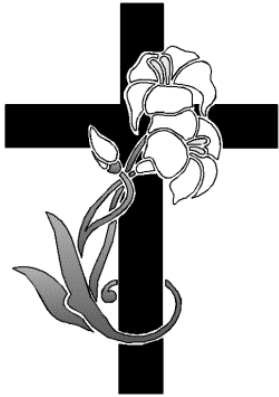


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Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday with Holy Communion

April 5, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude - “The Day of Resurrection”

Bringing in the light of Christ

Ringling of the bell

Easter proclamation (*Responsively*)

P - Christ is risen.

C - He is risen indeed.

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C - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P - This is the day that the Lord has made.

C - We will rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia.

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Opening Hymn - Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW #365

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Opening Our Hearts to God

P - Resurrected Christ,

C - the blood in my veins races wildly, and my heart drum
beats

like thunder at the sound of your footsteps again. I hear you in
the song of birds, returning for new life. I see you in the
flowers lifting through the soil. You are alive! Alleluia! Amen

Special Music - Brass Quartet

**Brass Quartet Members: Les Lieneman, Jordan Busboom, Jeffrey
Wallman, and Jonah Reed.

Scripture Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9 Death is not the end.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Psalm 118:1 and 22-24 (Read Responsively)

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

his steadfast love endures forever!

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.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Seeing with new eyes.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ,

there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel - Luke 24:1-10 The tomb is empty

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went 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 the hands of 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.

Sung Scripture Response - Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds. ELW #367 1-3

Now all the vault of heaven resound
in praise of love that still abound,
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah";
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Eternal is the gift he brings;
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,

“Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!”
now doth he come and give us life;
now doth his presence still all strife
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above,
that we conquer through thy triumph,
grant grace sufficient for life’s day,
that by our lives we ever say,
“Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!”
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Children’s Message - “Story of Simon Peter and Peter Cottontail.”

Children’s Sung Response - “Here Come’s Peter Cottontail.”

[Chorus] Oh, here comes Peter Cottontail,
Hoppin’ down the bunny trail
Hippity hoppity, happy Easter Day

Bringin’ every girl and boy
Baskets full of Easter joy
Things to make your Easter bright and gay

He’s got jelly beans for Tommy
Colored eggs for sister Sue
There’s an orchid for your mommy
And an Easter bonnet too! [Repeat Chorus]

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - Come ye faithful raise the strain tune: St. Kevin

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Christ hath burst His prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from His light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold Thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
that Thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son,
God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again
to the Spirit raising.

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Sung Offering Response - Tune Doxology, Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Blessing

P - I rejoice,

C - O God, that you have placed within my heart not only your divine soul, but the essence of all that you have created. I now express my joy in you, as I dedicate my time, talent, and treasure. Amen.

Hymn - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ELW #369

Prayers of the Church - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Hear our Prayer."*

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.**

Hymn - That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW #384 vs 1-3

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.

O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

Holy Communion Liturgy

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 our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise.

Sung Communion Liturgy Hymn - I Come with Joy ELW #482 vs 2-3

I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and love has made us friends, and love has made us friends.

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn - The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW #502

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Prayer After Communion

P - Beautiful Savior,

C - I thank you that your Holy Communion is now healing me in the places where I needed healing. Now, as I reach out my hand to you and you take my hand to walk with me, lead me deep into the center of my heart, into your Holy of Holies. Amen.

Benediction

Announcements in the Life of the Church

Sending Hymn - Thine is the Glory ELW #376 vs 1-2

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,

April Altar Guild: Carol Young, Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher, Susan Newman

April Table Troop: Mark Buhr (Leader), Alex Buhr, Stan & Mary Lenners, Alan Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom

Snow Brigade:

April 6th - Luke Ideus (Captain), Gary Gronewold (Tractor), Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman

April 14th - Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman (Tractor), Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr

Vital Statistics for last Week

Worship:	287	Giving:	\$ 4,724.80
SS:	66	Giving:	\$ 45.50
Maundy Th:	148	Giving:	\$ 1,285.00
Good Friday:		Giving:	\$

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

7:00am - Sunrise Service/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

8:00am - Easter Breakfast/Fellowship

9:30am - Worship/Communion/Brass Quartet

Wednesday

9-1:00pm - Blanket Sewing

1:30pm - Grace Circle

6:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

7:00pm - Committee Meetings

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Thursday

9-3:00pm - Blanket Sewing

Next Sunday

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am - Worship/Baptism/Quartet/Kids of the Kingdom

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist:.....Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr
Sadie Gronewold

Lector:..... Gary Gronewold

Greeters:.....Steve & Peggy Johnson
Brenda & Gary Gronewold

Special Music:.....Quartet
Kids of the Kingdom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: The family of Steven and Rosalee Gronewold in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 3rd. Congratulations on 50 "Golden" years!

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.

THANK YOU - To the high school youth for helping out with Sunrise Service, Endless Hallelujah, & Brass Quartet for providing special music today.

THANK YOU - Thank you to all those that provided food for the breakfast and volunteer help in the kitchen. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP ANY NON DISPOSABLE DISHES FOLLOWING THE BREAKFAST OR ASAP. ~Thank you!

THANK YOU - Thank you to all the helpers that showed up to help on cleaning day. Your help was greatly appreciated. We could not have done this without your help! If we missed someone, we apologize.

Korbin Busboom	Paul Remmers	Jenny Busboom
Monica Busboom	Kenny Reed	Janet Harms
Rose Gronewold	Gary Wiese	
Tavin Lieneman	Laurie Wallman	
Kristen Meyer	Jason Wallman	
Marcella Rademacher	Tony Hoffman	

CONGRATULATIONS - Brendan & Emily (Lenners) Lipovsky had a baby girl Emersyn Kay on March 24th. Grandparents are James and Kelly Lenners.

FARM FRESH EGGS - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the

church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!

PLANT BINGO - Want some new plants. Come play plant BINGO! April 19th from 2-4:00pm at Envision Landscape's in Beatrice. Cost is \$20 per person. Refreshments will be provided. Limited seats available so text VeAnn Jurgens at 402.223.9237 to reserve yours ASAP.

SEALED BIDS BEING ACCEPTED - The Council is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a Roland Fantom-G8 electric piano (Model: Fantom-G8, Serial No. Z3A9026). All bids must be received by **May 15th** and may be submitted to any Council member. The item is being sold as-is, with no warranties expressed or implied. For additional information or to arrange inspection of the equipment, please contact any council member.



SPRING FLING - Join us in remembering the Golden Years. Saturday April 11th @ 11:30am at Filley ALC Parish Hall. RSVP by April 6th to Carol @ 402.223.7919 or Betty @ 402.806.1793

SHEETS NEEDED – Cleaning out your closets? The Zion Blanket Sewers need sheets for the backs of the blankets we make. The sheets can be made of cotton, polyester, polyester/cotton, or microfiber (flannel is okay but not fleece). The sheets can be Twin to King flat sheets and fitted sheets that are Queen to King sizes, which we will cut to the app 63” x 83 size we need. The extra material can be used to make the pieces tops for the blankets. The sheets can be plain colors, patterns, and children’s designs. Sheets can be dropped off on the kitchen counters in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus (402) 806-2236 or Elnora Lenner (402) 806-5909.

VBS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

COMMITTEE DETAILS

- Two Volunteers Needed
- 3 Year Term
- Meet in March, April & May
- Help Plan & Organize VBS
- Set Up VBS
- Assist during the week of VBS

If you enjoy planning, organizing, or just want to help make VBS special for our church kids, we'd love to have you join the team!

Please reach out to Courtney Schlake, Jordan Freeman, Sarah Bartlett or Kate Meints if you are interested or want to learn more!

AMERICA 250 - The Nation's upcoming birthday July 4, 2026, honors the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, with a focus on gratitude, religious freedom, and service. As part of the "America 250" we are planning to commemorate this historic moment in our nation's history here at Zion. On Sunday morning, **June 14th**, we will gather to celebrate and honor America. As this event is still in the planning stages, we do have a plan to include a display of Quilts of Valor from our present and past Zion members. We are also hoping to award a Quilt of Valor. **At this time, we are looking for "Quilts" of Valor that have been presented to service members or veterans that attend or have attended Zion. We are also seeking names and contact information for service members or living veterans who may be eligible to receive a Quilt of Valor. As there is a protocol to nominate a candidate, this information is needed in a timely manner. Please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus or Marcia Busboom with any of the**

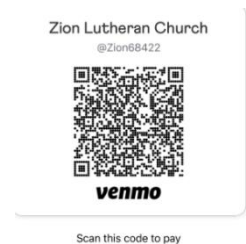
above information or if you would like to help with planning this celebration. We are grateful to be collaborating with Quilts of Valor organizations through Quilt Stitches in Beatrice and “Piecemakers” in Firth.

****The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Living Veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.*

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Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.

Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster

Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman





List of Easter Lillies

Alvera Bade and family
**In Memory of Victor Bade, Emil & Margaret Wallman,
Ralph & Neva Bade**

Alex, Beth, Nolan, and Emmitt Buhr
In Memory of Dennis & Bev Buhr and Charity Masters

Arnold & Lois Buhr's children and families
In Memory of Arnold & Lois Buhr

Mark & Cerice Cornelius Family
In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius

Alnora Daubendiek
In Memory of Edwin Daubendiek and John & Meta Wallman

Steve & Peggy Johnson
In Memory of our parents and grandparents

Lynette Jurgens & family
**In Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman, Sarah Jurgens, Marilyn
Folkerts, and Malinda Jobman**

Donald and Elnora Lenners
In Memory of their loved ones.

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

The family of Steven and Rosalee Gronewold

In honor of Steven & Rosalee's 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 3rd". Congratulations on 50 "Golden" years!

Karla, Levi, Macy, & Faith Holland

In Memory of Dave Holland

Kent & Jennifer Mahler

In Memory of Cliff & Idella Mahler, Keith Mahler, & Lowell Rahe

Meints Family

In Memory of Lawrence & Mildred Meints

Doug & Cindy Parde & family

In Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

Devonna Primavera & Betty Schoen & families

In Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

Patty Thomas and Doyle Scott

In Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold, George & Eleanor Wolken, Willie & Esther Gronewold, and Heather Currie