

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Laverne Eckels in memory of her husband John P. Eckels and by Megan Richards in memory of her mother Luella Rilius.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Tom & Shirley Bicusky in memory of their Loved Ones.

There will be a **Voter's Meeting** TODAY between the early and late services.

The Tuesday evening **Ladies Bible Study** has begun a new study in the book of Hebrews entitled: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" - The Book of Hebrews.....All are welcome!

Bowling News: Due to a Tournament at AMF Lanes/Bowling City, they've changed our final bowling date from May 13th to May 6th! Final bowling schedule: May 6th with the bowling banquet on May 27th. The banquet will be held at Al's Cafe. The bowling website can be accessed through www.zlcb.org.

New Eyes for the Needy will be collecting used eyeglasses in order to recondition them and give them to those in need. Please bring your used eyeglasses and place them in the collection box in the narthex through Pentecost Sunday, June 12th.

Thank you so much for your continued participation in our **Paper Recycling Drive**. We have already filled the bin and had our first pick-up! Now there is plenty of room to add more. **Items allowed:** newspapers, magazines/catalogs, office/school paper, mail, paperback books, & shredded paper in a clear plastic bag. **Items not allowed:** Phone books, cardboard, paper towels, hard-cover books, plastics, metals, & other garbage.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Last week we celebrated the resurrection of Christ. And guess what? We're going to celebrate the resurrection of Christ again this week! The resurrection of Christ changes everything because it proves that, among plenty of other things, people do not need to stay dead forever. More than that, we know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we will be raised too!

Last week, we looked at the proof assurance we have that our fate will be that of Christ: life everlasting.

This week, Darren will continue our sermon series on the Gospel of John and focus on a passage where Jesus speaks to the ruling Jews about his relationship with the Father. Coming on the heels of Easter, this text is fitting because it teaches us that in the resurrection of Christ (as with all of his ministry and life), we see the hand of God at work. The resurrection of Christ was the Father's doing.

Also this week, we will have an opportunity to complete a survey about what we enjoy doing and what we are good at doing. One of the ways we can respond to the resurrection of Christ is to spend time working in the body of Christ to make this message of good news known by more and more people. There are many opportunities to help and serve around the church. By completing the enclosed survey, we will be better able to suggest ways in which you can help out at Zion! Please take a moment before or after worship to complete the survey and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or greeter. Thanks!

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: Earth and All Stars

817 vs. 1-4

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

People: **I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

People: **Amen.**

The Baptism of Claire Maria Schrag (8:00)

Hymn of Praise: Earth and All Stars

817 vs. 5-7

The Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who raised His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord from the dead, keep us strong in the faith that our fate will be like his, and that we too shall be raised from death on the last day and enjoy your presence forever. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord we pray.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The New Testament Lesson: Galatians 3:1-14

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter

People: (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel: John 8:39-59

They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning,

and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

The Children’s Message (10:30)

The Sermon Hymn: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

822

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed: Apostles’ Creed

192

The Offertory: Create in Me

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

(Please stand)

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Service of the Sacrament (208)

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing**

hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

The Sharing of the Peace.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- **We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.**
- **We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.**
- **We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.**

- **We believe the Lord’s Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.**

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words “this is my body... this is my blood, given for you.”

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

This Joyful Eastertide	482
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing	475
Just as I Am, without One Plea	570

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen!**

The Recessional: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise 680

The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Eliker
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & Mike Sterba
The Acolytes:	Anthony Vallelunga and Mitchell Fitzgerald
The Greeters:	Joan Kovach and Brian & Megan Pasquini
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager, Ben Ivancza, & Barb Oechslein and Neil Ackerman, Steve Kovach, Bob Schmidt, & Brian Pasquini
Altar Guild:	Diane Schmidt, Barb Oechslein, & Megan Pasquini

We would like to give special thanks to our **CHOIR** for contributing their time and talents to this Lenten and Easter season. Your dedication is indeed greatly appreciated!



Neil Ackerman
Jay Anderson
Roxanne Burgh
Dorothea Heslop
Carrie Lemonovich
Ruth Miller
Sharon Oechslein

Marian Oelschlager
Sandy Quinlan
Lois Sauro
Rita Sheldon
Dwight Weldon
Dick Wible

The choir is always looking for new voices to join with us in song. See Paula Gardner if you are interested.

WEEK OF May 1-8, 2011

SUNDAY 5/1	8:00 AM – Worship (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Voter’s Meeting 10:30 AM – Worship (Sanctuary)
MONDAY 5/2	6:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Undercroft) 6:00 PM – 7 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – 8 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 5/3	8:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study (Church Basement)
WEDNESDAY 5/4	7:00 PM – Bible Study
THURSDAY 5/5	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 5/6	6:30 PM – Bowling (AMF Mt. Lebanon)
SATURDAY 5/7	
SUNDAY 5/8 MOTHER’S DAY!	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

OUR ATTENDANCE:

Maundy Thursday	90
Good Friday	181
Easter Sunday	361

OUR OFFERINGS:

Lent Service 4/20	\$282.00
Maundy Thursday	\$827.00
Good Friday	\$2,588.50
Easter Sunday	\$8,897.33
Year to Date	\$211,916.92