

Second Sunday in Easter

April 11, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 4/11	8.00	am	Bell choir
	9:00	am	Worship
Monday	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7.30	pm	Council Meeting
Sunday 4/18	9:00	am	Worship

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This week	
Dan Bauman	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Cindy & Steve Batten	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

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Next week	
tbd	Assistant Minister
tbd	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Kirk family	Altar Guild
tbd	Hymns

We thank you for your service to the church.

We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.

Sunday, April 11th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

PRELUDES

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" by James S. Irvine, Arr. Richard Unfreid

"The King in Triumph" by Ross Anderson

"Canzonetta" by William Stickles

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Hymn

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW #635 Vs. 1, 2, 3



Text: Henry Alford, Music: Marty Haugen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

A: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Most merciful God,

A: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377

Text: Herbert F. Brokering Music: David N. Johnson

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

R: A reading from the book of 1 John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life, this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

R: *How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!*

A & P: *It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.*

R: *It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for evermore.*

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Give thanks !

WOV 671

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

A: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: *Praise to you, O Christ*

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**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 INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

A: On this second Sunday of Easter, let us pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with the words "Send us your peace, O God."

A: O faithful God, grant the joy of your peace to our pastors, to all those who minister among us, and to all the baptized, especially during times of hardship. Help us to support one another's churches, to cease rivalries, and to strengthen our ecumenical contacts.

Hear our prayers for the church:

P: Send us your peace, O God.

A: Grant the beauty of your peace to all of nature, its springtime flowers, its wildlife, its terrains. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and save lands that have been misused. Inspire us to care for the whole of your creation.

Hear our prayers for the earth:

P: Send us your peace, O God.

A: Grant the power of your peace to the nations of the world. Halt all impulses toward violence between nations, in our city streets, and inside our homes. Lead our government into wise decisions concerning migrants, especially the youths. Bring an end to ethnic prejudices in our land, and guide judges and juries to enact justice throughout each court proceeding.

Hear our prayers for this country:

P: Send us your peace, O God.

A: Grant the abundance of your peace to all agencies of care in church and government. Show us the best ways to uphold and support those in need. Inspire children to share. Open our hearts to a world so filled with suffering, and make us always more generous with the gifts you have given us.

Hear our prayers for a world of good will:

P: Send us your peace, O God.

A: Grant the well-being of your peace to all who suffer. Visit all who are ill, especially those suffering from Covid-19, those without access to the vaccines, and those with strained medical resources. Comfort with your merciful presence those who are distanced from family and friends and all who are lonely or distressed. Receive our prayers especially for **Pat Weiss** (in hospital), **Fawn Keenan**, **Ralph Finkbiner**, **Machiko** and **Richard** and **Sarah Kuehner** (as they support Machiko during this difficult time) and **Roxanne** Robinson.

Hear our prayers for the sick:

P: Send us your peace, O God.

P: Grant each of us the hope that comes with your peace. Comfort each of us in sorrow, and receive our silent requests.

Hear us as we pray for ourselves:

A: Send us your peace, O God.

P: We praise you for embracing your people with the wounded arms of Christ, and we bless you for all who died in the faith. At the end of all things, bring us with them into your everlasting peace.

Hear our prayers for life beyond our understanding:

A: Send us your peace, O God.

P: In praise for the new life you grant us in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

"Easter Joy" by Peter Benjamin- Piano Solo by Lori Hoshaw

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

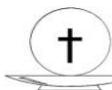
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;

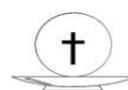
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

Please stand



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving

the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

A: Amen.

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

A: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

P: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

A: Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!- ELW #382 , Vs. 1 & 4



Text: John S. B. Monsell Music: Frederick C. Maker

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

P: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" by George Elvey Arr. by Richard Unfreid

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BULLETINS:

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 2:22-39	Peter's first sermon
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4-8	Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead
Wednesday	Luke 12:6-12	Courage to Confess Christ
Thursday	Acts 5:27-32	The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus
Friday	Revelation 1:9-18	A vision of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 122	Peace in Jerusalem