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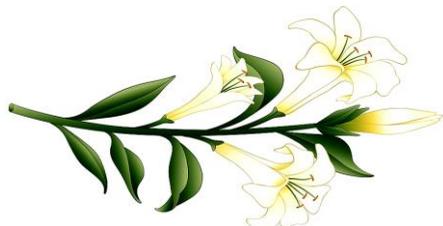
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P=Presider **C=Congregation**



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frederick Handel; arr. Dino Kartsonakis

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C Amen

P Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women came to the tomb at the rising of the sun.

C So we gather on this day to rejoice in the rising of the Son of God.

P Christ the Lord is risen from the dead.

C Alleluia.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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As the body of Christ, we can gain strength from feeling connected to each other, and along those lines, we have a challenge for you. We would love to see pictures of your altar, and if you email us (zionfbg@gmail.com) a picture of your home worship space, we will share them with everyone.

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In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Adolph Bernhard, Melva Chancellor-Burnham, Claribel Hannemann, Rosalee Heimann, Peggy Janssen, Leola Landis, Gary McVey, Tom Orsak (son of Kurt and Ernestine Grunau), Bee Troxell, Evelyn Wells, Edith Wilderotter, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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The Special Concern for April is Zion’s Youth Camp Scholarships.

Our youth can choose from a variety of Lutheran camp experiences provided by our Cross Trails Ministry at Camps Chrysalis and/or Ebert as well as attending Day Camp (VBS) at Zion. Your generous response is appreciated!

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The Final Pictorial Directory Proof was submitted to Lifetouch just before the virus pandemic began, so printing production is on hold.

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The April-June Portals of Prayer are available. If you need a copy, please contact the church office.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$6,993 given this past week.

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We had 138 views of our Palm Sunday video on our YouTube channel.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

HYMN NO. 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!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

EASTER LITANY

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

C And also with you.

P The risen Christ is in our midst.

C We celebrate His abiding presence.

P The risen Christ calls us to go and tell.

C We celebrate his life through our daily witness.

P The risen Christ brings joy to our hearts.

C We celebrate with gladness and praise.

P The risen Christ claims paradise for us.

C We celebrate paradise in the here and now as well as in the hereafter.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God,

C 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

FROGGING TIME AT ZION (FTZ)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Alleluia, He Is Coming" by Martha Butler **Called By Grace**

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Bible p. 1004

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is Risen.

C Christ is Risen indeed. Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven..." (vs.1,2,4) **HYMN NO. 367**

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:**

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

**"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.**

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

**Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.; Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

POST-WORSHIP MUSIC

"The Easter Song" by Anne Herring

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (vs.1&2) **HYMN NO. 619**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

HYMN "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!!" (vs.1&4) **HYMN NO. 382**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!***

**Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Christ is Risen,

C Christ is risen, indeed.

SECOND READING **Colossians 3:1-4** **Bible p. 1075**

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (NRSV)

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **HYMNAL p.151**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

A The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **John 20:1-18** **Bible p. 990**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (NRSV)

A The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "How to be an Easter Person" **Pastor Ron Windecker**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Thine Is the Glory" **HYMN NO. 376**

**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,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! Refrain**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

RESPONSE

OFFERING

The work of God continues, even when we can't gather in person. While the offering plate can't be passed around, there are still several ways to tithe:

- Mail your offering envelope to the church office
- Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
OR you can go directly to this link <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank

And always remember, there are many ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God, creator of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Show us how we can use our gifts to further the work of your kingdom through our families, communities, and the world. Look kindly upon our efforts and shape our lives to continually follow the example of abundant generosity that we see in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

OFFERING THROUGH SONG

ANTHEM

"Allelu, Allelu" By Ray Repp

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