

April 27, A.D. 2025
The Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 Morning Prayer
10:30 Divine Service I



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The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for ✠ Worshipping God ✠ Proclaiming the Gospel ✠ Nurturing faith ✠ Educating ✠ Loving and Caring for people

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today and hope you will come again soon. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

THE EVERGREEN THREAD —A meditation on today's lectionary and appointed psalm (148) from an evangelistic perspective— Now What? Jesus was gone. Now what? Jesus' disciples are living in fear behind locked doors. And there He appears to His friends to comfort them, to reassure them and to remind them of their mission. He returned decades later to John as he suffered in exile, to reassure him that He was still with him and to further his mission toward "the seven churches" (i.e., to us). Knowing Jesus the eternal God was still with them, the Apostles continued His mission! They spread the Good News and brought friends and neighbors into fellowship with them. And even though there were many who viciously sought to persecute and to silence them, they continued anyway. Jesus was never gone. "The only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds" had come to do what He had always done, and what He continues to do today: to be about His Father's business, which is the salvation of His people. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed," He said to Thomas. But "how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" (Ro10:14a-15b). Just as the eleven were sent, so are we. Our mission is the same: it was and continues to be His mission. And Jesus will be with us on His mission "until the end of the age" (Mt28:20).

LSB 235

arr. Valerie Stephenson
arr. Sandra Eithun

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

PSALMODY

LSB 236

LSB 470

St. 1 – All	St. 2 – Women	St. 3 – All
St. 4 – Men	St. 5 – All	St. 6 – Men
St. 7 – All	St. 8 – Women	St. 9 – All

READINGS

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And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to

Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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HOLY GOSPEL (*We remain seated for the Gospel.*)

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C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

HOMILY

"This is What He Did"

John 20:19-31

1. This Is What He Did; "A Peace Full" Meeting for Resurrection Affirmation

2. This Is What He Did; "A Peace Full" Meeting for Resurrection Confirmation

CANTICLE *Stand*

Benedictus

LSB 238

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

PRAYER

LSB 241

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Stand*

P Let us pray. Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

POSTLUDE

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

arr. Cathy Moklebust

WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Homilist

Children's Homilist

Lector

Organist

Ensemble

Instrumentalist

Ushers

Audio and Facilities Arrangements

Rev. James Ebersole

Rev. Fred Gersch

DCE Amy Heuer

Cade Schnegelberger

Dr. Scott Hyslop

Parish Handbells

Matt Otte, trumpet

Board of Elders

Larry Wagner



10:30

PRESERVICE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

arr. Valerie Stephenson

arr. Sandra Eithun

DIVINE SERVICE I

LSB 151

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

SERVICE OF THE WORD
LSB 152

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

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L This is the Word of the Lord.

Stand

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ. *Sit*

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Sons and Daughters of the King* LSB 470

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HOMILY “This is What He Did” John 20:19-31

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

OFFERTORY *Stand**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**LSB 160**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

*Stand*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thank the Lord*

LSB 164