

Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God’s children through faith.
In the cross of Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

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.

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "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." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118: 14-29

Read Responsively

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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." ²⁶ A 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." ²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But 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 O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY #386 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
verses 1, 4-8

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CHOIR

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

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.

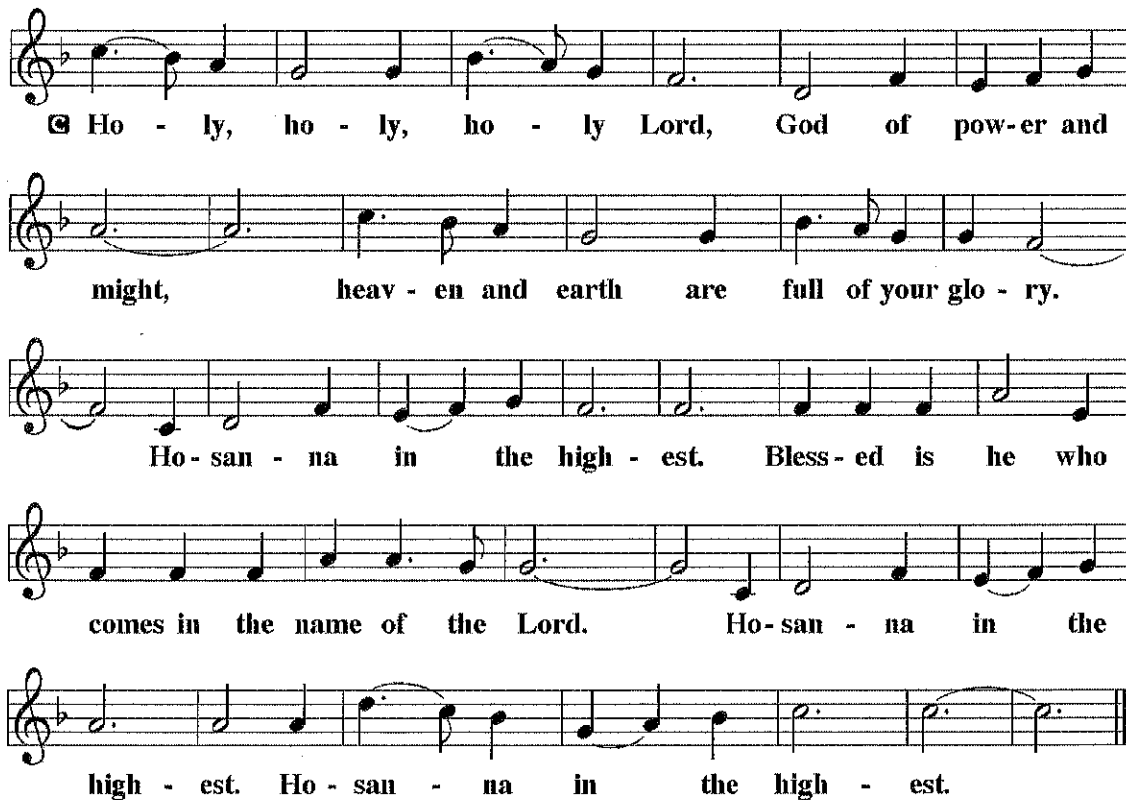
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #477

"I Received the Living God"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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.

SENDING HYMN #635

“We Walk by Faith”

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 157 (Easter)

Last Year: 131 (1st Communion)

Announcements!

A thank you goes out to all the people that helped set up and clean up for the Palm Sunday Brunch. Thank you to everyone that brought something to eat to share with others. It was well attended.

Next Sunday we will have a Southern Gospel Band for our music. Please come and enjoy.

Today at 3pm Lawrence University Russian Department and the Global Languages & Cultures Coalition is presenting The University of Wisconsin Russian Folk Orchestra in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel. It is free and open to the public.

Here are some updates from Bonnie Nussbaum on Zion's future. First of all Kandie Wilz is taking over some of the Project Manager duties to free Bonnie up to do other work. It was also noted that Zion is now seeking a full-time pastor rather than a part-time one which may help in bringing some candidates to the fore. Bonnie indicated she was likely going to be proposing a co-op model where the co-op owns the homes and the people living in them are part of the co-op and buying in to shares of ownership. This model can allow people who are currently priced out of the housing market altogether to buy in. Bonnie also talked about a land trust model where Zion retains ownership of the land and structuring some kind of monthly payment from the co-op for use of the land that made it worthwhile for Zion, along with lowering the overall cost of the development.

Here are some volunteer opportunities if you are interested. Greeter, Usher, Bell Ringer, fellowship hour, Communion Setup and Cleanup. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please see Lynn Walter and she will refer you to the person in charge of that job.

Lynn has gift cards for sale today. They are \$25 Festival, \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Menards, \$25 Pick N Save, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, \$10 Target & \$25 Walgreens. She is placing a gift card order on May 6 so if you would like a gift card that she doesn't have please let her know and she will order it for you. Order forms with all the gift cards available are in the narthex for your review.

Valley Funeral Home located at 2211 N. Richmond St., Appleton is hosting a planning ahead program. It is on Tuesday, April 29 & May 6 from 1:00pm–3:30pm. You must attend both weeks. The cost is \$20 for workbook, materials & guest speakers. You can register at <https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadValleyFuneralHome> or you can call 920-832-5121. They will be discussing handling financial changes, Advanced Medical and Legal & Directives, Estate Planning, Choices in End-of-Life care, Final Wishes & Understanding Grief.

The men of the Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus welcome Janet Planet to our 91st Anniversary Season performance stage. She will join them in song as they present a concert of hope and inspiration for a fast-moving world. The 2 concerts are May 3rd at 7pm in the Xavier High School Fine Arts Theatre and May 4th at 2pm in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel. Tickets are available for \$20 from all chorus members, at the door and on their website: www.macdowellchorus.com.

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Locker provides access to medical equipment without charge to the residents of the Fox Valley communities. They are always in need of new or used medical equipment. If you have any unused or unwanted medical equipment that is in good condition, please consider donating it to them. Hearing aid batteries can be donated at the locker, and people can come in when the locker is open and request free hearing aid batteries. Currently, there are 13, 312 and some 675 batteries. They have a volunteer that is willing to drop off batteries at the church. For more information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fvlml/home>.

On our website, zionappleton.org, we have links to different articles about churches like ELCA Global Mission, Seeds of the parish & Concordia. There are also pages for the affordable housing project and community events. We also have the messenger past & present & the bulletin past & present. Please take a look at all the information we have about Zion.

Sunday, April 27

Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29

Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Second Sunday of Easter

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tommy Meltz

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Wednesday, April 30

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Monday, May 12, 2025

Submissions due for May's calendar

Sunday, May 4

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Ps 30

Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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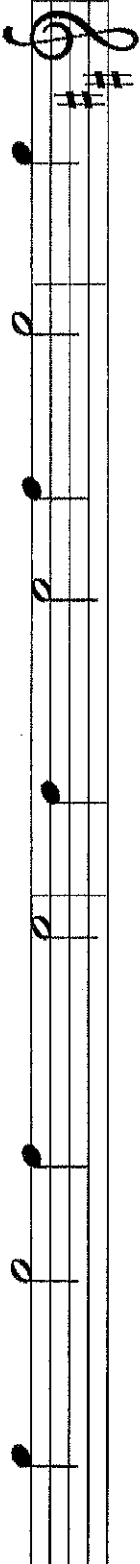
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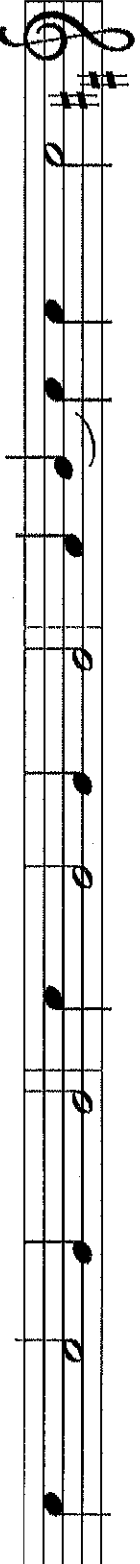
Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Jodi Hoesli

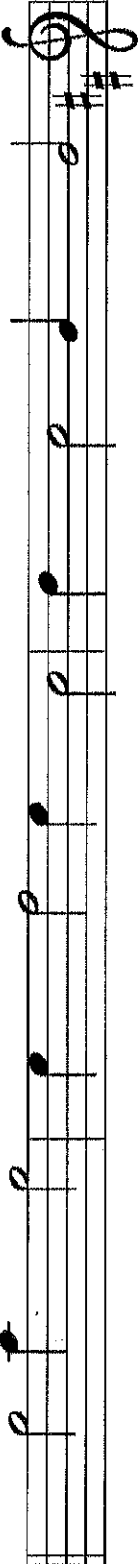
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That East - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O O Je - sus, king of gen - - - - - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O tis - - - - - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our East - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - - - - - en Lord!
 ev - - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - - - - - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - - on death can wield.
 e - - qual praise, and God the Spir - - - - - it, now we raise!

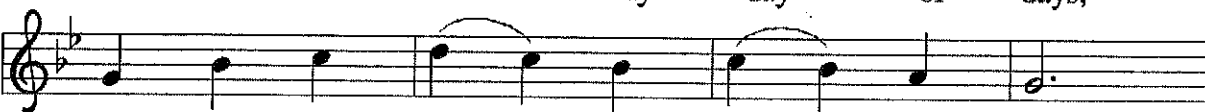
O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be."
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!</p> |

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

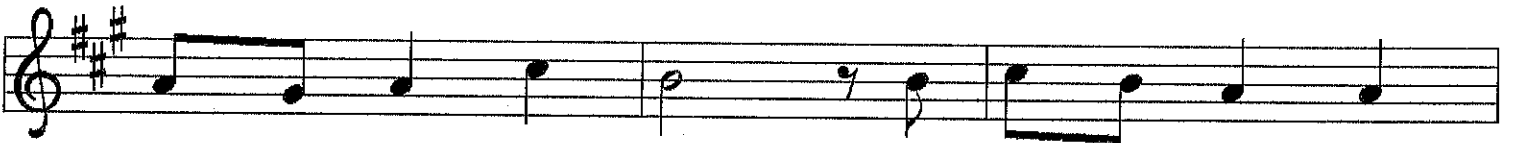
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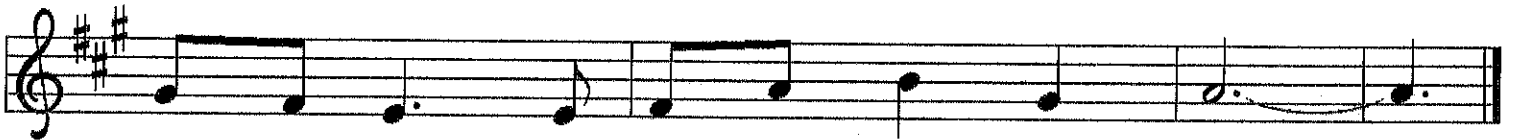
We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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