



**April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter
Blended Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

Please stand as you are able

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP”
BY BRIAN DOERKSEN

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly praise You now.*

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Come, just as you are before your God. Come. Come...*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 4:32-35, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 93)

The reading concludes with:

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)



Open Our Eyes, Lord

Words and Music by
BOB CULL

Musical score for the hymn "Open Our Eyes, Lord" by Bob Cull. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten, O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus." The score includes measure numbers 17, 21, 25, and 29. A "2nd time to Coda" marking is present at the end of the second system.

A reading from 1 John:

(1 John 1:1-2:2, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 187)

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

Please stand as you are able

Continuation of the musical score for "Open Our Eyes, Lord". It shows measures 17, 21, 25, and 29. The lyrics are: "O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, To reach out and".

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47 touch Him, and say that we
love Him. O - pen our
ears, Lord, and help us to
listen, O - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see

53 *CODA*
Je - sus.
O - pen our eyes, Lord,
59 *molto rit.*
we want to see Je - sus.

The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 20:19-31, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 88)

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

Give Thanks

Words and Music
HENRY SMI

5 *mp*
Give thanks with a
grate - ful heart, — give thanks to the Ho - ly One; — Give
thanks — be - cause He's giv - en — Je - sus Christ, — His
2
12
Son. Give thanks with a
grate - ful heart, — give thanks to the Ho - ly One; — Give
thanks — be - cause He's giv - en — Je - sus Christ, — His
14 *mf*
Son. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the
10 17 20
poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of what the Lord has
done for us; — And now let the
24 25 26
weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

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rich" be - cause of what the Lord has done for—
 us; Give thanks, give—
 thanks.

In His Time

Words and Music by
 DIANE BAL

3 in tempo ♩ = 85

1. In His
 (2. In Your)

time, in His time;
 He makes all things beau - ti - ful in His
 time. (D.S.) Lord, please show me ev - 'ry
 day As You're teach - ing me Your way, That You
 do just what You say in Your time.

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

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Grant Schilling, Renee Keith and Sandy Elsass

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together.
Susan and Bob Heyard

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics "In Your time,". The second staff continues with "in Your time; You make all things beau - ti -". The third staff has "ful in Your time. Lord, my". The fourth staff starts with "life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing Be to". The fifth staff concludes with "You a love - ly thing in Your time." There are some handwritten annotations in the score, including "41" and "42" above notes, and "rit." below the first staff of the fourth line.

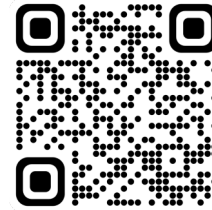
The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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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.

PM: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

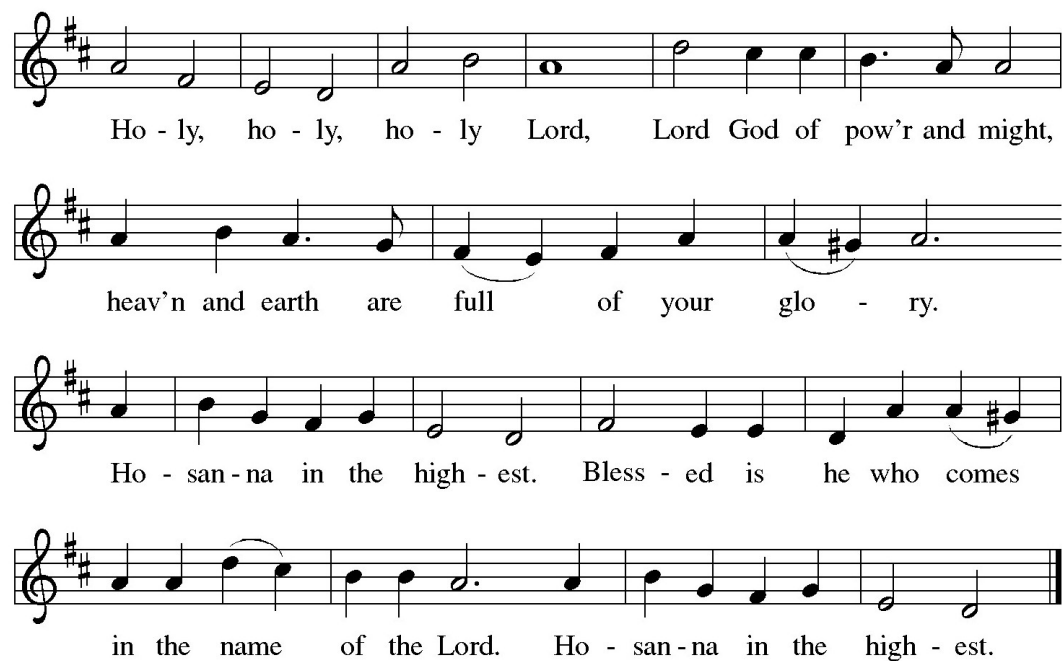
Lift up your hearts

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.

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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: *Glorify Thy Name*

by: Donna Adkins

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.*

My Life Is in You, Lord

Words and Music by
DANIEL GARDNER

4 *mf* 10 11
My life is in You, Lord, my
12 13 14
strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in
15 16 17
You, Lord, in You, it's in You; My
18 19 20
life is in You, Lord, my strength is in
21 22
You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in
24 *D* 24-4th time to Coda 2.3. 26
You, it's in You. I will
27 28 29 30
praise You with all of my life, I will
31 32 33 34
praise You with all of my strength; With
35 36 37 38
all of my life, with all of my strength.
39 40 41 (take 3rd ending)
All of my hope is in You. My
CHORUS 10 11
life is in You, Lord, my

12 strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in

13

14

15 You, Lord, in You, it's in You; My

16

17

18 life is in You, Lord, my strength is in

19

20

21 You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in

22

23

24 You, it's in You. I will

25 4th time to Coda 2.3.

26

27 praise You with all of my life, I will

28

29

30

31 praise You with all of my strength; With

32

33

34

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37

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39

40

41 (take 3rd ending)

All of my hope is in You. My

CHORUS

10

11

12 strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in

13

14

15 You, Lord, in You, it's in You; My

16

17

18 18 19 20

life is in You, Lord, my strength is in

You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in

24 27 4th time to Coda

You, it's in

44 CODA 44 45 46

You, in You, it's in You, in

71 78

You, it's in You.

AM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *Holy Holy Holy*

by: Gary Oliver

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl

Acolyte: Ben Keith

Accompanist: Carol McKimm

Audio/Visual Technicians: Christopher Thompson and Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti

Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek

Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.

Reader: Brian Milek

Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek

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

Vicki and Clarence Givler in loving memory of father, John Stayer

April 14, 2023 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Cindy Bagocius
 Acolyte: Eli Haga
 Accompanist: Digital Music
 Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius
 Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Nikki Milek
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 Trustees: Darlene Milavickas and Randy Elsass

Bible Readings for April 14

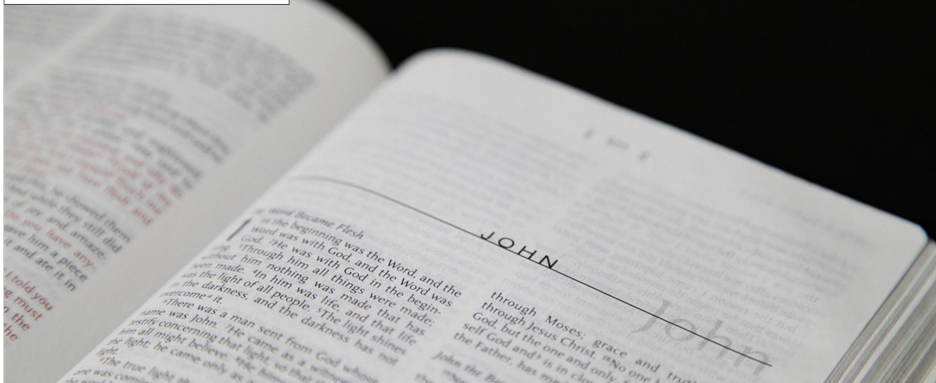
~Acts 3:12-19
 ~1 John 3:1-7
 ~Luke 24:36b-48



The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

John 20:19-31
 Gospel Message from Pr. William

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In today's gospel reading we hear about Jesus appearing to his disciples on the night in which he was risen from the dead, and then he appears again a week later, this time Thomas was there too. But the last two verses are an important addendum from the gospel writer. These last two verses tell us the purpose of the book: to give us enough information that we "may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." And, that by believing we will have life; the life God desires for us. Read, believe, share; repeat.



We pray this week for Denise, Vicki and those affected by war. Contact Jayne Schrader at prayer@zion-nc.com

PRAYER
Chain

John 20:19-31
 Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



Stewardship in the Gospel
 In today's reading, Jesus says that those who believe in him, even though they didn't see him with their own eyes, are blessed. The gospel writer, John, tells us the purpose of his book is to tell us enough of the signs Jesus did so that we may come to believe in Jesus so that we may have life. There we have it; the truth, believe it, be blessed with life.

Stewardship in our Community
 Our community could use the good life. Not the kind the commercials are trying to sell us, but the good life that comes from a relationship with Jesus. The good life that cares for others, the greater good, and the whole of creation.

Stewardship in practice
 How can we get others to believe in Jesus? Quite simply; act like Jesus. Care about others, work toward the greater good, and be good caretakers (stewards) of creation. That will require some changes on our part. Changes that put the benefit of others above our own benefit. But we can do it. Remember, God's counting on you to help make God's kingdom come.



**JOIN US AS WE WELCOME OUR NEW DISCIPLE
 SUSAN KASCHAK ON
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21
 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church Continued....




COME AS YOU ARE!!

Wednesday Casual
Worship Service 7PM

How can I
SERVE TODAY?

Food Pantry Needs

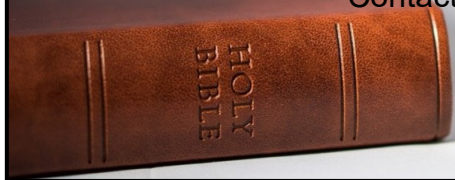


Soup (hearty or creamy), boxed cereal, instant oatmeal

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

Bible Discussion Every Thursday
7am - Offsite
9am - Zoom
12pm - Zion Library

Contact office for info



Let's dig in together

TIME TO SIGN UP!




**APRIL 14
10AM—2PM**

Zion's Shared Goods



Monday April 15, 5-7pm
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 12:00-2:00pm

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Today, 10:15 - 11:15 am



Mark your calendars for the Stark Hunger Walk Sunday, May 5. Info on bulletin board in hallway All proceeds benefit the Stark County Regional Foodbank!



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