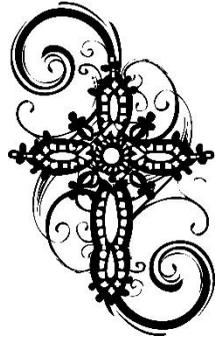


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Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion

April 17, 2022

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude – Bell

In Luke’s gospel, the women who came on Easter morning were intent on performing the rituals of grief but were thwarted by the emptiness of the tomb. Their first response was not joy, but terror and confusion. The celebration of Easter breaks into the spiral of grief, but the stages of grief, denial, and bargaining continue to unfold. “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” the angel asks (Luke 24:5).

Like the women at the tomb, many of us still find ourselves among the dead.

Easter Welcome

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Jesus Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering

P- “The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy.

C- This is a day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

P- Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

C- This is a day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Gathering Hymn – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ELW 365

Thanksgiving for Baptism

As you are able, please stand. We will be “passing the peace” by using the peace sign (V for Victory sign). This may be different to how we once did this, but it is a safer way today and we receive and give Christ’s victory!

P- In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water is poured into the font.

P- We thank you God for the river of life, flowing free from your throne: through the earth, through the city. through the rural farmland, and through everything living.

C- You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and pass safely through.

P- In Jesus Christ, you calm the troubled waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst: cleanse our hearts: wipe away every tear.

C- To you, our Beginning and our End, and our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever, amen!

Children's Time

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Lector – Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets. Receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Here ends this reading.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - A Song of Victory

Read responsively.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1st Corinthians 15:19-26

Lector – *Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all. Paul writes:*

If for 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 first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God,

C- you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of sin, that we may with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Gospel – Luke 24:1-12

P- Evidently expecting to find Jesus’ lifeless body, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord! Please be seated.

Special Music – He Lives! Britan Meints and Holly Blair

Message – Expect the Unexpected!

In Luke’s gospel, the women who came on Easter morning were intent on performing the rituals of grief but were thwarted by the emptiness of the tomb.

Offering Hymn – Come, Let Us Eat ELW 491

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Living God,

C- you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together.

In your peace-filled reign you welcome us all to your table. Reach

out to us in this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy”
please respond with “hear our prayer!”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem’bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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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.

Invitation to Communion

P- The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution of Holy Communion *We will be doing communion by flow through for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.*

Communion Hymn – The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won ELW 366

Prayer after Holy Communion

P- We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know Jesus' name.

C- Amen.

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

P- God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
+ bless you now and forever.

C- Amen.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P- Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C- Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia ELW 369

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This Week

EASTER

Sunrise Service

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

God's Grace DVD series, 9 am

Worship/Holy Comm 9:30 am

Wednesday

7th and 8th Confirmation 6-7 pm

NEXT Sunday, April 24

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

God's Grace DVD series, 9 am

Worship 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING-IN THE NEED FOR MORE HANDICAP PARKING FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, WE WILL BEGIN TO USE ALL SPACES FROM PARSONAGE TO NORTH DOORS OF CHURCH FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING OR USE WALKERS. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE THAT TRULY NEED THE CLOSER PARKING. THANK YOU!! ~The Church Council

Memorial service for Rev. Elwin Bergstaesser will be 2 pm Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Linnsborg KS. Pastor Elwin served Zion from 1964-1968. Rev. Evelyn Philips (Elwin's 2nd

wife) said that the obituary can be read on the Crick-Christians Funeral Home's site www.Christians@ChristiansFuneralHome.com The family asked that memorials go to Oaks Indian Center and can be sent to Crick-Christians Funeral Home, 103 N. Washington Street, Linnsborg KS 67456

LWR Blanket (quilt) Assembly: The blankets made for Lutheran World Relief go all over the world, including recently 7400 to Ukraine. No sewing ability or experience is necessary. If you use a stick pin and tie knots you can help make a blanket and enjoy a day or part of a day of fellowship you are welcome. We will meet in the Parish Hall basement on April 11, 12, 25 & 26 from 9 to 3. Come for a few hours or the day (bring a lunch). You can also volunteer to make a top or tie a blanket outside of these days. You can also arrange a group to assemble blanket(s) at another time. If you have questions, please contact Karen Gilbreath (402) 661-9362 or Denise Schlake-Ideus (402) 806-2236.

Zion currently has a couple Thrivent action grants we are applying for!

Who are they for? Beatrice Community Food Pantry and a family in need in Gage County due to overwhelming medical bills.

How can you help? Paper & food items; Goodnite Pull-ups in size Large or XL or Gas Gift Cards for medical travel.

Why? Reflect on Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Council is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to update Zion's picture directory. If you are interested in researching current options or providing photography services, please contact Brenda Gronewold at 402-520-0397.

GRACE CIRCLE MEMBERS please note that our April meeting has been changed due to a conflict, to April 27th at 1 pm in Fellowship hall.

Graduate recognition – If you have a high school or college graduate, please forward their names and future plans to Britan at britanmeints@gmail.com or 308-730-0599. Graduation recognition is scheduled for May 22nd.

Confirmation class of '72 will be having a 50 year reunion on May 1st.

Country Club 4-H Members will be picking up trash and creating an Earth Day craft on April 24 at 3:00 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to any Clover Kids (ages 5-7) or anyone interested in joining 4-H (ages 8-18) to attend. We ask that adults attend with their Clover Kid. Please RSVP to Marcia Busboom (402-223-8309), Rhonda Dorn (402-520-1320) or Connie Thornburg (402-673-3605) by April 17.

CONSIDER GIVING TO THE BEATRICE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. Collection boxes located in hallways & fellowship hall

Greatest Needs include:

Boxed cereal, Oatmeal, Egg noodles,
Spaghetti noodles, Cream of Chicken soup,
Condiments, Jelly, Shampoo
Supported by a Thrivent Action Grant

7th Grade Confirmation will meet for their last Wednesday night class on April 20th. If you still have sermon notes to turn in, please have them in by the end of May. You will continue to meet on Sunday Mornings until summer break.

We would like to thank Steve and Diane Oltman for providing the palm branches for Palm Sunday!

God's Blessings to Jeffrey Wallman and Emily Carothers, who were married last weekend on April 9 in Omaha. May the Lord bless their marriage and life together!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

You are invited to enjoy an informational evening Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker, Amber Lovitt, Executive Director CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Gage County for abused and neglected children hosted by Zion's WELCA (Women of the ELCA). Amber recruits, trains and mentors' volunteers who are appointed by the County Judge to gather information. These children are in the court system of no fault of their own but due to abuse and neglect. They offer training services and supplies to the community to help children and families thrive together. Area churches have been invited as well, so please bring a friend. Refreshments will also be served.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir welcomes new and returning members to the 2022 Spring Concert Season! Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. Lincoln, NE: May 1st @ 3 pm Contact: Diane Merril @ (402)-617-1204 or rpmdkm@gmail.com

A Huge THANK YOU to all that provided food and a helping hand to make this morning's breakfast and fellowship possible. Your kindness was a blessing to many! The freewill offering received will benefit the family of Terry Ideus. Along with our monetary support, we also ask that you lift prayers of comfort and peace for Janelle, Will, Matt and Anastasia at this time of sorrow. May the promise of the resurrection be a blessing of joy to them and all believers this Easter! *ALSO be sure to pick up your pans, plates, bowls if they are not disposable. Thank you!*

Thank you to Marcia Busboom, Zion's LYO, Karla Holland, Natalie Niles, Linda Blackwell, Pastor Jer, Sharon Schuster, Zion's Praise Team, and all those who helped with the Easter Sunrise Service.

It happened much too soon, but here we are again. It is with much Gratitude we Thank You for the many expressions of sympathy - whether it was with cards and wonderful messages, thoughts and prayers, phone calls, visits, food, floral arrangements or memorial donations for St Jude's Children's Hospital. Your support of our family during this challenging time humbles us. Many of the cards/messages confirmed what we already knew - that Dad was very respected and loved! We are so Blessed! Dad has finished his chores. He has waited his whole life to hear Him say "Well Done my good and faithful one- Welcome to the place where you belong." He has run the race and now he is Home.

My Dad

Now that I'm grown I realize
The silent teachings of his eyes.
Few words were ever spoken and yet
The heartfelt thoughts are with me yet.
Plowing God's earth was his trade
Giving back in return of what he made.
Working hard from sun to sun
Always there for work to be done.
A faithful and religious man
He taught me how to pray.
To appreciate everything in this world
And accept life day to day.
Lord, you sent him to earth years
Ago to touch our lives, and then-
You welcomed him to heaven
To be with you forever. Amen

Thank you! The family of Lawrence Gronewold

Helping out Sunday, April 24

Acolytes – Cale Behrens, Hudson Fikar

Reader – Mary Lenner

Breakfast Club Food – Marcella Rademacher

Special Music for later service – Amigos

April Altar Guild: Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Judy Carstens, Carrye Meints

April Table Troop Volunteers: Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Bussboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenner, Mary Lenner, Al Wiese

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

Whispering Winds Cottage – LaVern Parde

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

The parish hall has been reserved April 2nd, April 24th and May 21st

Announcements for May Newsletter need to be into Britan Meints by Tomorrow April 18th

**For weekly bulletin Announcements Please email, text or call Britan Meints by Wednesday evening! Thank you! Phone: (308)-730-0599
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