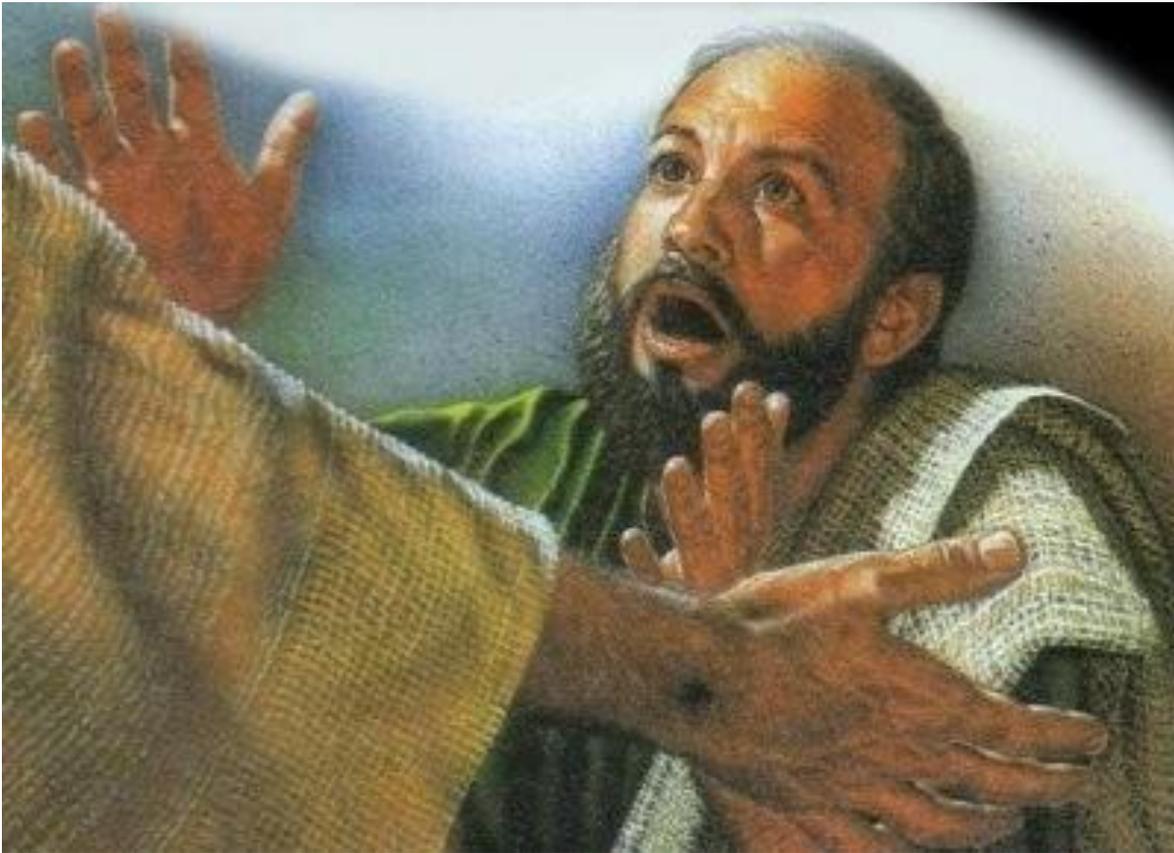


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 24, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WHO ARE
WATCHING FROM THEIR HOMES!**

Welcome & Announcements

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
 we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
 and we are a new creation.
 For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
 who was, who is, and who is to come.
 We thank you, God, for your river of life,
 flowing freely from your throne:
 through the earth, through the city,
 through every living thing.
 You rescued Noah and his
 family from the flood;
 You opened wide the sea for
 the Israelites.
 Now in these waters you flood
 us with mercy,
 and our sin is drowned
 forever.
 You open the gate of
 righteousness
 and we pass safely through.
 In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
 You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
 You call us forth and send us out.
 In lush and barren places, you are with us.
 You have become our salvation.
 Now breathe upon this water
 and awaken your church once more.
 Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
 To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**
**(a sprinkling of water over the congregation to recall our
 baptism as we sing our opening hymn)**



OPENING HYMN – ELW#376 – Thine is the Glory

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord! Halleluiah!**

ALLELUIA!

Sung Response – HE IS LORD

**He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord! (twice)**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 – **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”



²⁷Then he said to

Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

REFLECTIONS

HYMN: ELW# 731 - Earth All Stars

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer requests and greetings from the Facebook Community

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live in harmony with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you. We pray for the People of the Ukraine and their countrymen around the world, God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are in need today. We remember those in our hearts this morning. By Name we pray for ... (names are read aloud) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



OFFERING

Offering Prayer

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE REMEMBER ON THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS DIED...

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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Now let us feast this Easter time on Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, the Bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

*[Ushers will escort you to the Communion Rail to receive.
After receiving the wafer, you will be able to take a small
cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from a tray.
Deposit the empty cup in the basket. Then return to your
seat.]*



COMMUNION HYMNS

LORD, I GIVE MY LIFE TO YOU

Lord, I give my life to You.
 At your feet I lay my burdens down.
 Lord I place my weakness in the strength of your hand.
 Father, work Your will in me.

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
 In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord, be glorified...

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified...

4 In your world, Lord, be glorified...

WHEN THE FATHER SENT HIS SON

When the Father sent His Son to live with us, our lives to mend;
 Placed His love upon the altar that with Him we might ascend.

Chorus: All that I can do is thank Him, All that I can do is pray.
 All that I can do is lift my hands to sing His praise.

Lord the blessed life You give me, and the holy road You choose;
 Lead me all the way to Calv'ry, and I'll only follow You. **Chorus.**

Lord, I only want Your blessing, as I'm sitting at Your feet.
 Nothing in this world can woo me from Your holy seat. **Chorus.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup
 we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ELW#382 – Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**BENEDICTION HYMN: MAY GOD'S BLESSING SURROUND YOU –
Found in the back of the hymnal**

May God's Blessings surround you each day. As you trust God and
walk in His Way. May God's presence within, guide and keep you
from sin. Go in Peace! Go in Joy! Go in Love!

Dismissal

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace.
Tell all the world what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

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“God calls us to share our faith in Christ with the community in all seasons.”

8:30 am – Pavilion at 6th St. and Bayview Ave

10 am – Holy Communion at Zion