

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP THE WITNESS TO THE LIGHT With Holy Communion MARCH 31, 2024

This morning, we gather to hear from those who witness the Light of the World, we join in celebrating the risen Christ and we give thanks for the forgiveness of sins.

Bell

Gathering - Awesome God

Endless Hallelujah begins with the congregation joining in.

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God Repeat

Prayer of the Day

O God, we remember this day, how You sent Your Son to die in our place. Yet we also celebrate the fact that His death was not an end, but a new beginning. Be with us this day, as we lift our hearts and minds in remembrance praise. As we remember the events around that first Easter, may your Son also rise again in our hearts. Amen.

WITNESSES TO HIS DEATH

Hymn Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God By His own betrayed The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree TO CHORUS

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed 2x

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave ENDING WITH CHORUS 1X

WITNESSES TO THE RESURECTION

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERING HYMN - AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. Chorus
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures Repeat Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You'll be forever mine

OFFERING PRAYER

As you are able, please stand.

God our provider, we give you thanks for the day, a day a promise, a day of hope. You have made us and filled us with all good things, with joy, with enthusiasm, with trust. O God, we offer you all that we have, our lives, our abilities, our possessions. Take everything into your hands for service in your name Amen.

Please be seated

WITNESSES TO THE RESURECTION

WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND REJOICE IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS

As you are able, please stand

- L God of love, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.
- C Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions and our lives.
- L Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to
- victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning - guilt free and graced by love. The tomb is empty because Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L - Jesus "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." (Acts 10: 42b,43) Hear, believe, and live the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

C - Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the Leader says Hear O God please respond with "hear our prayer"

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution-Pastor Jer -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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The 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

*Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion Pastor Jer

(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior are welcome to the Lord's Table to partake in the bread and wine to your benefit)
Please follow the usher's instructions and communion will be served by flow thru. Gluten free wafers are available on the tray.

Hymns during distribution

SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You Repeat

ONE OF THESE DAYS

One of these days I'm gonna fly
Over the mountain
One of these days I'm gonna ride
On the silver lining
One of these days I'm gonna witness
All I've been missing
One of these days

Chorus

One of these days
I'm gonna see the hand
That took the nails for me
One of these days
I'm gonna hold the keys
To the mansion built for me
One of these days
I'm gonna walk the streets of gold
That were paved for me
One of these days
I'm gonna see my Savior face to face
One of these days

One of these days I'm gonna see
Just what became of me
On the day that I believed
When You took myself from me
And I believe I will see
What I would have been
If You didn't save me
One of these days

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Repeat Chorus

LAMB OF GOD

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God To Chorus

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God TO CHORUS

GODS SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

POST COMMUION BLESSING -Pastor Jer

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH-Pastor Jer

BREAKFAST PRAYER

Let us Pray

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this Easter morning. May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate the risen Lord together. May your love be shared between us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship. And may we always give thanks for all you provide. In your Name we pray. Amen

SENDING BLESSING

As you are able, please stand

L- Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day.

Christ is risen. Christ Has Risen Indeed

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.

C-Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ZION.. a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

SENDING HYMN

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all

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ALL ARE WELCOME...Join us for as we gather for fellowship in parish hall for breakfast immediately following the service. Thank you everyone that has provided the food to be served and those helping with the tables, serving and cleaning up. All is truly appreciated! The Freewill Offering received will go towards the Youth Mission Trip July 2024

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP BY AFTER AND PICK UP YOUR NON-DISPOSABLE PANS, PLATES OR BOWLS ~THANK YOU! Thank you to all that a part in this Sunrise Service! The High School Youth, Karla Holland and parents support in organizing the practice and participants. Janelle and Derick and the Endless Hallelujah for leading music, Pastor Jer for the communion service, altar guild and council. It all takes extra effort for an extra "early" service. May the joy of Easter be with you all.

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Helping out Next Sunday-Sunrise Service	
Pastor	Jerry Gilbreath
Worship Assistants	The Youth
Keyboard	Janelle Ideus
Guitar	Deric Bloom
Special Music	Endless Hallelujah
Breakfast Club	No Sunday School

Easter - 9:30 am ServicePastor......Jerry Gilbreath Organist......Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes.....Paxton Parde

Brogan Ideus

Lector......Mary Lenners

Greeters.....Brian & Danelle Evers

Gary & Brenda Gronewold

Special Speaker.....Cassie Thornburg

Special Music...Jonah Reed, Jordan Busboom

Les Lieneman, Jeff Wallman

Breakfast Club......No Sunday School

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Sunday Church Attendance 291 Giving \$ 4,490.92 Sunday School 73 Giving \$ 49.51 Maundy Thursday Service Attendance 92 Giving \$ 632.36

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION - Today

7:00 am Sunrise Service

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall – Offering to the Youth Mission Trip NO Sunday School

9:30 am Worship/Communion/Brass Quartet/Cassie Thornburg 5th Sunday Offering – Temple Talk

Monday

Online VBS sign-up begins

Tuesday

6:30 pm Bible Study - The Chosen in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

6 pm 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

Saturday

WELCA Spring Gathering in Syracuse, NE

Next Sunday

8:45 am_Sunday School 9 am BFK Club/Adult SS 10 am Worship/Men's Choir/Communion

Helping out Next Sunday

Pastor	Jerry Gilbreath
	Alnora Daubendiek
	Jayden Wiese
_	Konnor Kolm
Lector	Jenny Busboom
Greeters	Council
Special Music	Men's Choir
Breakfast Club	VeAnn Jurgens

April Altar Guild: Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Rose Gronewold.

April Table Troop: Duane Zulauf, Stan & Mary Lenners, Al Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr.

****A BIG THANK YOU to the March Altar Guild and March Table Troop for all your extras this month.****

Snow Brigade

<u>For the Week of April 1:</u> Matt Meints **Captain, Les Lieneman – tractor, David Meints – tractor, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt.

For the Week of April 8: Jordan Busboom **Captain, Eric Parde – Tractor, Chris Fossler – Tractor, Duane Jurgen, Greg Robinson, Larry Johnson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Steve Oltman.

For the Week of April 15: Alan Wiese ** Captain, James Meints – tractor, Kenny Newman, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold, AJ Wiese.

<u>For the Week of April 22</u>: Mark Buhr ** Captain, Gary Gronewold – tractor, Stan Lenners – Tractor, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen.

For the Week of April 29: Greg Dorn **Captain, Dean Zimmerman – tractor, Russ Wallman – tractor, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Dave Holland, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A 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 or place it in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

<u>Today's bulletin is sponsored by</u> Dennis & Rhonda Fossler, and Donald & LeAnn Fossler in Memory of their father and father -in law Harvey Fossler. Harvey passed away March 28th, 2014.

Thank you to Alnora and Jeff Wallman, Les Lieneman, Jonah Reed and Jordan Busboom for their special music today at the second service.

Breakfast Club sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center for the Winter months. Please consider helping feed our hungry high school youth on Sunday mornings. Beth said there are 6-8 high schoolers per Sunday, Drinks are provided so it is just something to eat is what they are looking for others to provide. Please consider signing up for a Sunday.

The family of Bernice Parde would like to thank Pastor Jer and the Zion church family for their support over the past few years. Thank you, Pastor and Karen for the many home visits and, most recently, the hospital visits. We are appreciative for the beautiful funeral service and all the ladies of the church that provided salads, desserts, and served the meal. Thank you for all the support, prayers, cards, and many other acts of kindness you have given our family. She was proud to be a part of such a strong church family.

Endless Hallelujah is looking for people to join their musical group.



Please come and practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and they are also adding a Wednesday night practice once a month from 6-7 pm. They will practice the Wednesday night before the Sunday that they are

scheduled to sing. Come and have fun and fellowship.



Garden Party Luncheon April 13, 2024

11:00 am - 1:00 PM

Filley American Lutheran Church

RSVP: Carol Frerichs 402-223-7919

Card Shower

The family of Ernie Zimmerman is having a card shower for Ernie's 95th Birthday. Ernie's birthday is April 9th. Let's see if he can receive at least 95 birthday cards. Happy Birthday Ernie!



Fifth Sunday Offerings

March Cassie Thornburg - Easter Sunday

June Heating/AC

September Endowment

December Cemetery

The Council is looking for volunteers to set up the Nativity

Scene in the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. This committee would be responsible for putting it up and taking it down. We are also looking for volunteers to put up the crosses in the Fellowship Hall for the Lenter season. The duties would include

for the Lenten season. The duties would include setting up and taking down.

These were wonderful donations to our church family. These decorations look beautiful each year. It adds so much to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for carefully considering helping out with these special projects. If you are interested, please contact a Council Member.

Volunteer Opportunity



Parish Ed is in need of a few more teachers for the next Sunday School year beginning in September. If you have been wanting to get involved or volunteer your hour while you wait for your child/children during Sunday School, this is your time to shine! If you have a buddy this would be a great

opportunity to do things together and split responsibilities and not feel the pressure of needing to be available every single week! It works great when you have a partner in teaching so you can work together to switch every other week, every other month, only fill in when the other is gone and have a primary person teach, etc. Whatever works best for you and your partner would be fine. Or you can volunteer solo too! We need volunteers to keep our youth program thriving! Don't wait, contact a Parish Ed member today if you're interested!

Beatrice Educational Foundation

On behalf of the Lincoln Food Bank/Beatrice Public Schools Backpack Program we would like to thank you for your contribution. Your commitment to helping provide food-filled backpacks to hungry children and their families in our community is sincerely appreciated. The backpacks provide much-needed food to children in the Beatrice Public School system that otherwise may go hungry during the weekends.

This is a program that, with continued community support such as yours, we hope will grow each year to meet the needs of our school children and their families. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children in our community!

Sincerely,
Patty Kaufmann
Jill Zimmerman
Backpack Program Planning Committee

In thanking Zion Lutheran for providing money and food for the Beatrice Backpack program and the Food Pantry they have given Zion tickets to the Empty Bowls Luncheon on Wednesday, April 17th at the Vintage Venue from 11:30-1:00. If you are interested in attending there are free tickets on the sound booth in the back of the church.

<u>Middle School and High School Parents – Summer Retreat</u> <u>opportunity!</u> July trip to Colorado. Check out the Welcome Center for the brochures and parental consents. Any questions please contact Hannah Hrenchir.

A Giving Opportunity

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 years by helping others in need

celebrate their special occasions! Items Needed:

9x13 disposable aluminum pan
Cake mix Box (any flavor)
1 can of sprite
I container of frosting (any flavor)
Birthday candles
Plates / napkins/ decor

Bring a complete kit or bring any of the items separately & we can assemble!



Challenging you to gather 150 total items to celebrate 150 years! Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall project table through the month of March.

Thanks to Mickey Larkins for writing a Thrivent Grant to support this project! Ready...Set...Let's Bless!!!

Gold Crest - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman Good Samaritan – Ernie Zimmerman Homestead House - Evelyn Meints, Anora Schoen Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman Wilbur Care Center – Ernie Jurgens

Cassie Thornburg Serving with The Navigators World Missions

Hello Zion! My name is Cassie Thornburg and I currently serve with the Navigators ministry in Colorado Springs doing training, development, and care to teams of missionaries that serve all over the world. The Navigators is a nonprofit, nondenominational parachurch organization whose calling is to advance the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost.

Many who go to serve overseas don't make it after their first 18 months in a new country and end up leaving and returning to the US. I serve on a team to provide the training and shepherding needed to help missionaries get overseas and stay there to make a longer-term impact with the gospel. I am passionate about training and caring for the next generation who can go and continue to make disciples of all nations!

All Navigator staff are required to raise their full salaries, ministry expenses, and funds needed through donations by family and friends and churches.

Zion is generously allowing me to come and give an update to Zion Lutheran Church members **Today** during part of the service and the offering from that service will go towards my funds needed for this next year.



Thank you Cassie for your temple talk today! And for sharing your love of Christ throughout the world!

List of Easter Lillies



Alvera Bade & family

In Memory of Victor Bade, Emil & Margaret Wallman, Ralph & Neda Bade

Dennis Buhr & family
In Memory of Bev Buhr

Karen Buhr & family
In Memory of Leonard & Bruce Buhr

Mark & Christy Buhr

In Memory of Gloria Baker, Red Hofeling, Leonard & Bruce Buhr

Mark & Cerice Cornelius

In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius, Steph Morris

Betty Daubendiek, Carol Bloodworth, Connie Thornburg & families In Memory of Walt & Angeline Johnson, Dean Thornburg, Roger Daubendiek and Roger Keller

Shirley Gronewold & family In Memory of Ehme Gronewold

Steven & Paige Harwood

In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius, Steph Morris

Caroline Ideus, Laurie Leners, Craig & Jess Ideus & families In Memory of Gary Ideus

Lynette Jurgens & family

In Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman, Sarah Jurgens, Marilyn Folkerts, and Alisa Knipe

James & Kelly Lenners, Eddie & Lynette Dorn and families In Memory of Ernest, Emma, Dennis and Terry Meints

Tracy & Brooklyn Lidolph
In Memory of Wayne & Dorothy Lidolph & Larry White & Loved
Ones

Kent & Jennifer Mahler & family
In Memory of Keith Mahler, Cliff & Idella Mahler

Evelyn Meints & family
In Memory of Vernon Meints

Mildred Meints & family

In Memory of Lawrence Meints & Loved Ones

Walt & Katie Meints family

In Memory of Walt, Katie, Jim & John Meints

Terry, DeAnn, Brett & Ashley Oltman
In Memory of Lenhart, Angeline & Gilbert Oltman and LaVerne
Wolken

Doug & Cindy Parde & family

In Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

Devonna Primavera & Betty Schone & families
In Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

Patty, Brittnay & Jeremy Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold In Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold, George & Eleanor Wolken, Willie & Esther Gronewold

Lorene Wallman & family In Memory or Eldon Wallman & Scott Higgins

