

Third Sunday in Easter

April 18, 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 4/18	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
Sunday 4/25	9:00 am	Worship

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (4/18)

This week	
Diane Sakal	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Kirk family	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (4/25)

Next week	
Paul Condrack	Assistant Minister
Dan Bauman	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

We thank you for your service to the church.

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

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDES

"A Charge to Keep" by Lowell Mason, Arr. Richard Unfried

"Reflections" by Sarah Jarrell

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" - Shanti, Setting Jacob B. Weber

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

"Day of Arising"- OBS- #54 Vs. 1 & 4

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien; Music: Gaelic melody



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

Easter Litany

P: We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things!

**A: When we were walking in darkness
you were there, you were there,**

P: When we were kneeling in weakness
you were there, you were there,

**A: When we drew near feeling worthless
you were there, you were there,**

P: When we were needing forgiveness
you were there, you were there,

**A: When we were searching for your grace
you were there, you were there.**

P: We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things!

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 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

R: A reading from the book of 1 John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 4

The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

R: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

A & P: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

R: Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.
Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

A & P: Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

R: Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

A & P: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

R: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Give thanks !

WOY 671

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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 third Sunday of Easter, we pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with words echoing today's psalm, "Hear us when we call."

A: Holy and righteous God, for the church, we pray: for our own congregation, for the churches of all our neighbors and around the globe, and especially for Christians in Nigeria and wherever martyrdoms threaten.

O God our Savior, bless your people, and have mercy on us.

P: Hear us when we call.

A: For the earth we pray: for the well-being of terrains, plants, and animals wild and tame, for the birds, especially songbirds whose numbers are decreasing, and for this week's Earth Day, that good will come from the worldwide observance.

O God our Creator, restore your handiwork, and have mercy on us.

P: Hear us when we call.

A: For peace we pray: for the end of warfare, terrorism, and cruelty to the poor, for a respectful treatment of refugees and all who are incarcerated, and especially for Northern Ireland and other places of civil unrest.

O God our Sovereign, bring peace to the nations, and have mercy on us.

P: Hear us when we call.

A: For justice we pray: for the liberation of all who are oppressed, for an end to ethnic and economic prejudice, and especially for all court cases in this and every land.

O God our Refuge, protect the vulnerable, and have mercy on us.

P: Hear us when we call.

A: For all who are sick and suffering, for those who have no access to the coronavirus vaccines, for the children afflicted with the virus variants, for everyone who fears receiving medical advice and assistance, for those who live with chronic pain, for those whose pain is known only to you, and especially for those we name here before you. . . .

Receive our prayers especially for **Pat Weiss, Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Machiko and Richard** and **Sarah Kuehner and Roxanne** Robinson.

O God our Caregiver, heal the sick, and have mercy on us.

P: Hear us when we call.

P: For ourselves, when we believe and when we doubt,
and for our dear ones for whom we pray:

O God our Comforter, hold us close, and have mercy on us.

A: Hear us when we call.

P: We remember before you all the witnesses of the resurrection, the saints of old, those who have died by violence or by the coronavirus, and especially our relatives and friends.

O God our Resurrection, give us life now and forever, and have mercy on us.

A: Hear us when we call.

P: Receive these prayers into your heart of mercy for the sake of the holy and righteous one, Jesus Christ, our wondrous Redeemer.

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

"Because He Lives" by William J. and Gloria Gaither, Sung by Barbara Grubb

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

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"- ELW- #579 Vs. 1 & 2

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, Music: Cyril V. Taylor

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

"March Heroique" by William Stickles

BULLETINS and FLOWERS



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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 9:1-20	Paul's conversion
Tuesday	Revelation 5:1-10	The throne and the elders
Wednesday	Luke 5:1-11	Simon's catch of fish
Thursday	Acts 11:19-30	The early Christian community
Friday	Revelation 5:11-14	The song of the living creatures to the Lamb
Saturday	Psalms 121	God will preserve your life