

## 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 MUSIC** Jill Sousek, piano

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### BENEDICTION

**HYMN #389** *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* vs. 1, 2, 5

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Welcoming All,  
Growing,  
and Sharing God's Love.*



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# Third Sunday of Easter

## April 18, 2021

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## COMMUNION WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### Welcome and Announcements

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life,  
from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with  
strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our  
journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our  
hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy  
Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

### 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

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us  
to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live  
as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

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## FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

## SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #362 *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* vs 1-4

10:30 a.m. **HOLY BAPTISM: Estelle Christine Holtz**

10:30 a.m. **MUSIC** *Jesus Loves Me!* Jill Sousek, piano

5:00 p.m. & 8:00 a.m. **APOSTLES’ CREED**

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...Hear us, O God, / **Your mercy is great.**

*The petitions conclude:* ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **Amen**

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## COMMUNION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION