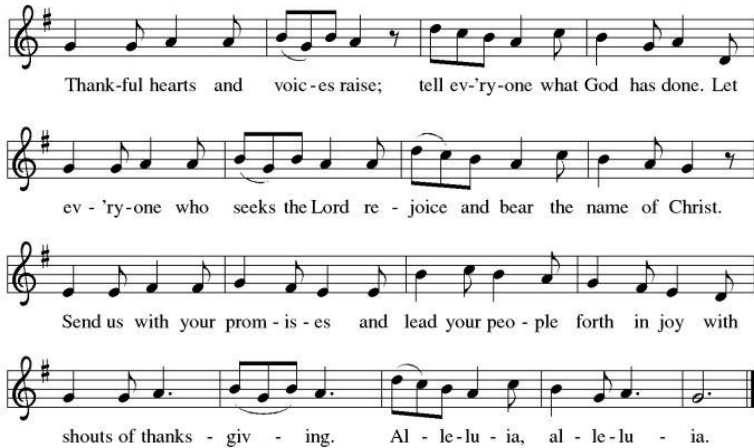
**PRAYERS** (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

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 voi-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

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

C: Amen.

## HYMN Red hymnal #391

*This Joyful Eastertide*

## DISMISSAL

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 - Quintessential Winds

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

Arr: Abeling

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Linda Hood & Arthur Jones in memory of Edwin Hood & Bonnie Jones.*

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

## In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Beth Ferryman

Pastor

Jaren Summers

Communion Assist

Linda Holt

Reader

Linda Holt

Ushers

John & Ann Williams

Greeters

Dale & Debbie Rudisill

**THANK YOU QUINTESSENTIAL WINDS:** Tamela Tennison - Flute, Julie Swank - Horn, Jen Messaros - Oboe, Dr. Michael Houser - Clarinet, and Curtis MaGee - Bassoon

## 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.

## **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.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup>**. Needed: All sizes of diapers, Girls and boys training pant, Baby wipes, New or lightly used baby/toddler clothes, Walmart gift cards.

## **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.

**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.

## **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.

## **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.

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*

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

<b>Monday, April 20</b>	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	10:00 am <b>5:30 pm</b> 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts <b>Bible &amp; Brew - Chaffee's</b> AA
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> <b>Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</b> Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>Storypoint Outreach</b>	

## SERMON NOTES