# Zion Lutheran Church



## April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Easter Sunday



## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

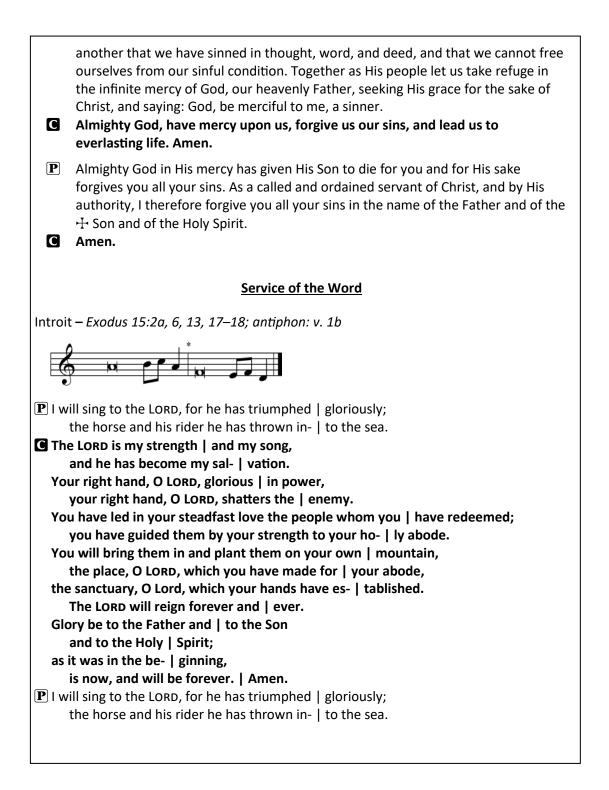
We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

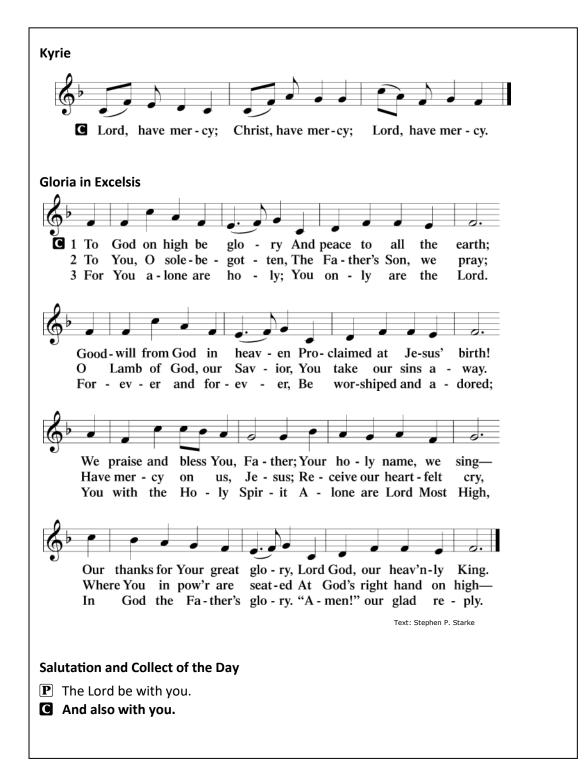
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!







#### **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### First Reading -- Acts 10:34-43

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

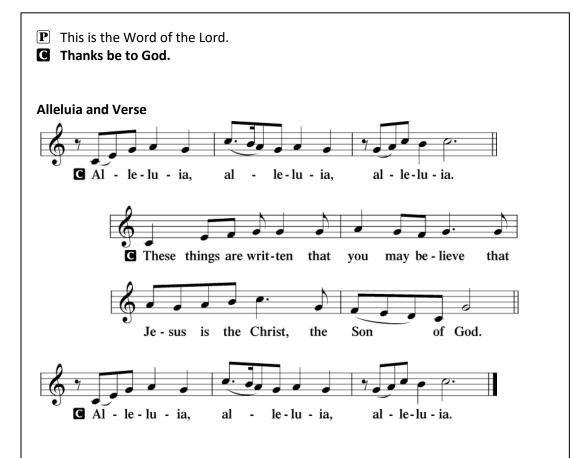
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Choir --** *Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* (8:00 am) **Quartet --** *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* (10:30 am)

#### Epistle Reading -- Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



#### Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

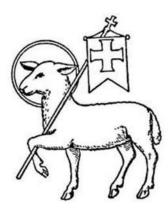
Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

- **G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
  - And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
  - The third day He rose again from the dead.
  - He ascended into heaven
  - and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
  - From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
  - I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    - the holy Christian Church,
    - the communion of saints,
    - the forgiveness of sins,
    - the resurrection of the body,
    - and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Hymn of the Day -- Awake, My Heart, with Gladness #467 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - dav is done: in tri-umph shout - ed When Christ lay in 2 The foe the tomb: 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part! 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun. he now is rout - ed, His But lo. boast is turned to gloom. joy Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The with-in my heart. Now am safe from e - vil. And Ι Ι laugh to scorn. sin My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made For Christ a gain free; In glo rious vic is to - ry No gloom shall ev shake, No shall ev er take er foe Grim death with all might Can - not its my soul af - fright; When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight. He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave. The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won. pow'r - less form, How - e'er It is а it rave and storm. 5 The world against me rages, Now I will cling forever 6 Its fury I disdain; To Christ, my Savior true; Though bitter war it wages, My Lord will leave me never, Its work is all in vain. Whate'er He passes through. My heart from care is free. He rends death's iron chain: No trouble troubles me. He breaks through sin and pain; Misfortune now is play, He shatters hell's grim thrall; And night is bright as day. I follow Him through all.

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He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold, Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold: "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared; Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

Sermon

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

C ... Hear our prayer.

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

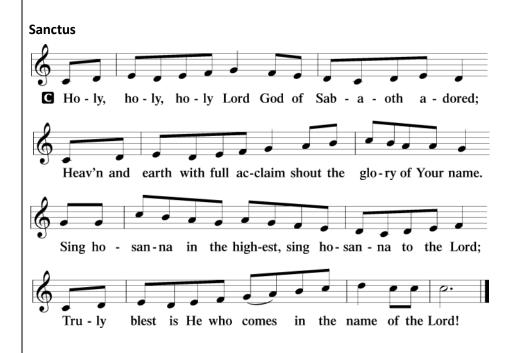
**G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer		
<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.</li> </ul>		

#### The Words of Our Lord

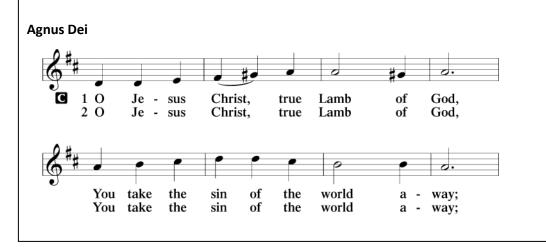
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

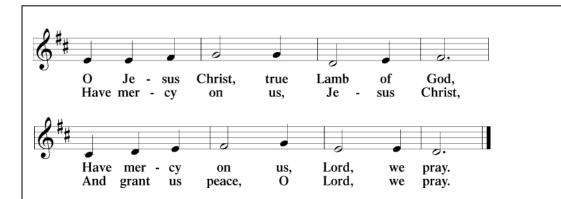
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





#### Distribution

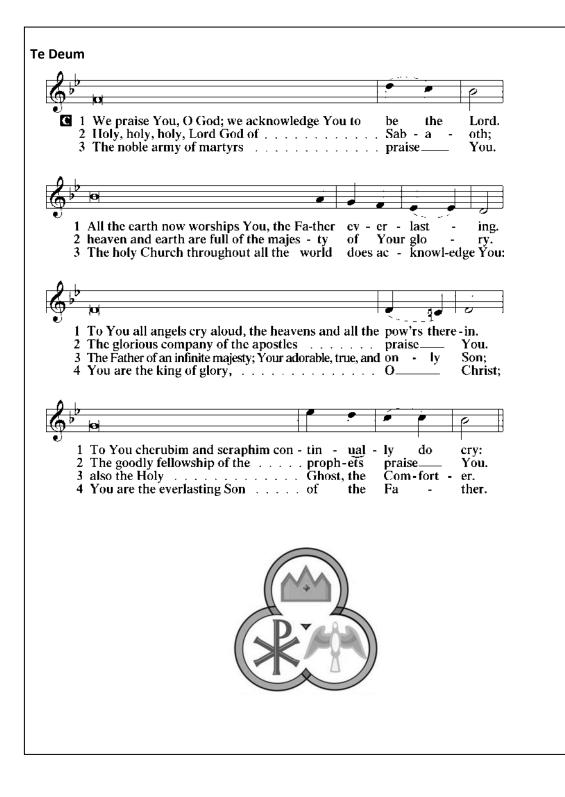
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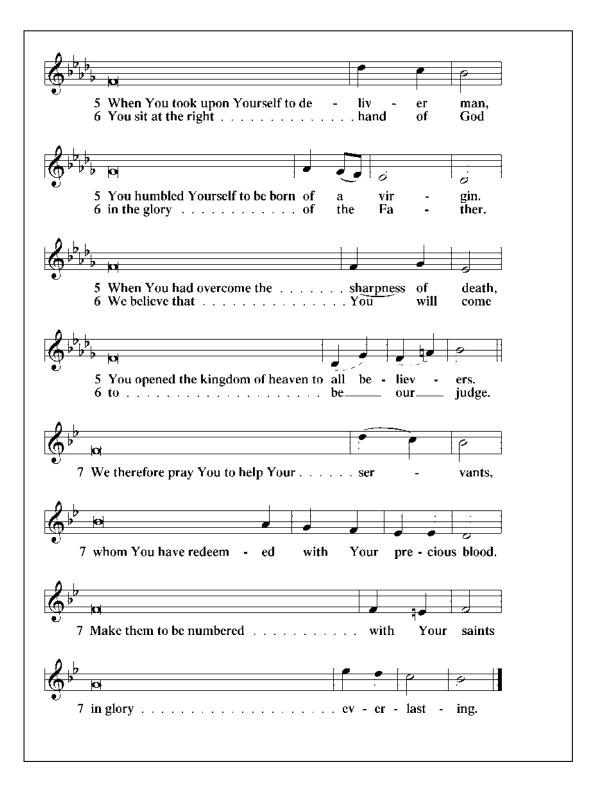
> Faith Bell Choir – Thine is the Glory (8:00) Men's Choir -- This Joyful Eastertide (8:00) Grace Bell Choir -- The Strife is O'er (10:30)

#### **Distribution Hymns**

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won	#490
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done	#464
Christ the Lord is Risen Today	#469







#### **Post-Communion Collect**

#### **P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
   The Lord look upon you with favor and ++ give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn -- I know That My Redeemer Lives #461 O 1 I know that Re deem er lives; What com-fort my -2 He from the lives tri um phant grave; He lives e -3 He lives with His He lives to bless me love; to 4 He lives rich He to grant me sup ply; lives to this gives! He lives, He lives, who sweet tence sen ter nal ly to save; He lives all - glo rious -plead for me a bove; He lives my hun gry -guide me with His eye; He lives to com fort He lives, my head. once was dead; er - liv ing ev the sky; He alt ed high. in lives ex there on soul to feed: He lives to help in time of need. me when faint: He lives to hear my soul's com plaint. 5 He lives to silence all my fears: He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart. 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there. 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Text and tune: Public domain

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

## The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-Healing & Strength for: Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

## The World:

-For peace in Ukraine.-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.-For the youth in our community.

### Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.-For the disabled, unborn and aged.



Service Participants		
Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein	
Music Director:	Mark Killinger	
Organist:	Doug Krantz	
Elders:	Sam Garloff, Bob Schmidt (8:00) Jim Neill, Bill Bishop (10:30)	
Acolytes:	Lindsay Liberatore (8:00); Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)	
Ushers:	Bill, Ken & Will Schrag, and Jason Trentini (8:00) John, Liz, Claire & Luke Lemonovich (10:30)	
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Paul & Terry Hayes in honor of the Risen Christ; and by Paul & Nancy Klemash in memory of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Paul & Nancy Klemash in memory of loved ones.





**PARENTS** ... A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101) Parent supervision is required, and audio is available so you don't miss the service. In addition, the Family Care

Room in the narthex (near the main entrance) is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items. *(please note, this area is not sound-proofed from the sanctuary).* 

## Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/2) -- 57 (8 am); 83 (10:30 am) Maundy Thursday Worship Attendance (4/6) -- 33 (2 pm); 51 (7 pm) Plate Offerings (4/2) -- \$4124 Online Offering -- \$1070

Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

	This Week at Zion
SUN 4/9 Easter	8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet in Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship
MON 4/10	6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 4/11	7:00 PM Board of Education Mtg.
WED 4/12	
THU 4/13	7:00 PM Elders Mtg.
FRI 4/14	
SAT 4/15	
SUN 4/16	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship



## Sign - Up Online TODAY!

The church office is beginning work on a new Zion Member Pictorial Directory complete with up-to-date photos and contact information for every member of our church family!

We have contracted a local photographer to take photos of our member families on the following <u>Sundays from 10 am--Noon</u>:

Sun, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun, April 30<sup>th</sup> Sun, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Please sign-up as soon as possible for a 5-minute photo slot on one of these dates by going to the online Sign-Up Genius (simply click on the link, OR go to signupgenius.com and "search for a signup" using the email address "secretary@zlcb.org"). If you need help using the Sign-Up Genius, or have any questions, please call Susie in the church office at 412-221-4776, ext. 203.

Once your photo session is complete, individuals and families may choose to download or purchase prints of these professional photos; however, there will be NO OBLIGATION or SALES PITCH to make any purchase!



The new Member Directory will be part of our 125th anniversary commemoration and will be completed and ready for distribution to members in September!

## Easter Flowers Donated By

Carl & Karen Bauer -- In Memory of George & Nancy Geregach, in Honor of Children/Grandchildren

Bishop Family – In honor of our risen Savior

Shane & Sandy Bryant -- In Memory of loved ones

Sam & Joanne Garloff -- In Memory of Sam's Grandmother, Evelyn, and Joanne's Brother, Michael

Clara Hayes – In Memory of her husband, Paul D. Hayes

Roberta Hoelle -- In Memory of Beloved Husband, John

Charles & Kathy Kacvinsky — In Honor of Our Risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ

Mary Lou Rilee — In Memory of loved ones

Lemonovich Family -- In Memory of Richard Wible and Linda Smith

Wayne & Barb Oechslein -- In Honor of the Risen Christ

Gene & Sharon Koop -- In Memory of their daughter

Paul & Nancy Klemash -- In Memory of loved ones

Nyomin Buhler -- In Memory her father, Christopher Buhler

Judy Bridges -- In Memory of her parents, Ernest & Jean Hesse

Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse -- In Memory of loved ones

Pastor & Tevia Grimenstein -- In Memory of all the saints who rest from their labors

Paul & Terry Hayes -- In Memory of loved ones



## ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER CHURCH WORK!

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

- 1. Pray with your children for God to provide church workers.
- 2. Talk to your children about becoming church workers.
- 3. Thank God for the people who work in your congregation.
- To learn more about Set Apart to Serve, visit Icms.org/set-apart-to-serve.







## If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" \*

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**Parents:** Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!

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