

# Resurrection Sunday

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 9:30am



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**Preparation For Worship:** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

## Opening Song

## Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son - I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

Amen amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen - Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave - I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name - He rolled the stone away

Amen amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen - Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life - my future in His hand

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## Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

*John 11*

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

**People: All the time!**

Pastor: God is good!

**People: Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.**

Pastor: May your life be renewed like spring after winter in Jesus' love.

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Jesus' preaching began with, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus also answered the Pharisees when they questioned who He welcomed and forgave, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

**People: After His resurrection Jesus said to His disciples, "It is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."**

Pastor: Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

**People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgive me of my sins, I pray.** *(Reflection for confession)*

Pastor: Jesus laid down His life for our sins to be forgiven. He cleanses us, and calls us clean as we believe and receive His reconciliation. As you have confessed and believed, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and according to His Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

Hezekiah received the letter and read it; then Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord.

*2 Kings 19:14*

Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

*Luke 9:28*

Let us pray:

**People: Hallelujah! We sing the songs of resurrection from the mountaintops. Now we continue to pray that Your Good News will reach the ears of all whose hearts are hardened by doubts in this dark world. Risen Jesus, You are praying with us. By the Spirit we lay the lost before your throne. Our hope is in You, O Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons     *Read*

### First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
<sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, <sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**     Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**People:** 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Sermon Song**

### **Overcome**

**Seated above enthroned in the Father's love  
Destined to die poured out for all mankind**

**God's only Son perfect and spotless One  
He never sinned but suffered as if He did**

**All authority - every victory is Yours  
All authority - every victory is Yours  
Savior worthy of honor and glory  
Worthy of all our praise - for You overcame  
Jesus awesome in power forever  
Awesome and great is Your Name - for You overcame**

**Power in hand speaking the Father's plan  
You're sending us out light in this broken land**

**All authority - every victory is Yours  
All authority - every victory is Yours  
Savior worthy of honor and glory  
Worthy of all our praise - for You overcame  
Jesus awesome in power forever  
Awesome and great is Your Name - for You overcame**

*instrumental*

**We will overcome - by the blood of the Lamb  
And the word of our testimony - everyone overcome**

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**Sermon/Watchword**      *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*      Pr Knoll  
Why Do You Look For The Living Among The Dead? Jesus Is Not Here, But Has Risen

**Offering Song**

**Marvelous Light**

**Into marvelous light I'm running  
Out of darkness out of shame  
Through the cross You are the truth  
You are the life You are the way**

*interlude*

**I once was fatherless  
A stranger with no hope  
Your kindness wakened me  
Wakened me from my sleep now  
Your love it beckons deeply  
A call to come and die  
By grace now I will come  
And take this life take Your life**

**Sin has lost its power  
Death has lost its sting  
From the grave You've risen - victoriously**

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Out of darkness out of shame  
Through the cross You are the truth  
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My dead heart now is beating  
My deepest stains now clean  
Your breath fills up my lungs  
Now I'm free now I'm free

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## **Prayers of the Church**      *Pray*

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,  
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

**Pastor:** Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the  
ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active,  
Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:** **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of  
all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We  
join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray  
that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as  
it is in heaven.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

**Pastor:** You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our  
prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all  
glory, honor, and praise.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**People:** 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.

**Benediction**     *Bless*

**Pastor:** Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People:** Amen.

**Blessing:** Child of God, may we break forth with the earth in praise to our Lord.

**Pastor:** Our worship continues,

**People:** our service begins!

**Closing Song**

**Jesus Is Alive**

There is now a hope that last beyond our days  
For the One that once was buried lives again  
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away  
Praise the risen One Who overcame the grave

All you brokenhearted – all you worn and weak  
Come find living water - everlasting streams  
To the wandering spirit - lost and searching – wanting something more  
Find the risen King Who overcomes the world

Let there be dancing in the darkness - and let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King - for Jesus is alive

No more condemnation – no more doubt and fear  
For our sin and shame – they have no power here  
In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free  
Praise the risen King Who stands in victory

Let there be dancing in the darkness - and let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King - for Jesus is alive

Hallelujah death is undone - Hallelujah Jesus has won  
Hallelujah we overcome - oh in Jesus – oh in Jesus  
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## SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. If you are a visitor please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God. An empty grave is there to prove our Savior lives. HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED. From Ron and Jo Anne O'Neill.

**This year for Easter** gifts were accepted for the LCMC Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund in honor or in memory of loved ones:

In thankfulness for the family of God at Zion from Diane Mueller

To the glory of God from Connie and Jim Hoeft

To the glory of God in memory of Gary Ellner from Carol Ellner and family

In memory of all the Zarling family that has passed away from Gloria Coonan

In memory of Vernon Staerkel from Shirley Staerkel

In loving memory of Ralph and Nancy Knoll from Pastor Jeff and Liz Knoll

**The Mission of the Month for April** is Faith in Action-Rwanda.

**The April Newsletter** is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge and on the shelf outside the church office.

### Bible Studies/Small Groups

**Monday** 1:00pm Bible Study

**Wednesday** 6:00pm G.I.F.T.

### Worship at Zion

**Wednesday** 7:00pm Worship and Praise

**Saturday** 5:00pm Chapel Service

**Sunday** 8:00am Worship

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship

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