



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin + March 31, 2024 A.D.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- The beautiful flowers in the chancel are sponsored through the Easter Decorating Fund. Please refer to the bulletin insert for a listing of all who gave to the Easter Decorating Fund. The flowering plants will be delivered to Zion's homebound members immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Zion's elders are encouraged to help deliver the flowers and spread our Easter joy! Please come to the chancel at 12:00 noon.

Today at Zion: The Hallelujah Chorus

At the conclusion of this morning's service, the choir will lead us in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*. Feel free to sing along as the Spirit leads you! If you wish, music is available at the entrances.



Celebrate the Resurrection at Zion's

Festival of Christian Arts and Culture *April 5-7 + Free and Open to Public*

- April 5: Vespers, 6:30 PM
Mr. Jonathan Schkade, 7 PM
Children's Author
- April 6: Tours of Zion, 12 & 3 PM
Traci E. Schnell, 3:45 PM
Architectural Historian
- April 7: Organ Concert, 3 PM
Janette Fishell, Bach Specialist
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PRELUDES

"Easter Fanfare"

... Kevin Hildebrand

"This Joyful Eastertide"

... Sondra K. Tucker

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

... LSB #457

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*"Welcome,
happy morn-
ing!" age to
age shall say,*

*"Hell today is
vanquished,
heaven is won
today!"*

*Lo! the dead
is living, God
forevermore!*

*Him, their
true Creator,
all His works
adore . . .*

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... Earth
with joy con-
fesses, cloth-
ing her for
spring,

All good gifts
return with
her returning
King;

Bloom in eve-
ry meadow,
leaves on eve-
ry bough,

Speak His
sorrows end-
ed, hail His
triumph now!

Months in
due succes-
sion, days of
lengthening
light,

Hours and
passing mo-
ments praise
Thee in their
flight;



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

... Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,

Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee!

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,

Thou from heaven beholding man's abasing fall,

Of the eternal Father true and only Son,

Manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on:

"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

~ Venantius Fortunatus (540-600 A.D.), trans. by John Ellerton

The human body was made to bridge two realms: the invisible, eternal realm of God and the visible, temporal realm of his creation. Created as they were in God's image, all human bodies were meant to be holy even as God is holy. Thus, human bodies do not just belong to this world, but also to the eternal world of God. They are meant to reflect the triune God bodily in their life and behavior . . .

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Job 19:23-27

²³"Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 16*

... Hal Hopson

Choir:



Choir: Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

C: I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you."

Choir: As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall |
multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out, or
take their names | on my lips.

Congregation:



Choir: The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.

C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

Choir: I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

C: I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be | shaken.

... But through God's Son, who took on a human body to reclaim us bodily for fellowship with God the Father, our bodies once again become what they were meant to be. By our faith in Jesus and union with Him, our bodies share in His holiness by being filled with the Holy Spirit. They become temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). As shrines where God resides, they share in His hidden glory and display it by word and deed to the world...

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... So then,
the value of
each body is
not inherent
to it, that is,
does not come
from itself. It
has its worth
from God and
receives its
full worth, its
glory, from
its union
with Christ.
Each human
body was
made to be
part of His
body...

Congregation:



Choir: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole
being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

C: For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

Choir: You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Congregation:



EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn toward the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into the midst of the congregation.

VERSE ... James Chepponis, adapted by Mark Bender
Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation:

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

Choir: Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again, Death no longer has dominion over Him, over Him.

Congregation:

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

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sit-

... Or, to change the picture, each body was crafted to be a living stone, set – together with and up-on Jesus – in its proper place in God's holy temple (1 Peter. 2:5). Each human body has its proper place there with God.
~ John Kleinig, A Protestant Theology of the Body, 2021 A.D.

With the resurrection we stand at the limits of understanding and enter upon a new and disconcerting world. The mystery will only deepen as the weeks of Easter and the years of our lives and the centuries of the Church pass, and we are drawn more and more into its wonder and life.

~ Philip Pfatteicher, Journey into the Heart of God, 2013 A.D.

ting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

VERSE

Congregation:



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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it, in it.

Congregation:



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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

As He com-
manded the
wind and the
waves, as He
healed and
blessed and
raised the
dead, as He
miraculously
left His moth-
er's womb, so
He left that
sealed stone
tomb: miracu-
lously alive,
just as He
passed un-
harméd
through the
multitudes
that desired to
take His life,
and just as
He would
enter that
locked upper
room and bid
His fright-
ened disciples
peace . . .

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

... arr. Kevin Hildebrand

... LSB #458

Stanza 1: ALL

Stanza 2: All Men

Stanza 3: ALL

Stanza 4: Choir

Stanza 5: All Women

Stanza 6: Choir

Stanza 7: ALL

SERMON

"What God Made You For"

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY "Our Savior Lives!"

... Benjamin M. Culli



<i>choir</i>	1. Our Sav - ior lives!	Death's stone is rolled a - way.
<i>choir</i>	2. Our Sav - ior rose	and an - gels thrill to bid.
all women	3. Our Sav - ior loves	with ab - so - lu - tion pure,
<i>choir</i>	4. Our Sav - ior comes	as eve - ning shad - ows fall.
all men	5. Our Sav - ior sits	at God's right hand a - bove.



Come, see the grave	in which our Broth - er lay.
"Why do you seek	the Christ a - mong the dead?
His glo - rious wounds	dis - pel - ling doubts that lure.
He breaks our bread,	ap - pear - ing now to all.
True God, true Man,	He bless - es us in love.

Be not a - fraid! This is His tri - umph day!
 He is not here, but ris - en as He said."
 My Lord and God, make now our faith se - cure.
 O stay with us, that we Your words re - call.
 Lord, quick - ly come; all sin and death re - move.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 (All)
**Our Savior reigns,
 Exalted on His throne
 Where heav'nly host
 Sing praise to Him alone.
 On that Last Day,
 Their song will be our own.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

△ (All)
**O risen Christ,
 Your blood makes all things right.
 Creator God,
 To you be pow'r and might.
 Spirit of Truth,
 You clothe us all in white.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,
 C: **in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen**

*. . . By God's grace, through faith in the crucified and risen Christ, your sins are removed. The stone is rolled back. He is not there. That empty tomb that once held death and darkness is now a bright chamber that echoes the Gospel truth to the ends of the earth. God took on flesh to defeat sin, death, and devil. God took on flesh to redeem you.
 ~ Pr. Mark P. Braden, 2022 A.D.*

The risen Lord interacts with us bodily in Holy Communion. There He gives us His own living body and blood to eat and drink . . . There, says Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, we are all united with each other as members of His body, because we have all participated in His body, just as we have eaten from the same loaf of bread. His body, given to us as our holy Spirit-filled food (1 Cor. 10:3), draws us together in a holy community that is both physical and spiritual . . .

GREAT THANKSGIVING

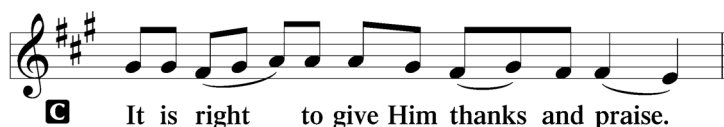
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

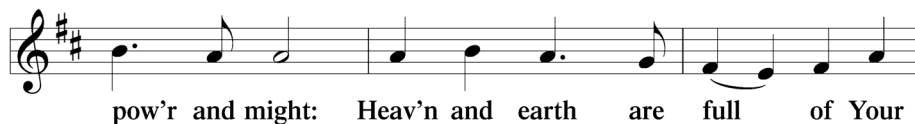


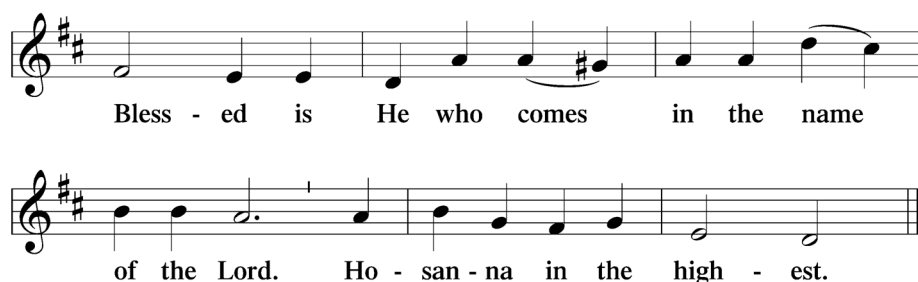
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

... His flesh and blood are life-giving; they convey His own supernatural life to us with our mortal bodies (John 6:48-58). Like a mother with a baby in her womb, Jesus nourishes us with His body and blood. Or, to change the picture, Jesus transfuses His lifeblood from His body into ours ...

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... Christ's
body and
blood do not
just benefit us
for our life on
earth; they
give us access
to heaven it-
self as we live
on earth. In
Hebrews
10:19-21, we
are taught
that just as
the flesh of
Jesus is "the
new and liv-
ing way" into
God's pres-
ence, so His
blood makes
us fit for safe
entry by that
way into the
heavenly
sanctuary in
the divine
service of
worship...

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. You may receive the holy Blood from an individual cup or the chalice. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest to ask for a blessing.

Our Lord gives His holy Body and Blood to those who are baptized in order to strengthen their union with Him and with the Church. He therefore invites to this Supper those who 1) are baptized, 2) trust that they eat His body and drink His blood, and 3) desire to set aside all divisions between themselves, God, and His Church.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ... LSB #633
“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” ... LSB #467
“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound” ... LSB #465

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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

BENEDICTION

P: 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.



... The body of Jesus is our spiritual food just as his blood is spiritual drink (1 Cor. 10:3-4). St. Paul calls it spiritual food and drink because it conveys the Holy Spirit to us in Holy Communion. That makes it food with a difference. Normally, we assimilate food into our bodies, so that it becomes part of us. But by this food the Holy Spirit assimilates us into the body of Christ. We are changed into His likeness.
~ John Kleinig,
A Protestant Theology of the Body,
2021 A.D.

A Prayer
As You Go
In You, O
Lord, have I
hoped; may I
never be dis-
appointed,
even into eter-
nity. Amen
~ Psalm 31,
vv. 1, 17

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *(led by the choir)*

"Hallelujah Chorus from 'Messiah'" ... G.F. Handel

Please feel free to join the choir and others in singing this mass

Hallelujah Chorus as you wish! All voices welcome!

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

<u>Presiding:</u>	The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
<u>Preaching:</u>	The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde <i>(Pr. Gulhaugen to Bethany at 10:30 am)</i>
<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Musicians:</u>	Chad Premeau (<i>Trumpet</i>), Mary Premeau (<i>Timpani</i>), Andy Slembarski (<i>Horn</i>), Frank Slembarski (<i>Trombone</i>), Kevin Short (<i>Trumpet</i>)
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Kantorei
<u>Radio:</u>	Paul Fandrey (9:00)
<u>Lectors:</u>	Landis Holdorf (9:00), Paul Henning (11:00)
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Trevor Kell, Tyler Pagel, Nik Stand (9:00) Hunter Renken (11:00)
<u>Communion:</u>	Lois Jarosz, Grace Mueller (9:00) Kevin Daniels, Dan Drenk (11:00)
<u>Elder:</u>	Scott Schubring (9:00), Kevin Daniels (11:00)
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sally Christoffersen, Frank Rodemeier, Ken Rodemeier, Tammie Rodemeier
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Janet Dettmering, Pam Hoppe

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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