



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

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Third Sunday of Easter

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## WELCOME

## THE STORY

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice! And be glad in it**

For Christ Is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

### GATHERING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

#532

### GREETING

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

...Let us pray:

God of resurrection and life,

**we confess that we miss the mark.**

**We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.**

**You have given us daily bread,**

**And we have forgotten to give thanks,**

**You have shown us sunsets and beauty in nature,**

**and we have taken it for granted,**

**At times we have been doubting Thomas**

**Or Peter who denied you,**

**And you have remained steadfast.**

**In Jesus' name we pray to you;**

**Cover us in the waters of your Grace,**

**Forgive us, and bring us to the full life you desire,**

**That we may follow you, and bring life to those you love,**

**Through Jesus Christ, Risen to life,**

**For us and the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, redeemed, and sent to serve in newness of life.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Resurrecting God,

**Just as you opened the minds of your disciples, to understand the scriptures, open our minds too. Help us to see how to live in your Grace, and the boldness of spirit, with words and deeds to share the love of Jesus,**

**In your name we pray,**

**Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

**Acts 3: 12-19**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

## Second Scripture Lesson

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life,

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.  
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust, your, word...  
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:36-48**

The holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O LORD**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Larry Jacobs, **Emily Holker**, John Hovre, **Christian Shores**, Russ Glomstad, **Carol Fratzke**, and we send thoughts and prayers to the family and friends mourning the loss of **John McKeeth**

Respond to "Lord in Your mercy" with "Hear our prayer"

## OFFERING

## OFFERING HYMN

*"Create In Me A Clean Heart"*

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,  
We thank you for the message of Easter, this redemptive story of life in your Grace. We thank you for all the blessings you have given us. Bless us through our faith, and the ministry at Zion, that we can take the inspiration of your message out the doors with us, living the message through our lives  
Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## STORY OF COMMUNION

## LORD'S PRAYER SONG

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

#471

*As We Gather at Your Table*

#522

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

#392

Instrumental music on the piano

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVITATION COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

## SENDING HYMN

*Now as the Green Blade Rises*

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## SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. To share and live the good news!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#885

## POSTLUDE