

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The Sunday of Joy after Sorrow**

**April 20, 2024**

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wenona, Illinois

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**WELCOME** to all who are worshiping with us. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book, including your home address and congregation. We welcome to our altar all those who share our confession of faith within the fellowship of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



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**The offering plate** is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued contributions.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**, we remember Starr Barke, Kristin Bosteels, Vic Bosteels, Katie Jones, Rick Salz, Bill Simmons, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, and Ken Welch.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:**

TODAY (SATURDAY)	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Divine Service	8:30AM
	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM
MONDAY	Zion Bible class	9:00AM
SATURDAY	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
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**ATTENDANCE** last week: 21      Holy Communion: 20      Offering: \$400      Building Fund: \$50  
Sunday School: 1  
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Mark Gruden** will be here on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for the Divine Service.

**The Ladies Aid will hold a garage sale** and food stand at Zion during the Wenona spring garage sales on May 3-4. If you have items that you could donate for the sale, please bring them to church. Please help with this event if you are able. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Tri-Parish Discussion Meeting** will be held again on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from Zion Lutheran will again be attending and discussing further considerations.

**Church's Email List** If you're not receiving the weekly email (Friday) from our congregation, please let Pastor Boehne or Jan Hoge know so we can get your email on the list. Thanks!

**Church's Website** Missed a Sunday? You can find all the bulletins, calendars, and sermons from previous Sundays on the website: [zionlutheranwenona.org](http://zionlutheranwenona.org)

**News by Email** Stay informed of District and Synod happenings. Subscribe to the following monthly newsletters: CID Gatepost: [cidlcms.org](http://cidlcms.org)  
President Harrison's LCMS Monthly Digest: [lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest](http://lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest)

## Isaiah 40:25-31

<sup>25</sup>[Thus says the Lord God:]

To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases  
strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew  
their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

## 1 Peter 2:11-20

<sup>11</sup>Dearly Beloved: I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to

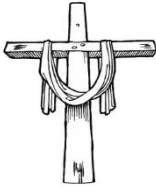
punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

## John 16:16-22

<sup>16</sup>[At that time Jesus said to His disciples:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

## SERMON ON JOHN 16:16-22



**“You have SORROW now,  
but I will see you again  
and your hearts will REJOICE,  
and no one will take your JOY from you.”**

*John 16:22*

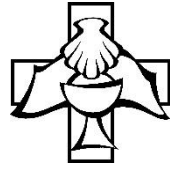
# A TIME FOR SORROW. A TIME FOR JOY.

### Sermon Outline & Questions

1. Should Christians be only and always full of joy? Should Christians be only serious because of the sorrows of the world?
2. The example Jesus gives is a mother giving birth.
  - a. How does labor show the sorrow? How does it show things aren't right?
  - b. How does birth show the ultimate joy out of sorrow?
3. There's a time to be sad and cry that things in this world aren't right.
4. There is a time to laugh and rejoice when Jesus "sees you again".
5. What prescription does God give for our souls when we are depressed?



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**INTROIT** - Ps. 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1-2

*Antiphon*

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\**

*Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.*



- A** Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!\*"  
So great is your power that your enemies  
come cringing | to you."
- C** **Come and see what | God has done:\***  
**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**
- A** Bless our God, O | peoples;\*"   
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the | living\***  
**and has not let our | feet slip.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.