



March 31, 2024, Resurrection Sunday



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THE PASCHAL CANDLE (or Easter Candle) is first lit on Easter Sunday and is a visual reminder that the death and resurrection of Jesus is our promise and guarantee of God’s forgiveness and salvation, and victory over death. The candle is also lit for baptisms—the act of God which first joins us to the salvation Jesus has accomplished for us. The risen Lord Jesus will grant the fulfillment of our Baptism covenant—to be surrounded by the brightness and glory of his righteousness forever.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

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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!

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

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead:

That we might walk in the newness of life!

Because He Lives:

We, too, shall live to the praise of God's glory!

Nothing, not even death, can ever separate us from the embrace of God's love:

God has given us His love as a gift, which is ours through Christ our Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Let us pray.

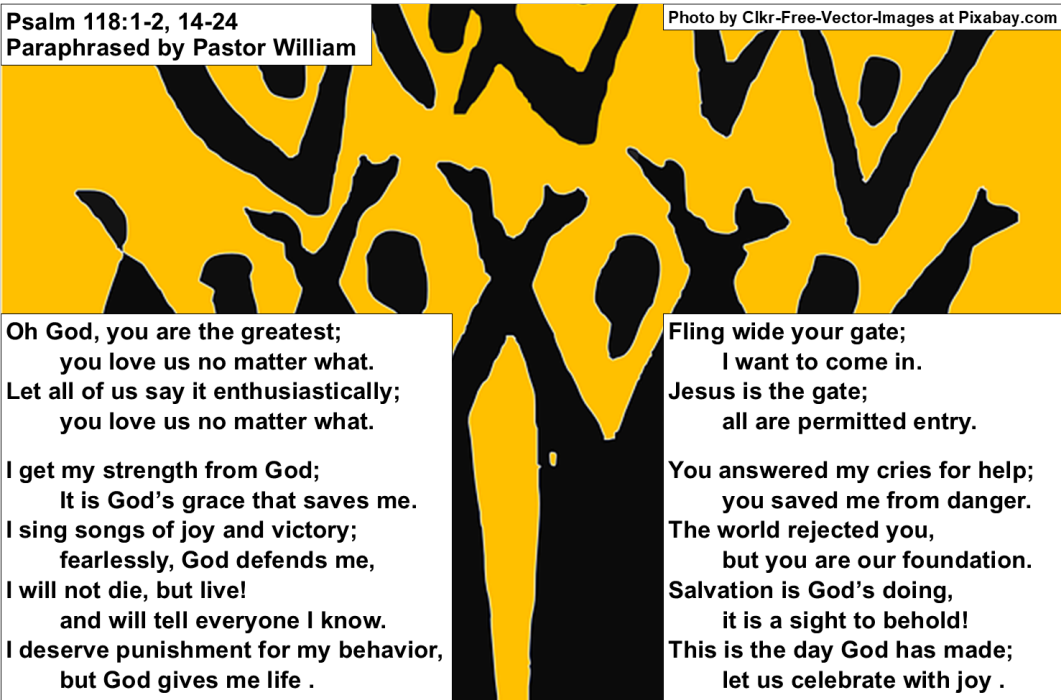
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Acts: (Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible, page 98)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Paraphrased by Pastor William		Photo by Clkr-Free-Vector-Images at Pixabay.com
		
Oh God, you are the greatest; you love us no matter what. Let all of us say it enthusiastically; you love us no matter what.	I get my strength from God; It is God's grace that saves me. I sing songs of joy and victory; fearlessly, God defends me, I will not die, but live! and will tell everyone I know. I deserve punishment for my behavior, but God gives me life .	Fling wide your gate; I want to come in. Jesus is the gate; all are permitted entry. You answered my cries for help; you saved me from danger. The world rejected you, but you are our foundation. Salvation is God's doing, it is a sight to behold! This is the day God has made; let us celebrate with joy .

A reading from 1 Corinthians: (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Pew Bible page 135)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark (Mark 16:1-8, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 42)

The gospel of the Lord
Glory to you, O Lord

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Thine Is the Glory

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!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score includes three verses of lyrics, a refrain, and a final line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines in the bass line.

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

AM: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all communities of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Rob Frock, Ken Reinoehl, John Rhodes and Betty Boettler

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

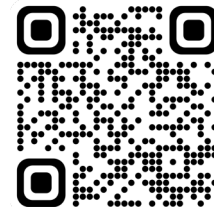
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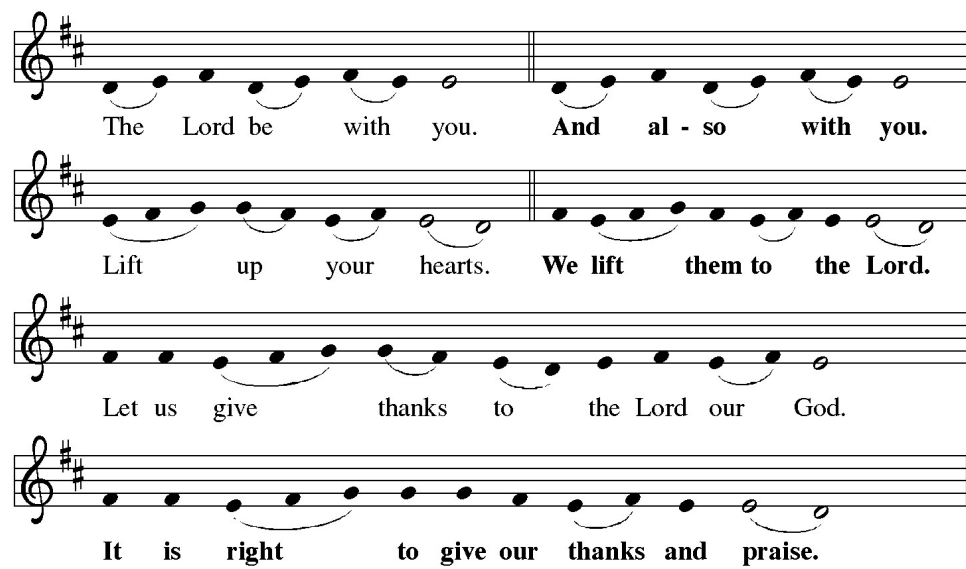
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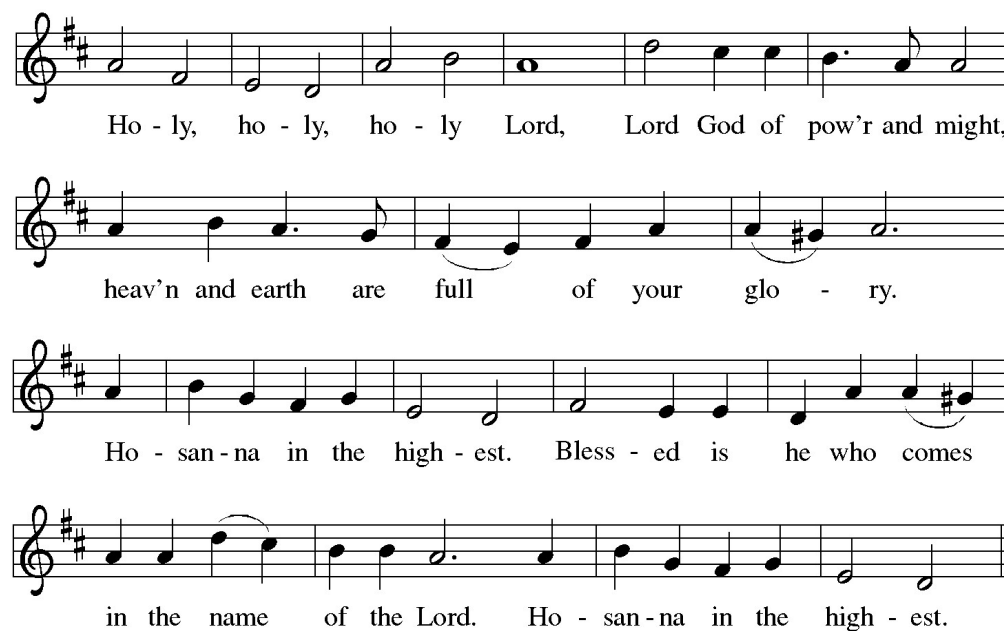


AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Let us enthusiastically and boldly pray as Jesus taught us,

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Easter Morn*

By: Esther S. Higgins

Please stand as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

AM: Let us pray,
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
 Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have triumphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

PM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

We will, with God's help! Alleluia!

Postlude: *Festive Postlude on "Llanfair" (Jesus Christ is Risen Today)* By: Robert Williams and Mary McDonald

Mark 16:1-8
Gospel Message from Pr. William

In today's gospel reading we hear about three women who encounter a "young man, dressed in a white robe" in the tomb of Jesus who tells them that Jesus was raised from the dead. The gospel ends abruptly with the women fleeing from the tomb, saying "nothing to anyone because they were afraid." The first words in this gospel are that it is "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ", but this abrupt ending certainly isn't the end of the good news of Jesus Christ. We know it's not the end because the good news has been told to us, and we continue to tell it to others.





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Mark 16:1-18
Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



Dwelling in a world created with love and entrusted to our care

Stewardship in the Gospel
Jesus is raised from the dead, but he doesn't stick around. You see, he has places to go, people to send out with God's good news – that God loves the world, the whole world, God's created world.

Stewardship in our Community
Our community could use some good news; good news of great joy. God loves you! Loves you more than you can imagine. Loves you enough to clear the slate of your bad actions, freeing you to reconcile with others.

Stewardship in practice
This week, look around for people upon whom you could affect their life in a good way. Someone who just got yelled at. Someone who got overlooked. Someone who got mistreated. Someone who feels bad about themselves. Then, tell them; Jesus loves you; and so do I. But you've got to mean it. God's love will change the world, but it won't if you don't share it.

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
 Acolyte: Ben Keith
 Accompanist: Steve Moore
 Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius
 Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas and Sally Bunyan
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
 Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
 Reader: Randy Cizek
 Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers by: Beth Shaheen & Family in celebration of Betty Boettler 94th Birthday

Worship Leaders - April 7, 2024

Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl
 Acolyte: Ben Keith
 Accompanist: Carol McKimm
 Audio/Visual Technicians:
 Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
 Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
 Reader: Brian Milek
 Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek

Flowers by: Linda Smith in loving memory of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Ila Mae Givler

Easter Memorials 2024



GIVEN BY

Paul & Cindy Bagocius
Sally Bunyan

Sondra & Randy Elsass

Family

Jim Fidler

Dean & Debbie Fox

Rob & Lisa Frock

Gross Family

Vera Harris

Peggy Ingalls

Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Janet Slease

Laura Thompson

Linda Tvorik, LJ & Carli

GIVEN BY

Rob & Lisa Frock

Lou & Darlene Milavickas

Milek Family

Mike & Jayne Schrader

Betty Lou Tracy

GIVEN BY

Her Siblings in Christ

Susan Kaschak

Dean & Debbie Fox

IN LOVING MEMORY

Benedict Bagocius Family and Doug Hudson Family

Charlie Bunyan, Robert & Grace Paustian

Judie Holmberg

Michael Elsass, Ray Elsass Jr., Ray Elsass Sr.,

Catherine Elsass, Carl & Beulah Swinehart,

Lon Swinehart

Gina Marie Lehn (Brakus) and Rebecca Brakus

Elaine M. Fidler and Frances M. Mejsrik

Loved Ones who have joined the Church Triumphant!

Orrin & Eileen Bose, Elden & Ruth Frock

Joseph X. Semerero

J.F. Gross, Anne O. Gross, Clara Mae Gross,

Edward Gross

Brad Harris

Jeanne H. Babcock

Ellis & Anna Mae LeBeau, Otto & Grace LeBeau

Glenn & Emma Tillinghast, Dr. Dean LeBeau, Dan Dennis

Gordon LeBeau, Kay Davis, Earl & Juanita Bathol

John & Marge Mavrich and Lourie Staib

Eva Reiss, Arthur A. Reiss, Michael Park, David Reiss

Kathryn Morrison, Lowell Thompson, Arthur E. Reiss

Martha Santangelo and Mike Santangelo

Ronald Tvorik

IN HONOR

Our Zion Family, Children & Grandchildren

Tom & Danielle, Rosie, Caroline and Poppy Welnak

Mark & Kayle, Vivian, Teddy and Eloise Vanderbilt

Ethan & Monica Frock

Jesus Christ Our Lord

Children and Grand-Children

Friends, Family and all of God's Creatures

Children and Grand-Children

Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

IN CELEBRATION

Gracie Haga's First Communion

Christ's Resurrection!

In Celebration of Our Risen Lord!



The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

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Monday - Friday
Front doors open
9 am

JOIN US FOR
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ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

Today, 10:15 - 11:15 am

PRAY
for one
for another

JAMES 5:16

Submit
your
prayer request.

We pray this week for Marty, Tina, Dani, Eleanor, Christopher, Russ, Denise, Daniel and those affected by war. Contact Jayne Schrader at prayer@zion-nc.com

Many Hands Make Light the Work!

VOLUNTEER



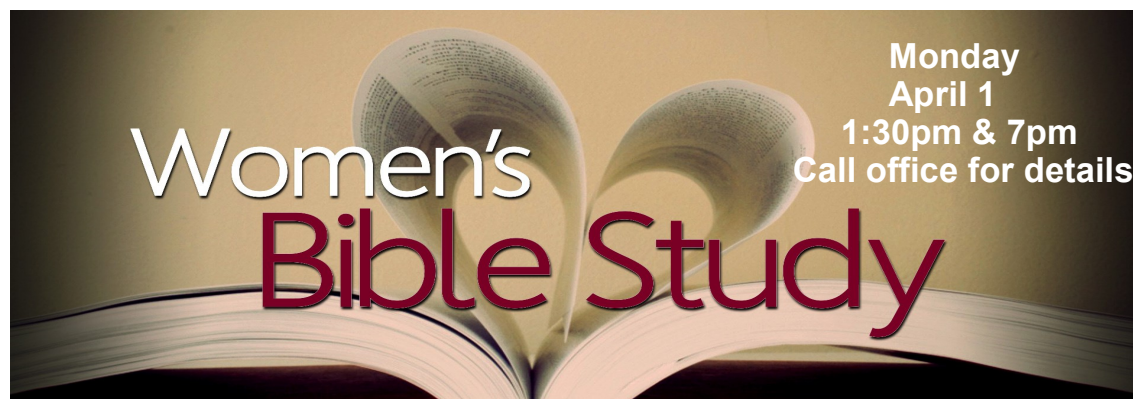
ZOOM BIBLE DISCUSSION THURSDAY'S 9AM

JOIN IN!!



Music AND Worship

Meeting April 2 7pm



Women's Bible Study

Monday April 1 1:30pm & 7pm
Call office for details



Sewing for comforters
 Every Monday 10:00 am to noon
 Contact office for more info on how to join!



Comfort Givers
 Lap and full comforters made
 2nd & 4th Thursdays—10:00 am to noon
 Contact office for more info



Food Pantry

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 9:00 am—Setup
 12:00 pm—Hot Meal
 1:00 pm—Distribution



Zion's Shared Goods

Monday April 15, 5-7pm
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 12-2pm

April 13—4 pm



Open to everyone.
 Come and join the fun!!



Great coffee, tea and chocolates at great prices!



UPDATING INFORMATION

We are in the process of updating our member data and need your help! If you have moved, new phone number, email, family status, etc., please contact the main office at 330-499-3909 with your current information.

If you would like to become a member of the Zion Family simply stop in the office to register.

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church, continued



COME AS YOU ARE!!


Wednesday Casual
Worship Service 7 pm

How can I
SERVE TODAY?


Food Pantry Needs

Soup (hearty or creamy), boxed cereal, instant oatmeal

spaghetti sauce, jelly/jam, peanut butter
toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue



Bible Discussion with Pastor Thursday's
7am—Offsite
9am—Zoom
12pm—Zion Library
Call the office for details to join!

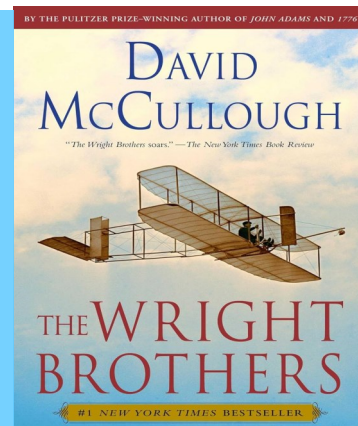


Let's dig in together

Book Discussion

April 5

10am



Church Council

Council Meeting
April 18
7:00 pm



TIME TO SIGN UP!

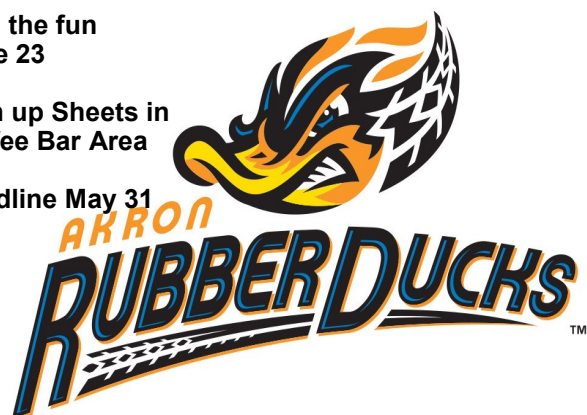
BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 14
10AM—2PM

Join the fun
June 23

Sign up Sheets in
Coffee Bar Area

Deadline May 31



**Need a helping hand with any chores?
The Zion Men's Group is willing to help!**



Stop in the office for a request form.