



# *Easter* SUNDAY

WELCOME TO ZION

**PRELUDE** — Jill Sousek

## **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN #365** — *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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**

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**MUSIC** — *Sunrise Resurrection* ~ ZION Choir

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# WORD

## **FIRST READING — *Jeremiah 31:1-6***

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.”

## **SECOND READING — *Colossians 3:1-4***

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

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL — *Matthew 28:1-10***

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MUSIC — *Our Savior is Alive!* ~ ZION Choir**

# CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #377 — *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

## NICENE CREED

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 FOR THE CHURCH

THE PEACE *Share God's peace.*

## THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #373 — *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

## HOLY COMMUNION

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION

# COMMUNION HYMNS

#362 — *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

#379 — *Now the Green Blade Rises*

#384 — *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

## BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SENDING

## BENEDICTION

HYMN #376 — *Thine Is The Glory*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve all in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!



## POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek

We celebrate **Holy Communion** at every weekend service. As Lutherans, we confess the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. All baptized and communing Christians who share this belief are welcome at the Lord's Table.

**Children** are always welcome at worship. We have special children's bulletins and "Kids of the Kingdom" activity bags. Ask the ushers. There are frequent children's messages at the services. If the children become restless, **Noah's Ark Nursery** (located across from the Sanctuary) is open for your use.

The **restrooms** are located just off the east entrance from the parking lot — Entrance B — on the lower level across from the elevator and in Noah's Ark Nursery.

We would love to have you as part of our **ZION family**. Please indicate your interest to Pastor.

**ZION Choir:** Winnie Preston, Deborah Maier, Wendy Born, Karen Childs, Nancy Schultz, Amanda Born Bernath, Joyce Phalen, Nancy Syndergaard, Marilyn Chizzo, Becky Van Buren, Shannon Skar, Marilee Duquaine, Randy Steffen, Douglas Feyen, Hugh Bruecker, Alan & Marge Wichmann, Bob Bartelt and Jill Sousek ~ Director.

**ZION Staff:** Rev. Scott Ludford-Sr. Pastor, Jill Sousek-Organist & Music Director, Kay Kristof-Administrative Assistant, Ann Johnson-Custodian, John Phalen-Maintenance, and Randy Steffen-Technology.



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