



FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025, 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.

Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!

*(Congregation please stand as able)

*PROCLAMATION OF EASTER GOOD NEWS! (x3)

P: Christ is Risen!

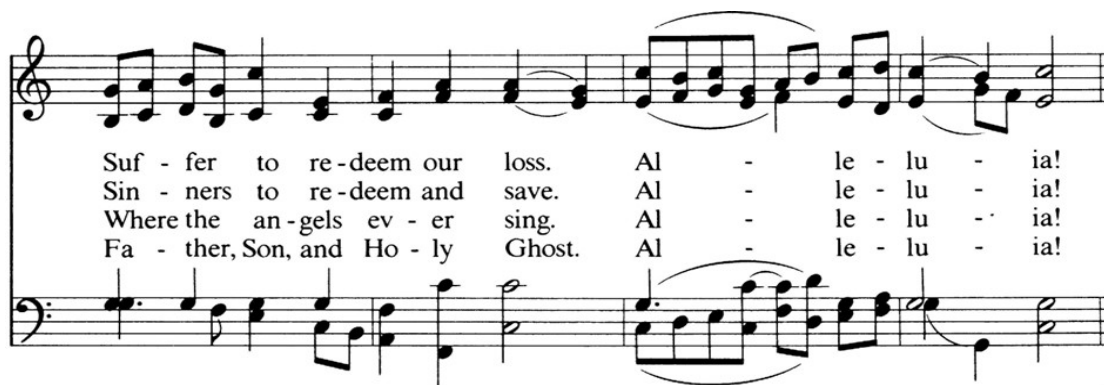
Congregation: He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

*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
 77 77 and alleluia

*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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he 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)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

L: the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

L: 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (pg. 936 in pew Bible)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

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

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! (2x)

Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! (3x) Praise ye the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12 (*pg. 860 in pew Bible*)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who 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. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because 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." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW 148 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can

dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
 he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
 three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
 call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that

with the dead has been;
 grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
 liv - ing Lord is seen;
 dead and bare have been;

© Text: John M. C. Crum, 1872-1958 Tune: French carol NOËL NOUVELET 11 10 10 11

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, “We commend these and all our prayer to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior”, 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



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

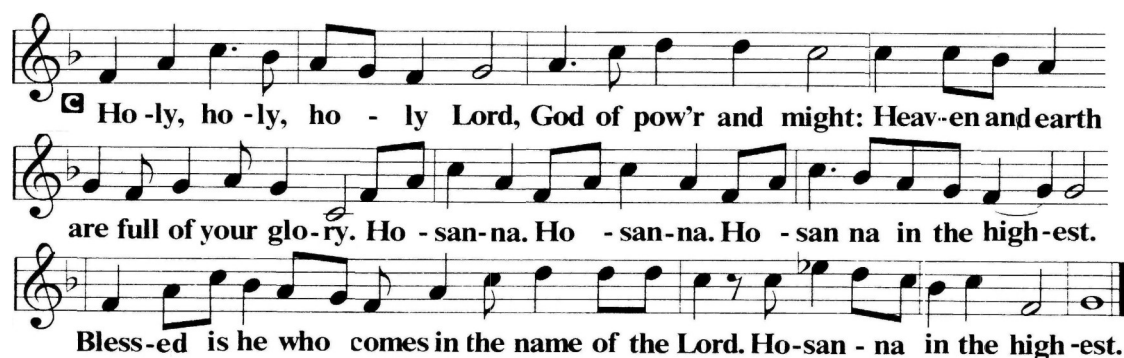
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray as Jesus taught us,

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

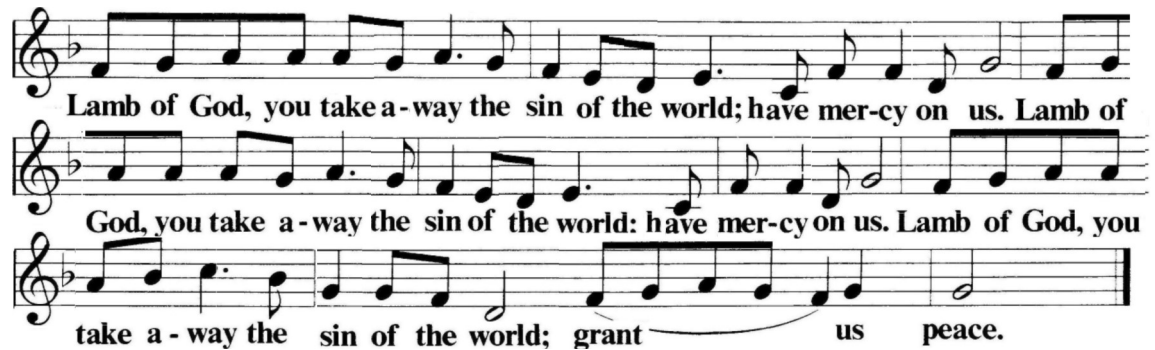
P: Taste and see, that the Lord is good.

At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that accommodation, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

*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



Distribution Hymns: #131 *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia*
 (green book) #352 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*
 #212 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace bless you now and forever. C: **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: LBW #145 *Thine Is the Glory* (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.

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-
 vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes;
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

© Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Tune: George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt. JUDAS MACCABAEUS 55 65 65 65 and refrain

*DISMISSAL

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

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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: De Mohn, Jan, Gary, Wendy, Halley, Jeremy and family, Randy & Diane, Pat Keefer, Kay, Jamie, Emily, hurricane and fire victims and all victims of violence.

Eva Frank and the LVC Athletic Training Department invite you to Zion's for all you can eat spaghetti! May 3 from noon until 7 PM to support the graduate student trip to Dublin Ireland to attend the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy World Congress. Cost is \$12/plate (roll, drink, and all you can eat pasta and meat sauce). Order today by text 302-362-2264 or email nicole.diamico@gmail.com

Help needed for Youth Service Camp! Of course, to make this great week of service learning possible, we need adult help! If you're able to provide a meal for our time together, donate a Thrivent Action Team card, help transport youth whose parents are working, or provide transportation for one of our afternoon activities *please let Pastor Caitlin know*. Thank you!

The Northern Lebanon Ministerium will gather for an afternoon of prayer and worship on Sunday May 4 from 2-4 PM at the "Middle" Pavillion at Memorial Lake. Bring a chair and join others in praising God and praying for our community.

Our last conversation for *The Small and the Mighty* will be this Wednesday, April 23 at 6:50 PM We'll be looking at the "Momentum" chapters. All are welcome, even if you're just curious what this has all been about!

Next Sunday, April 27, we will celebrate Creation Sunday as we give thanks for the majesty of the earth, sky, and universe, and consider how the promise of resurrection is for creation, too.

It's time to register for Summer Camp! Brochures and scholarship forms are available by the small bulletin board Gathering Area, or at www.LutheranCamping.org. Zion's offers a \$290 scholarship for one week of camp, which can be combined with scholarships from the Camping Corporation. Our scholarship forms are available on our website.

Know someone who could use a prayer shawl or lap blanket? Thanks to the generosity of our knitters, we have some to share! See Jean Fowler if you'd like to select a prayer shawl, lap blanket, or baby blanket to share with a friend. One small way we can share God's love and hope with others.

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

Given by:

Brian & Jim Adams

Houser Family

Rick & Jo Herr

Janet Bird

Christine & Alex Techky (2)

Ed & Elaine Ludwig

Linda Toth

Bucks Family (2)

Richard & Karen Hitz (2)

In Memory/Honor of:

Parents and Grandparents

Allen, Anna and Bob Houser

Parents

Parents

Elizabeth & William Smethhurst

and Anastasia & Michael Techky

Kathleen & William Ludwig

Parents

Grandparents

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Christine Techky	Stephanie Speicher
Prayer	Ed Ludwig	Elaine Ludwig
Children's sermon	Pastor Caitlin	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Kelly Rittle, Linda Wenrich	Linda Wenrich Linda Toth
Greeter	Rob & Michelle McQuaide	
Acolyte	Izaac & Greyson McQuaide	Levi Bucks
Crucifer	McQuaide	Madison Hess
Altar Guild	Bucks family	Merkel family
Elevette	Tom Frey	Kadance Kugler
Ushers	Mike Long, Rob McQuaide	Luke Hiester, Jim Fowler

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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