

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024, 10:30 AM

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Caitlin Kurtz



In the narthex is a cross, adorned with flowers. The cross actually comes from the wood of our Christmas tree. This tree connects the key pieces of Jesus life: his miraculous, yet humble birth; his suffering death on the cross; his glorious resurrection. If you would like to add a flower, you may do so, either before or after the church service.

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

***PROCLAMATION OF EASTER GOOD NEWS! (x3)**

P: Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LBW #151 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (green book)**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr.
 Lyra Davidica, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
 Tune: Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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***GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
 C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

MEN Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

WOMEN Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glory are his.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

MEN Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:
 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

WOMEN For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of resurrection, you are waiting for us at the tomb of our despair with the joy-filled news that Jesus is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 (pg. 895 in pew Bible)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

After the reading: Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2,14-24

(pg. 492 in pew Bible)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Congregation: Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

L: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

C: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

(tune: Jesus Loves the Little Children)

Jesus rose for all the children, all the children of the world, every color, shape, and size, they are precious in His eyes, Jesus rose for all the children of the world.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION

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.

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 829 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th Chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW 352 I Know that My Redeemer Lives! v. 1,2,4 & 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

8 He lives, all glory to his name! What joy this blest assurance gives:
 He lives, my Savior, still the same; I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
 Tune: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*THE NICENE CREED

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after, “Lord in your mercy,” respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

(after final petition, “Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord“, respond: **Amen.**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you. C: **And also with you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



*OFFERTORY HYMN



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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: God of mercy and grace, you give us so much: our days, our loved ones, our passions and talents, the food we eat, the homes we know, a place to worship. . . Receive the gifts we offer back to you today. Bless them and bless us, that we will give generously, love boldly, and share widely, that our offering would reflect that joy-filled gifts you first give to us. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

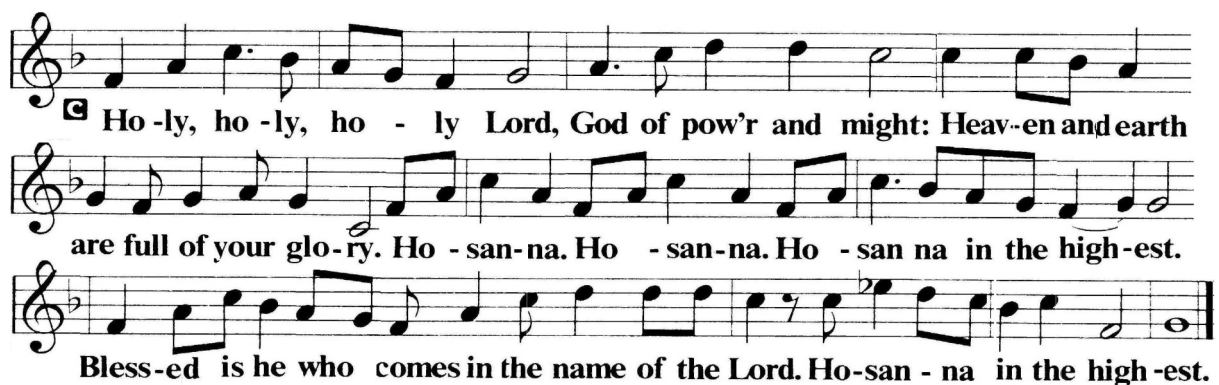
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION and CONSECRATION**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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 for the 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 for the remembrance for me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion in your seat. Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten free wafer, or if you would prefer a blessing instead of communion.

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

LAMB OF GOD (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)



*Distribution Hymns: #674 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
(blue book) #678 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
#701 What Feast of Love*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia**

P: God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: LBW #135 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (next page)**

As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, That we may live and sing to you.
 From death's sting free your servants too, Alleluia!

*Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909
 Tune: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594, adapt.*

VICTORY
 888 with alleluias

*DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Ben Glass, Anna Houser, Katie Smith, Jean Fowler, Eddie Hudson Jr. and family, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine.

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin	LECTOR: John Noll
VIDEOGRAPHER: James Cascarino	PRAYER: Elaine Ludwig
ACOLYTES: Levi & Gracie Bucks	COMM. ASST.: Eva Frank, Joanna Guldin-Noll
CRUCIFER: Daryl Hess	ZIONS PASTOR: Rev. Caitlin M. Kurtz
MARCH USHERS: Jim Fowler, Jack Beidler, Joey Northridge, John Mohn Jr.	

The Easter Lilies beautifying our sanctuary are given by the following:

Given by:

Brian & Jim Adams
Houser Family
Northridge Family
Rick & Jo Herr
Janet Bird
Jeremy Stevens
Christine & Alex Techky (2)

Rosanne & Mac Trimmer (3)
Davis Family
Ed & Elaine Ludwig
Linda Toth
Betty Kleinfelter & Family
Zion's Congregation
Kleinfelter Family (2)

In Memory/Honor of:

Parents and Grandparents
Allen Houser
Jim Northridge
Parents
Parents
Klaus Frank & Sandy Stevens
Elizabeth & William Smethhurst
and Anastasia & Michael Techky
To the Glory of God
Sharon Davis
Kathleen & William Ludwig
Parents
Frank Hauer
All Service men and women
Rodney and LeeAnn Kleinfelter



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

**NEXT
WEEK**

Lector: Terry Ludwig

Children Sermon: Joanna Guldin-Noll

Comm. Asst.: Linda Wenrich, Eva Frank

Ushers: Luke Hiester, Darryl Bush, Al Reiner, Rick Herr

Prayer: John Mohn

Acolytes: Derek Wolfe, Madelyn Rittle

Crucifer: Rob McQuaide

There is **no Bible Study** on Wednesday April 3. But we **WILL gather** for a Community Meal at 5:30 PM, followed by Rejoicing Spirits worship at 6:15 PM.

A note from Pastor Caitlin: There are a number of high-tech SCAMS going around right now, especially targeting churches. The most common one is that people receive texts or emails, supposedly from "Pastor Caitlin", asking for you to urgently go out and buy gift cards and then send the gift card information to "the Pastor". *Please know that I would never solicit your help like that. If you ever get an odd-sounding communication "from the Pastor" please call the Church Office, or send a separate email or text message (not replying back to what they sent you) to verify.* I am grateful for your generous, always-ready-to-help hearts, and I would hate for you to be cheated in this way.

Did you know? Every Friday, at 11:30 AM, an email entitled "Zion's Weekly E-Blast:[And the date]" goes out to our email list, from Pastor Caitlin's email, which appears as pastorckurtz@send.mailchimpapp.com This email contains a weekly pastoral message, announcements, photos, and links. Your email may be sending it to "spam", but you should be able to teach it to send it to your inbox instead. If you need help, or want to be added to the list, please see Pastor Caitlin.

Kate Bowler, an author oft-quoted by Pastor Caitlin, is coming to Gettysburg! Kate writes a lot about the intersection of faith and life and is the author of "Good Enough: 40ish devotions for a life of imperfection". "The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days", and "Have a beautiful, Terrible Day". She'll be one of the keynote speakers on Wednesday April 24 at the Seminary, and we're going to take a road trip! More information is posted on the bulletin board, where you can also sign up for the carpool.

Every Week at Zions: Sundays @ 9:15 Sunday school for all ages; @ 10:30 Worship

Wednesdays @ 5:30 Community meal, @ 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits Worship

Interested in Mission Trip work, right here in our community? Want to share a day, or a week of your time? The Lutheran churches in Lebanon County are coming together to serve at our beloved Camp Kirchenwald June 23-29. Projects include gardening at the Wittel Farm, constructing sheds for some of the camp equipment, painting, and more. Skilled and unskilled volunteers ages 14 and up are welcome, for however many days during the week you'd like to serve. Pastor Caitlin plans to be there on Tuesday, June 25, and would love company! More information is available on the bulletin board, or by emailing Pastor for a registration form. The cost per day is \$10 (covers lunch) or \$425 for the week (including meals and lodging).

Registration for the 2024-25 School Year at Zion's Preschool has only one seat remaining for each class. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our preschool, please email zionspreschool@verizon.net or call Ms. Missy, Director, at 717 222 7412.

Council Highlights: February council highlights are available on the large bulletin board in the gathering area.