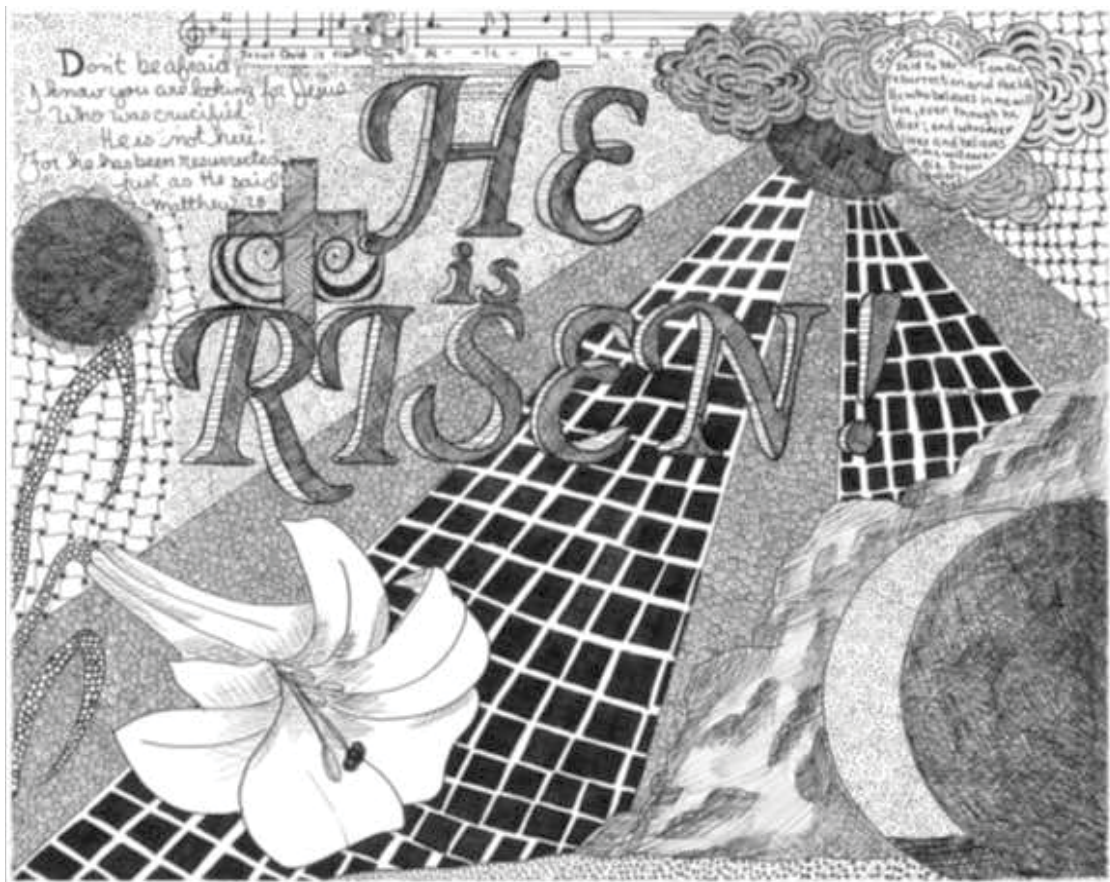


# Zion Lutheran Church



Easter Sunday  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Klemash Family to The Glory of God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Gauger Family in Memory of Steve's mom, Gloria Gauger.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** have arrived. Please pick your directory up in the narthex (1 per household).

**"ALL IN."** That's the theme for the upcoming men's retreat at Camp Pioneer. Mark your calendars for April 16-19<sup>th</sup>; registration forms and a sign-up sheet are in the Narthex area.

**IT'S A WR@P.** Mark your calendar today for our first **Women's Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Planning is underway for this event. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending! Any questions contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan or email [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org).

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Zion is once again supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills through the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. You can help this pro-life ministry by taking a baby bottle from the table in the church narthex and filling it with your loose change or bills. Please return your filled bottle no later than **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. For more information on the ministry of the PRCSH see the insert in your bulletin.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Volunteer spots are going fast! Stations available are Games and Opening/Closing skits. Crew leader/helper positions are also available. Contact Katie Gielarowski or email [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org)

**GOT CARE?** Life is full of unexpected events that catch us off guard, make us grieve, shake our understanding of how the world works, leave us feeling lonely, or take us to any number of places we simply don't want to go. If you need the hand of a brother or sister in Christ to help you get through the difficult seasons of life, we can help! Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill to see if Stephen Ministry is right for you!

**???????** If you have questions about what you heard in this morning's sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday's service and posted online.

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the [ZLCB.org](http://ZLCB.org) website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcg.org/sermons](http://www.zlcg.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

“If you died today, do you know if you would go to heaven?” I grew up in Baptist country (well, OK, I went to college in Baptist country; Northern Virginia was more of a Protestant melting pot) and this question got asked. A lot. I knew how to answer it: “yes! Because of Jesus, a thousand times YES!” But is this the right question?

Heaven—the place where your soul goes at death—is a good thing. The Apostle Paul describes it as “better by far” than life in the body of sin. The souls of departed saints cannot be tempted to sin, cannot lose their faith, and are in a condition where there is, in the words of Revelation “no mourning, crying or pain.” We rightly say they are resting in peace.

But if the goal is simply to die and float away to heaven, what is the significance of the resurrection of Jesus? What exactly is it that we are celebrating this morning?

Look back in the Bible—especially in the New Testament—and you will see that the universal hope of the disciples of our Lord is not death and heaven, but life and resurrection. What we celebrate today is not only that the Lord Christ is alive, but that the resurrection of the dead has already begun. It has begun with Jesus (this is what the whole “firstfruits” thing from our Epistle lesson is talking about) and will conclude when it returns and raises us and all the faithful departed to a life in a creation where sin and death are no more, where we will enjoy his presence and eternal fellowship with each other forever.

Christ is risen! The resurrection of the dead has begun! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

**Processional Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 457

## *The Invocation*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

## *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** This morning, we celebrate the most important event in human history: the resurrection of the Son of God. Death has been defeated and the resurrection of the dead has begun by and with Jesus. Therefore, as we confess our sins, we do so in the confidence that they are forgiven and no longer accuse us.

**People:** **Most Merciful God, who raised your only Son, my Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, I confess to you that I am a poor, miserable sinner. Without your grace and mercy, I have no hope for eternal life. Without Christ, my life is a mist that will soon disappear. Forgive me of all my sins and give me a share of that eternal life that is in my Lord Jesus Christ. I ask this in his name, the name of the one who has conquered death, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:** When Morning Gilds the Skies 807

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

**Pastor:** ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27**

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

### **The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, 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 fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 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 delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule 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. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on

the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn:*** The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

#### ***Choir Offertory – Majesty***

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

**Pastor:** As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith, and to proclaim his death until he comes, the Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**People:** **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.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***



## ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Choir Anthem: Melodic Gloria (Brass/ Adult Choir)***

#### ***Distribution Hymns***

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 469

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won 490

O Sons and Daughters of the King 470

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**People:** Amen

### ***The Recessional: I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman and Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Sydney Harris and Jennifer Fitzgerald (10:30)
Crucifer:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Mitchell Fitzgerald (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl Bauer (8:00) Jay & Kim Anderson (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager (8:00) Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland Jim Oelschlager, Ted Siek (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible
Bulletin Cover:	Kristen Neill

# *Week of April 5 - 11*

SUNDAY 4/5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 4/6	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 4/7	7:15 PM – Board of Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY 4/8	7:00 PM – Prayer and Preaching 7:45 PM – Stephen Ministry
THURSDAY 4/9	10:00AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 4/10	7-8:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt.Lebanon
SATURDAY 4/11	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 4/12	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice FOOD BANK COLLECTION

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/29) – 208

Midweek Attendance (4/1) – 28

Offerings (3/29) – \$3,538.00

Offering Midweek Service (3/25) – \$428.00