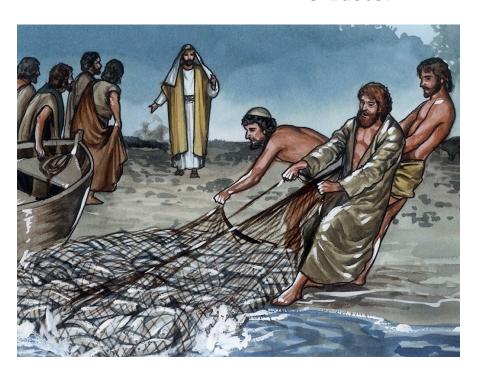
Zion Lutheran Church

May 4, 2025 3 Easter





Spokane, Washington

Sharing God's care that all may know Jesus as their Lord, Savior and Friend

3 Easter

+GATHERING+

Welcome

Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Prelude

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Call to Reconciliation

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Today's Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This: Thanks to the careful work of scholars, we do have some suggestions about the origins of this hymn. According to correspondence with Carlton Young, the text appeared as early as 1811 in a collection by Stith Mead titled General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use (second enlarged edition). William J. Reynolds traced a variant of this text to Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Original and Selected by Starke Dupuy, also published in 1811.

Famous Appalachian folksong collector George Pullen Jackson noted that the structure of the text was very similar to the English ballad "Captain Kidd." Robert Kidd was a pirate who was executed in 1701. All of this suggests a song with its origins in oral tradition sung in several variants, but eventually stabilized by being printed in a widely circulated collection.



Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



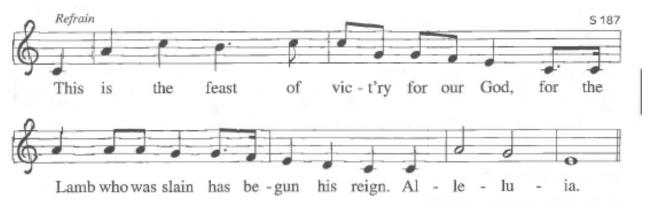
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Hymn of Praise





Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Message for the Youth

+WORD+

The Readings

Barb Schroeder

First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

- 1. Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 2. and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
- 4. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- 5. He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
- 6. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."
- [7. The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.
- 8. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- 9. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
- 10. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."
- 11. The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,
- 12. and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."
- 13. But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

- 14. and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."
- 15. But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;
- 16. I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."
- 17. So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
- 18. And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,
- 19. and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,
- 20. and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm Psalm 30

- 1. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- 2. O Lord my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health.
- 3. You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- 4. Sing praise to the Lord, | all you faithful; give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.
- 5. God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
- 6. While I felt se- | cure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed.
- 7. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- 8. I cried to | you, O Lord; I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,
- 9. "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de | clare your faithfulness?
- 10. Hear, O Lord, and have mer- | cy upon me; O Lord, | be my helper."
- 11. You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
- 12. Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

11. Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12. singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

13. Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

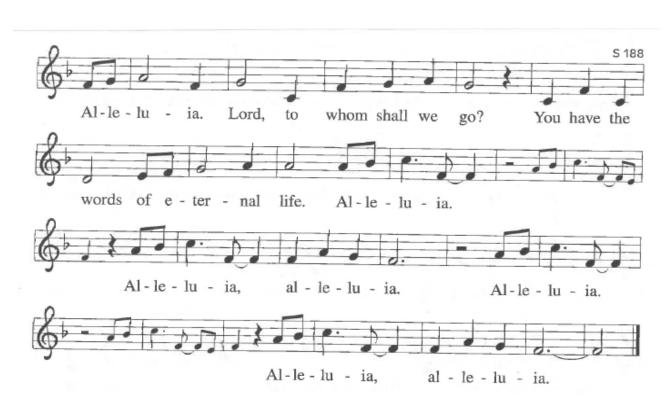
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14. And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)



The Holy gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 21:1-19

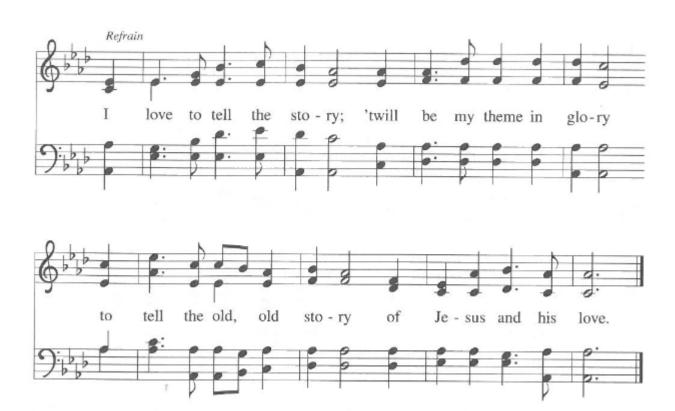
- 1. After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- 2. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 5. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."
- 6. He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 7. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.
- 8. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 9. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 10. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
- 11. So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- 12. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.
- 13. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 14. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 15. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
- 16. A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."
- 17. He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.
- 18. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."
- 19. (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Praise to you, O Christ



Continued

I Love to Tell the Story #661



Sermon

Pastor Mary Daniels

Offertory

The offering will be brought forward during the Hymn



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offering Prayer

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Apostles Creed

We confess together our Christian faith using the words of the 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

(Please stand as you are able)

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people.

Hear us, O God. Your Mercy is Great

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds.

Hear us, O God. Your Mercy is Great

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Healing

Joan, Ed, Roger, Wayne, Bob, Susan, Larry, Vickie, Nancy, Phoibe, Randy

Safety & Strength

All First Responders—for those who are Homebound or Homeless, All United States
Military Personnel.

Military

Evan, Devon, Matt, Dylan, Eric

For what else do the people of God pray?

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places (especially Monica, mother of Augustine). May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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

Amen

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Please stand as you are able)

May the God of resounding joy be with you!

And also with you!

Easter people, may your hearts be filled with joy!

May God fill our emptiness with the carols of angels!

Children of the resurrection, lift your praises to the One who loves us!

We join with all creation in shouting our praises to our God!

From the rubble of chaos, you shaped a sanctuary for creation. Surpassing God: trumpeter swans glided gracefully across lakes, Tall trees waltzed across green fields. Stars piped choruses of joy in the night.

Having formed us in your image, your Spirit breathed peace into us, Inviting us to wander the gardens of wonder. Prophets came to witness about your willingness to forgive us and take away our fears.

Preface

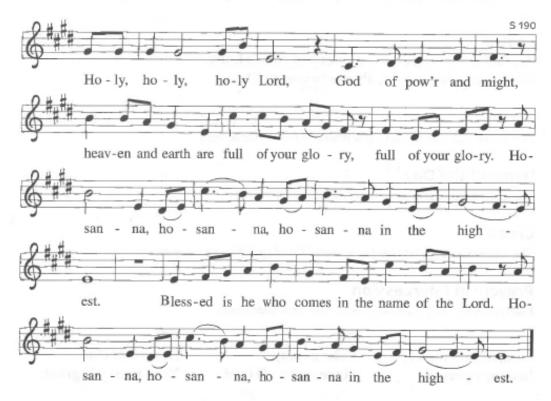
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and 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:

+MEAL+

Sanctus

(Please stand as you are able)

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:



Eucharistic Prayer

With butterflies and daffodils after winter's frost, with our ancestors in the faith, With our children and grandchildren, with everyone who sees you coming, We sing our glad praise to you.

As we remember all he did and taught us, As we celebrate the first-born of his resurrection, We sing of that mystery we call faith:

Christ as the one who died for us; Christ is the one who is risen for us; Christ will be the One who comes for us,

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.

And when our lives have ended, when we are gathered in grace and peace With our sisters and brothers from all time, We join our hearts in praising you, God in community, Holy in One, Who was, and who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. Gifts of God for the People of God.

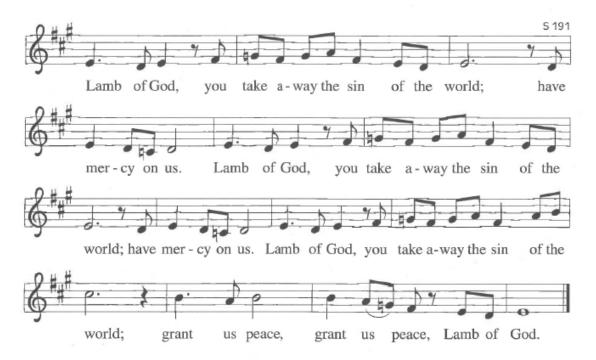
Please come forward while singing the Lamb of God:

(There will be 2 lines for Communion). The left line will be for those who wish to commune at the rail. The right line is available for everyone else, including those who are not comfortable or able to use the steps).

Lamb of God

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion and may begin with:



Post-Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith of the life everlasting. May his peace go with you, go in peace.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

EASTER



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Blessing

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen

Announcements

+SENDING+

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Prayers for the People Healing

Joan Riddlesberger, Ed Hollow, Roger Rothweiler, Wayne Struck, Bob Anderson, Susan Wages, Merry Hakizamunges, Larry Schroeder, Vickie Lunnenberg, Nancy Rush, Phoibe Bazarama, Randy Koeller

Safety & Strength

All First Responders—for those who are Homebound or Homeless, All United States Military Personnel.

Military

Evan Tyron-Smith (Marine), Devon Kreiger (Navy), Matt Buck (Army), Dylan Lawrence (Army), Eric Ewers (Marine)

For May 11, 2025

Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistants	Coffee Host
Lois Fry	Diana Dodson	Mary Daniels	Renee Burghard	Open
Harvey Burghard	Violet Anderson		Shannon Koeller	
			Mary Daniels	

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING
Mon — May 5	Ezekiel 1:1-25	Psalm 121	Acts 9:19b-31
Tues — May 6	Ezekiel 1:26-2:1	Psalm 121	Acts 26:1-18
Wed — May 7	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 121	Luke 5:1-11
Thurs — May 8	Isaiah 5:11-17	Psalm 30	Revelation 3:14-22
Fri — May 9	Isaiah 6:1-4	Psalm 30	Revelation 4:1-11
Sat — May 10	Genesis 18:1-8	Psalm 30	Luke 14:12-14

CALENDAR FOR May 4 - May 18

Sunday, May 4, 9:00AM Zion Lutheran Service

Sunday, May 4, 10AM

Tuesday, May 6, 2:30PM

Wednesday, May 7, 10:00AM

Divine Drama

Choir Practice

No Bible Study

Thursday, May 8, 10:00AM Aerobics

Thursday, May 8, 6:00PM AA
Saturday, May 10, 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (All are invited)

Saturday, May 10, 1:00PM Women's Tea

Sunday, May 11, 9:00AM Zion Lutheran Service

Sunday, May 11, 10AM Divine Drama

Monday, April 28 to May 8, 2025 Pastor Vacation
Sunday, May 18, 9:00AM Zion Lutheran Service

Sunday, May 18, 9:00AM Zion Lutheran Service Sunday, May 18, 10AM Divine Drama

Weekly Announcements

Please fill out the attendance folder at the end of your pew. If you are attending via Facebook, please make a comment so we may credit you with your attendance today.

Please fill out a blue prayer card if you would like to have a special prayer for someone.

Divine Drama will meet after Service today.

Choir Practice is Tuesday at 2:30PM

Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday.

Low Impact Aerobics will meet Thursday at 10:00AM

Men's Breakfast will be May 10th at 9:00AM (all are invited to attend to hear the mayor of Millwood.

The Annual Women's Tea will be May 10th at 1:00PM

Pastor will be on vacation from April 28th to May 8th.

Please contact the office if you have an announcement you would like made for next week.