

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

Please silence your cell phone.

While Christmas is thought by many to be the most important season in the Christian faith, that standing belongs to the combination of Holy Week and Easter. The period bounded by Good Friday and Jesus' Ascension encompasses the heart of the "good news" that separates our faith from all others. Jesus died for us, rose from the dead for us, and ascended into heaven for us so that we might be forgiven all our sins and, through believing in him, have eternal life. Among the important events of this period is the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ which we gather to celebrate this morning. It is a morning filled with mystery, wonder, awe, and joy just as much today as it was the morning his tomb was found empty.

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized. Please wait for our Ushers to invite you to come forward. Those not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing or remain seated - whichever option is more agreeable to you.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

9:30 am

'Alleluia'

Children of Zion

'Jubilant Song'

Youth of Zion

'Regal Peal on 'Thine Be the Glory'

By Kurt Meyer

*At the Presiding Minister's invitation, we rise in body and spirit as we are able.
We make the sign of the ☩ cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.*

LITANY OF EASTER

In the name of the Father, the Son ☩, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Father of life, we give you praise and glory.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

You have given Jesus victory over sin.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

You have raised him from the dead.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

You have made his cross a sign of glory.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

You have made us sharers in your life.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

With Christ, you have buried us in death to sin.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

With him you have raised us to new life.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is seated with you in glory.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He sends his Spirit to guide our lives.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Jesus will come again in glory.

Christ is risen, alleluia!



We turn to face the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**





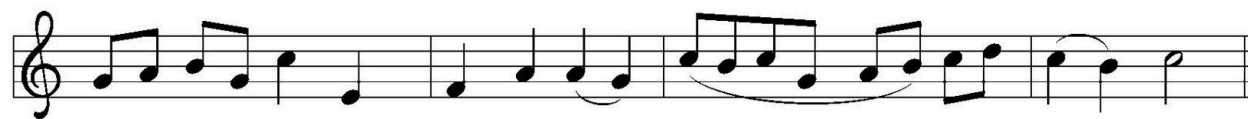
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY



We pray: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live 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.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.



Peter began to speak to [the people]: “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.”

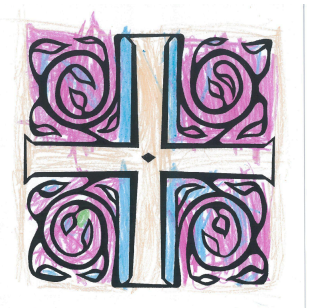
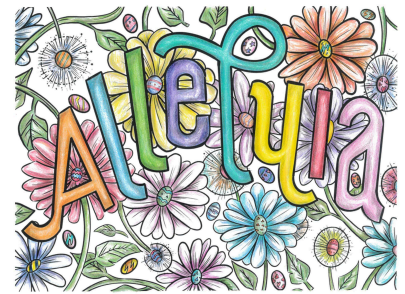
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

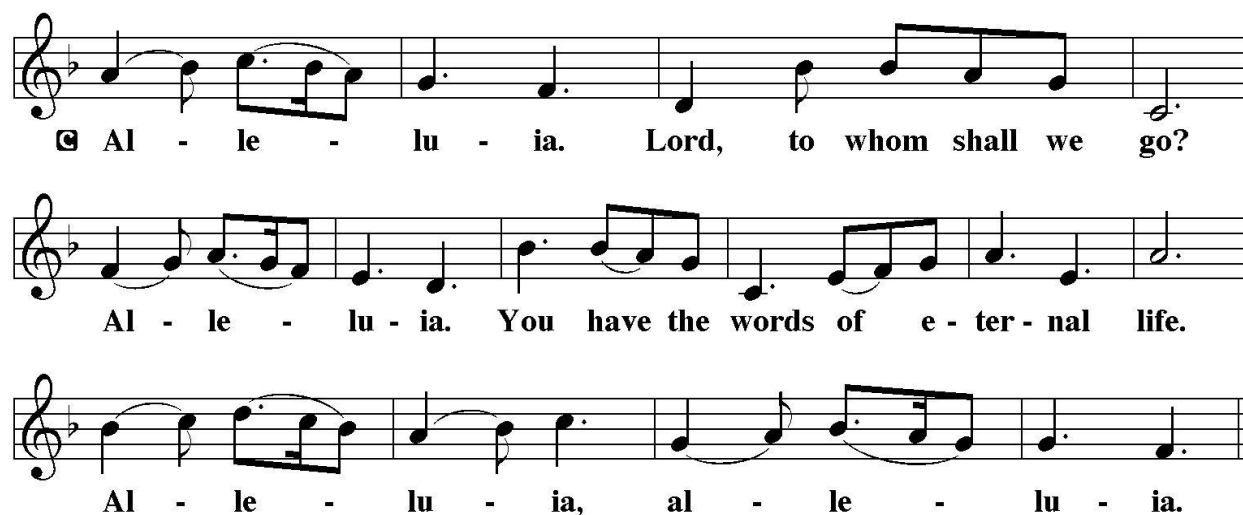
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

'This Is the Day'

Children and Youth of Zion

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it (sung twice).*

*This is the day. This is the day.
This is the day that the Lord has made.*

REFLECTION SONG

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We profess our faith saying:

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.

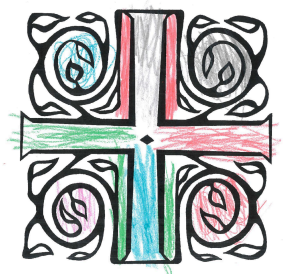
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.



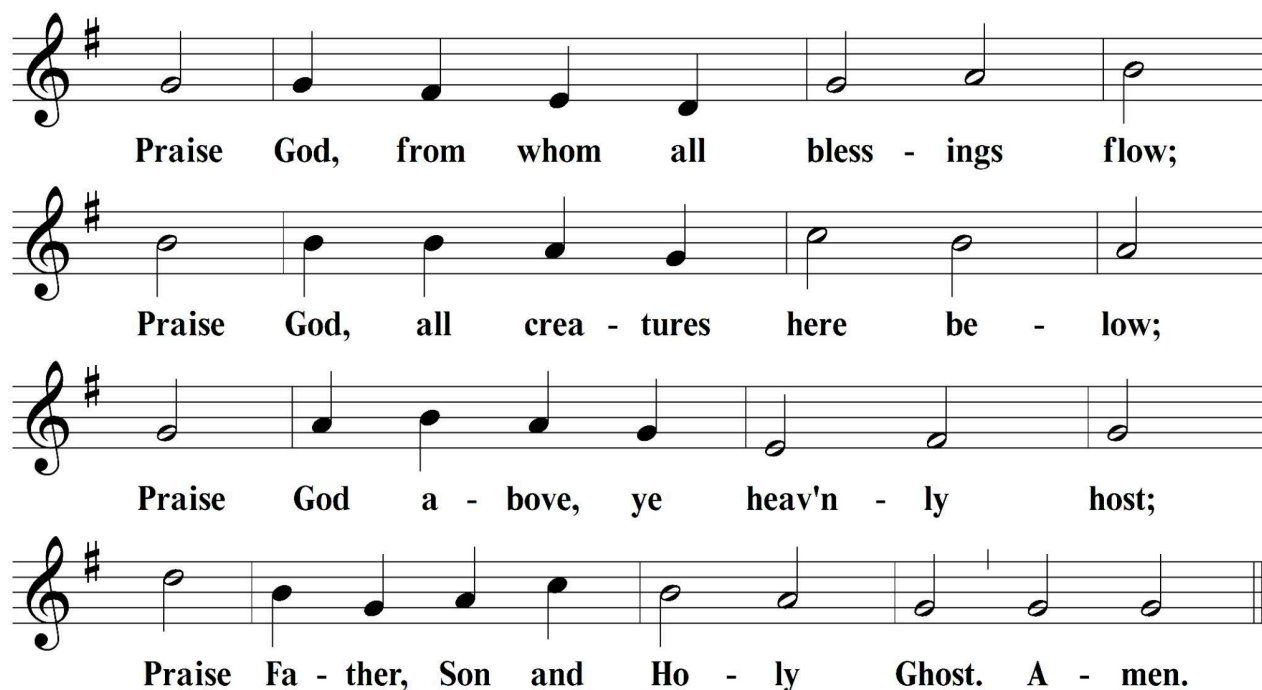
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes with the following:
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

As you greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," we thank you for joining us in sharing God's love. You can share your gift either by scanning the QR code provided, giving online at zionhickory.org, or placing your offering in the offering plate as you leave worship.



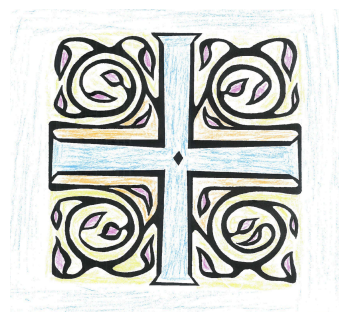
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

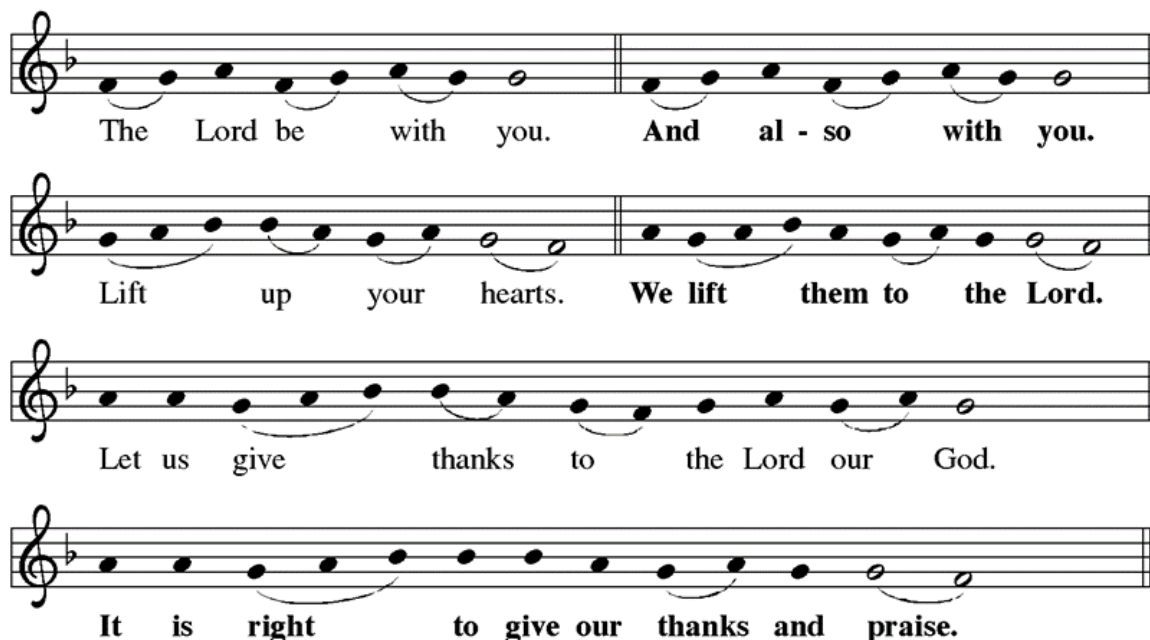
Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

We pray: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING



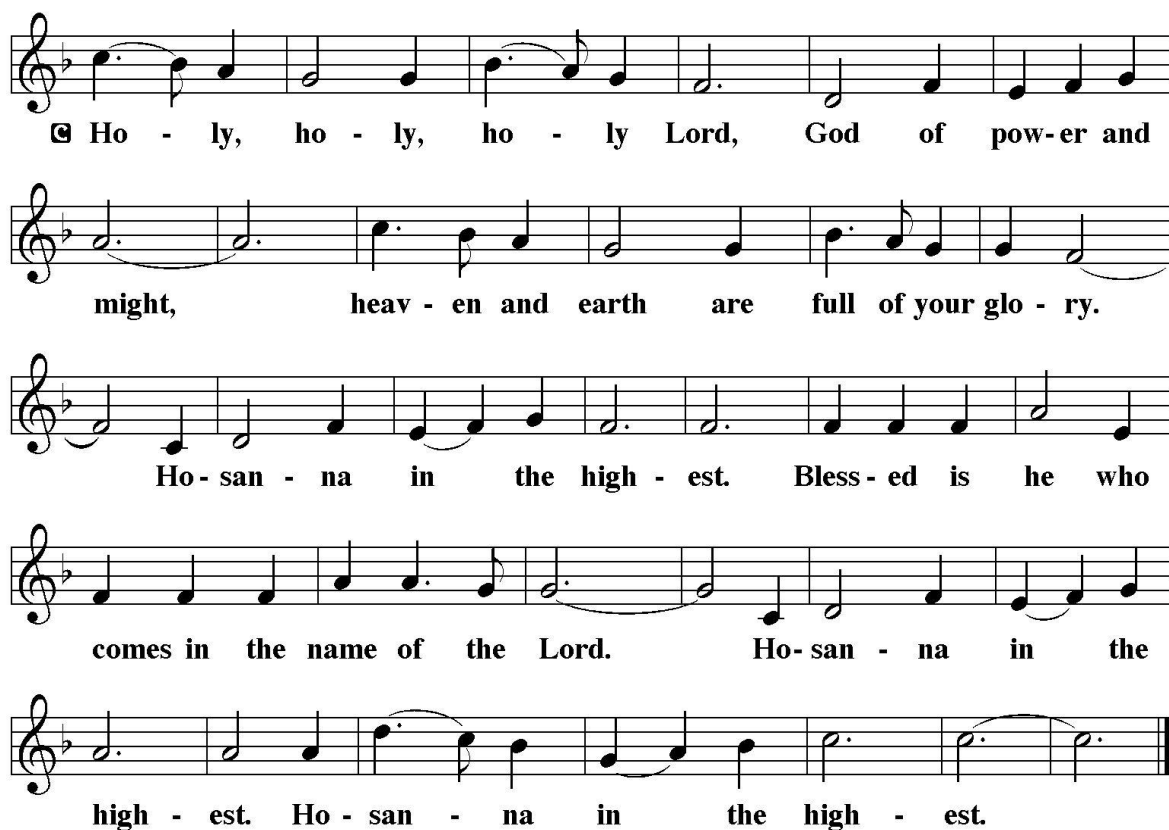
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Joy and gladness...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

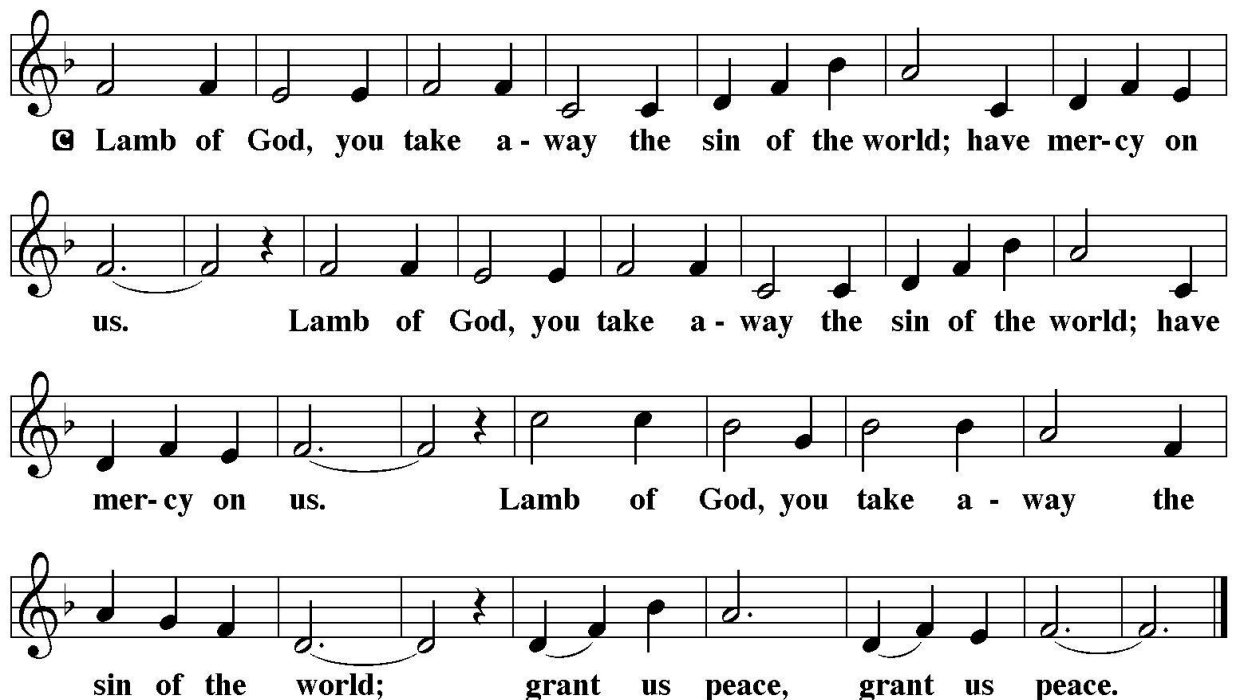
...Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us, saying: **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 AND LAMB OF GOD

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Thanks be to God.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be seated. All are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table. For good order, musicians will commune first.

Ushers will invite you to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the rail.

After communing, you may remain at the rail for private prayer or return to your seat.

COMMUNION SONG

**'Grace and Majesty'
Handbell Ensemble**

by Jason Krug



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

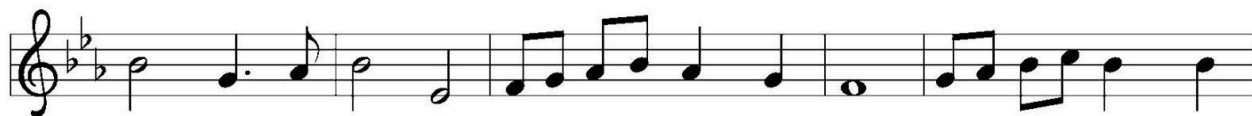
BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

'Thine Is the Glory'

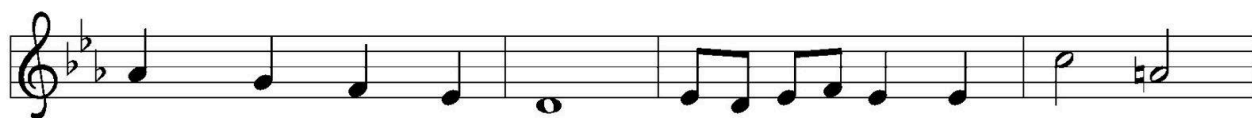
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

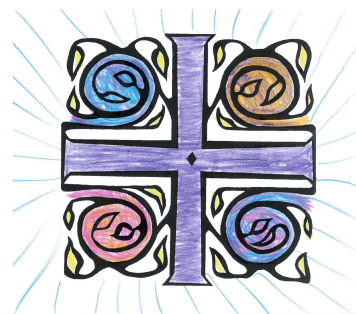
DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!





*Thank you to all the artists who contributed to
the Easter Sunday Service Guide.*

PARTICIPANTS

If anyone is interested in reading scriptures, please contact the Church Office.

Senior Pastor.....	The Rev. David T. Drysdale II
Associate Pastor.....	The Rev. Spence Robertson
Director of Children/Youth Ministry.....	Mary Wepner
Scripture Readings.....	Peyton Foster
Prayers of Intercession.....	Brenda Kanipe
Communion Assistants.....	Maggie Eckard, Jackson Wright
Altar Guild.....	Paula Parsons, Alan Parsons
Ushers.....	Alan Mull, Curtis Schultz, Wayne Vaughn
Tellers.....	Lee Kanipe, Roger Massey, Greg Walters

EASTER LILIES FOR APRIL 20, 2025

The flowers that decorate our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by the following individuals and families. If you purchased one or more lilies, you are encouraged to take them with you following the Easter Sunday service.

Gary & Kay Bolick (lily)

In honor of Zion's Church Family

Tom & Dottie Crowder (lily)

In memory of Larry Hilton

In honor of Mary Jo Hilton

Maryanne DeCesare (2 lilies)

*In memory of Rose & Michael Kosar
and Vincent & Kathy Kosar*

In memory of Ralph DeCesare

Rick & Teresa Foster (2 lilies)

In memory of Ray Weaver and Mabel Weaver Canipe

In memory of Paul & Louise Foster

Rick & Twila Hartford (3 lilies)

In memory of Twila's parents, Gordon & Janet Bogb

In memory of Rick's father, Gerald Hartford

In honor of Rick's mother, Alice Hartford

Ron & Sandra Herman (2 lilies)

In memory of Ray & Mary Powell

and in memory of Joe & Frances Herman

In honor of Maryanne DeCesare

Randy & Raenell Hines (lily)

In memory of Rosa Shook

In memory of Kate Hines Eckard & Charles Hines

Jeff & Janice Jeffreys (3 lilies)

*In memory of Isaac L. & Lillian S. Robinson,
Jewell W. Robinson, Larry E. Robinson,
and Donald K. Robinson*

*In memory of H. A. & Mildred W. Jeffreys,
and Cynthia J. Neighbors*

Lee & Jennifer Kanipe (2 lilies)

In memory of Jim & Janelda Deal and Lee Kanipe, Sr.

*In honor of our children - Jeffrey, Priscilla, Laura, Chase,
and John David*

*In honor of our grandchildren - Easton, Emily, Alexa,
Parker and Ford*

Carroll & Rose Lackey (3 lilies)

*In memory of R. A. and Pauline Lackey,
Bobby and Ruby Cline, Vernon and Reita Lackey,
and Mary Galbreath*

*In honor of Leigh Ann Lackey, Carol Ann & Chris Mundy,
and Bryan, Danielle and Olivia Lackey*

Edda Lail (2 lilies)

In memory of Frank Lail and Leigh-Ann Long

Stephen Latimer (2 lilies)

In memory of Barbara Latimer and Carey Latimer

Bill & Susan Milner (2 lilies)

In memory of James Milner and Samuel & Hazel Ayers

In honor of James & Judy Aiello

Kenny R. Mull (lily)

In memory of Frances Mull

*In honor of Kenny Lee, Patrick, Ada, Chloe,
Jessica and Crystal Mull*

Alan & Paula Parsons (lily)

In honor of our grandson, James

Benelia Reese (lily)

In memory of Wayne H. Reese

In honor of Kevin Reese and Amy Reese Latham

Rusty Rhyne (lily)

In memory of my wife, Patricia Allen Rhyne

Curtis Schultz (lily)

In memory of Donald & Sarah Jane Schultz