

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 30, 2024



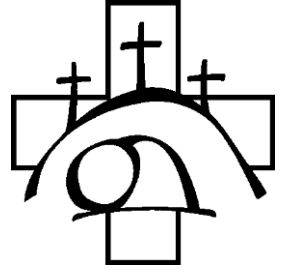
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THE VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION

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LORD

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The service begins in the Fellowship Hall. The minimal light and restrained joy at the beginning of the service connect us to the days of Holy Week, especially our service on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. As darkness gives way to light, we join the entire Church in the joyous chorus of Alleluias that Christ has risen from the dead!

SERVICE OF LIGHT

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.


P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


C Amen.

After all candles have been lit, the pastor will lead the procession into the sanctuary.

At the entrance of the nave:




A The light of Christ.




C Thanks be to God.

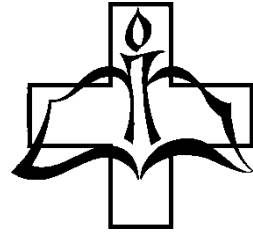
At the middle of the nave:




A The light of Christ.




C Thanks be to God.



At the front of the nave:



A The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

- P** Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

SERVICE OF READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:2

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the

seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



SECOND READING

Exodus 14:24—15:1

²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

^{15:1} Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying:

C "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

P Let us pray. O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THIRD READING

Deuteronomy 31:22-30

²² So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel. ²³ And the Lord commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you."

²⁴When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, ²⁵Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, ²⁶“Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. ²⁷For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord. How much more after my death! ²⁸Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

³⁰Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

C “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distill as the dew,
like gentle rain upon the tender grass,
and like showers upon the herb.
For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God!
“The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.”

P Let us pray. O God, the exaltation of the humble and the strength of the righteous, You taught Your people through Your holy servant Moses to sing Your sacred songs and delivered to them the Law that still directs us. Display in all nations the fullness of Your power that, as You blot out all sins through Your forgiveness, terror may turn to joy and fear of punishment may be transformed into the hope of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

A O Lord,

C have mercy.

- A** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C **hear us.**
- A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
C **have mercy on us.**

- A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By Your victory over sin and death,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By the majesty of Your risen body,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- A** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been served by You,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- A** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



EASTER HYMN

#457 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

All the lights are turned on in the sanctuary. The candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The chancel is decorated with paraments and lilies while the altar is prepared for the Sacrament.

COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNRISE

P On this day, death was defeated.

C **We will rejoice and be glad.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

¹On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where

you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

#461 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SERMON

TO THE TESTIMONY! TO THE WORD!



Theme: The Word is the Spirit's testimony that we have victory over sin, death, and devil!

Key Verses

1 John 5:6-8 "This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are ***three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood***; and these three agree."

John 20:8-9 "Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he **saw and believed**; for as yet they did not **understand the Scripture**, that he must rise from the dead."

John 20:29 Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:31 "These are **written so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

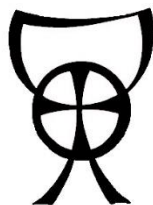
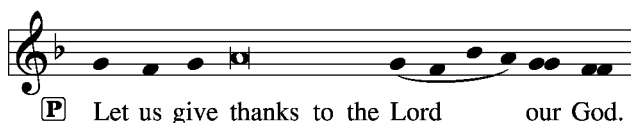
HYMN OF RESPONSE

#465 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Stand

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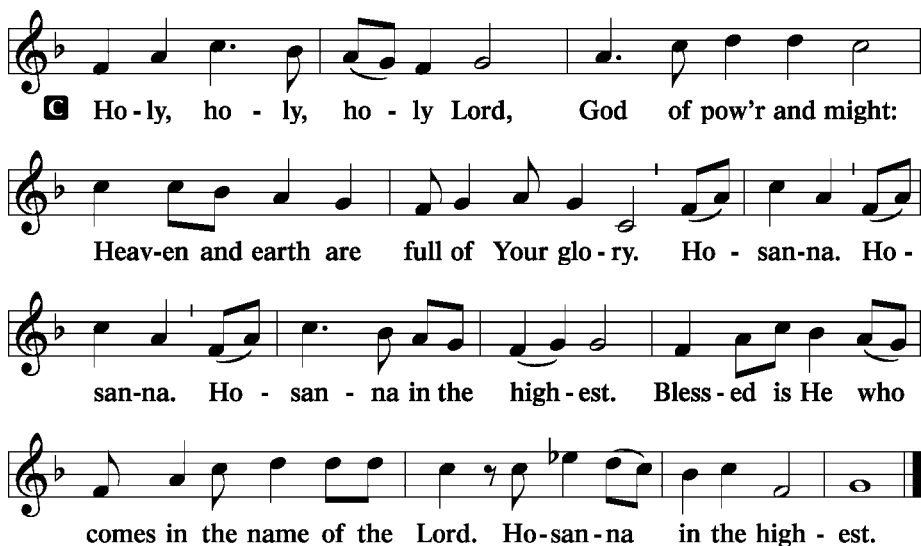
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

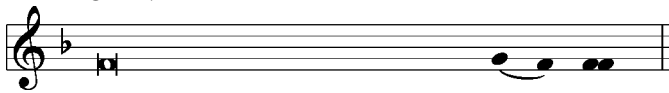
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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#633 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

CONCLUDING COLLECT

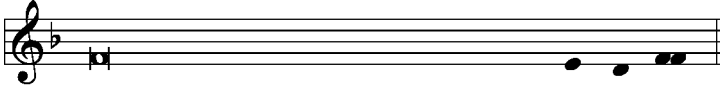
P Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

#490 – "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



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 Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Easter Breakfast	7:30AM
	St. Paul's Easter Service	9:00AM
MONDAY	<i>No Monday Bible Class this week</i>	
SATURDAY	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Service with Holy Communion	8:30AM
	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM

ATTENDANCE last week: 21 Holy Communion: 21 Offering: \$530
Sunday School: 8 Sunday School Offering: \$26
Bible class: 5
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to the members who decorated the church for this festival day! A special thanks to those who donated some of the Easter lilies:

Phyllis Heike

Renee Lorengo

Jan & Terry Hoge

Deb & Bill Simmons

Vicki & Jerry Lindgren

Judi & George Volker

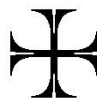
Ellen & Ken Welch

You may take home your lily plants after the service today.

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 any time after April 6. Please help with this event if you are able. We will need to sort and price items before the sale, serve food and sell items on sale days. You may also donate individually wrapped cookies, brownies, or rice Krispie treats for the sale.

Attention Thrivent members: Just a reminder that you have until March 31 to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars can be directed on-line (www.thrivent.com) or by phone (800-847-4836, saying "Thrivent Choice" when prompted). You can direct these to many different charitable organizations including Zion!

Tri-Point Parish Discussion Update We have a meeting this Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Varna to begin specific discussion on a three-point parish (St. John's Washburn / St. Paul's Varna / Zion Wenona). Zion has representatives who will be attending the meeting. We will give a brief update from that first meeting after the service on Saturday, April 6.



NEXT SATURDAY - April 6, 2024

The Sunday of Jesus' Appearances to the Disciples

Ezek. 37:1-14; 1 John 5:4-10a; John 20:19-31

Hymns: 487, 480, 470, 474

