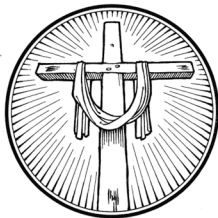


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the very bright Sun of the world, ever rising, never going down: Shine, we beseech thee, upon our spirit, that the night of sin and error being driven away by thy inward light, we may walk without stumbling, as in the day.

~ *Primer of*  
1559



---

---

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Jubilate* + April 26, 2026 + 9:00 A.M.

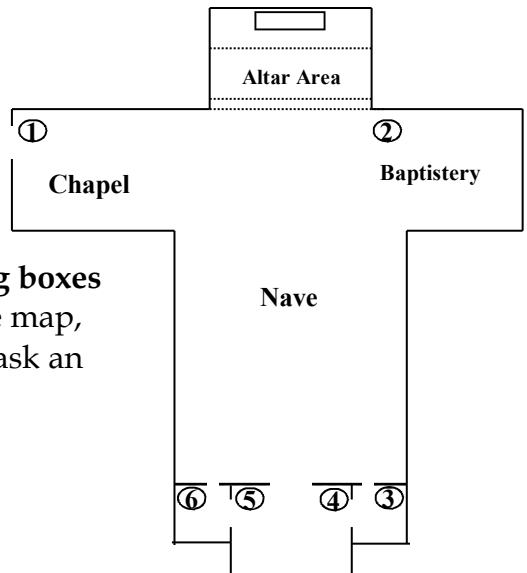
**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Traditional images of the risen Lord often showing Him holding a banner or flag emblazoned with a cross. This imagery reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus confirmed His sacrifice on the cross for our sake and made its power and benefits eternal. He forever lives as the Savior of the world who bore its sins – He bore your sins and purchased forgiveness for you – our source of joy as we so-journ in this creation, awaiting the new.

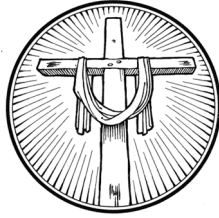
## Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Mrs. Carolyn B. Lange and family in loving memory of Margaret Tiller.
- The sponsor charts for 2026 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

## To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.





## PRELUDE

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” ... Bill Ingram (b. 1946)

Variations on “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

... Charles W. Ore (b. 1936), John Ferguson (1941-2025), John Behnke (b. 1953)

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - jice; Praise Him, ran - somed ones of earth.  
3 Je - sus lives! Why weep - est thou? Why that sad and fre - quent sigh?  
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life e - ter - nal waits for thee;



From the gloom - y house of death Forth the Con - quer - or has gone,  
Praise Him in a no - bler song, Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
He who died our Broth - er here Lives our Broth - er still on high,  
Joined to Him, thy liv - ing Head, Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;



Bright Fore - run - ner to the skies Of His peo - ple, yet to rise.  
Praise the Vic - tor - King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Lives for - ev - er to be - stow Bless - ings on His Church be - low.  
With Him - self, at His right hand, Vic - tor o - ver death shalt stand.

- 5 Hallelujah, angels, sing!  
Join us in our hymn of praise,  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
Let your feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
And on earth His peace and love!

*The Lord ris-  
es in the same  
flesh. He  
brings back  
the wounds,  
takes on  
again the  
holes from the  
nails and  
bears witness  
by his very  
body with the  
signs of His  
resurrection,  
which were  
the ravages of  
His suffer-  
ings . . . .  
Rest assured,  
my friend,  
when you  
arise from the  
dead it will be  
you in your  
own body.  
Otherwise it  
would not be  
you if you  
should rise in  
the flesh of  
another.  
~ Peter  
Chryso-  
logus,  
died around  
450 A.D.*

*We have to ask: who does the liturgy, by whom is it done? Looked at from the outside, it is easy enough to see who does the liturgy. It is done by Christians, by church people. That is true, of course. But is that the full answer? Who is the real doer? Not until we have the answer to this question can we understand the deeper significance of the liturgy . . .*

## 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.

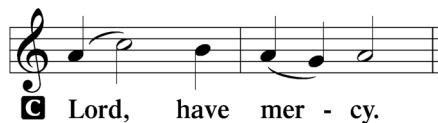
C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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



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



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.



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.



... The real actor in the liturgy is our Lord Jesus Christ. In the liturgy He continues His high-priestly office (Hebrews 7-8). Together with Christ and through Him, the actor in the liturgy is the royal priesthood which is the body of Christ, the universal Christian church. From the deeper insight of the nature of the liturgy we can see how inadequate some definitions of the liturgy are . . .

[continued on the next page]

[continued  
from the pre-  
vious page

... The liturgy is not the prescribed or authorized order of service of certain churches. It is not the manner in which some churches carry out their worship services . . . .

The liturgy is an action by Christ and His body, the Church . . . . To say that our Lord Jesus Christ is the chief actor in the liturgy is to say ultimately that the liturgy is carried out primarily by God.

~ Paul H. D. Lang,  
Ceremony and Celebration,  
1965 A.D.



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 40:25-31

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 147:1-11*

L: Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

**C: The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\***  
**he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**

L: He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

**C: He determines the number | of the stars;\***  
**he gives to all of | them their names.**

L: Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**C: The LORD lifts up the | humble;\***  
**he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

L: Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds;**  
**he prepares rain | for the earth;\***  
**he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

L: He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\***  
**nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**

L: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**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**

**EPISTLE** 1 Peter 2:11-20

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. <sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**VERSE** "Be Not Afraid" ... Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

lu-ia! Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

*Repeat as led.*

*Here on earth there is a feeling that is rightly called a virtue; it is patriotism. It has often been an incentive to noble deeds. But the feeling which our eternal home should invoke in our hearts must be even deeper, more powerful, and holier.  
~ U. V. Koren, sermon for Jubilate, 1891 A.D.*

*Just as God created the world through speaking, so also His word of forgiveness in Christ to sinners creates a new reality, not a legal fiction: as if this sinner were righteous. This new reality exists in God's sight and in God's regard . . . Nothing could be more real. Such forgiveness becomes the chief identity of the sinner through trust in Christ . . .*

## GOSPEL

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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 proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
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.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“With High Delight Let Us Unite”**

... LSB #483

*. . . In this relationship God does not take sin into account, even though the believer encounters it because of the mystery of sin and evil's continuation in the lives of the baptized. But . . . The word of forgiveness changes also the disposition of the sinner and creates genuine improvement, even if not steady progress, in the way believers conduct themselves in their worship of God and their love for the neighbor.*  
~ Robert Kolb,  
*Luther and the Stories of God,*  
2012 A.D.

The hymn,  
"At the  
Lamb's High  
Feast We  
Sing," comes  
from a Latin  
hymn with  
roots in the  
300s A.D.  
By the 800s  
A.D., it was  
widely used,  
from England  
to Italy, and  
it was sung  
at Vespers  
from the Sat-  
urday after  
Easter  
through As-  
cension. Its  
language cap-  
tures the ex-  
perience of  
those newest  
Christians  
who would  
have been  
baptized and  
confirmed at  
Easter Vigil,  
there given  
Holy Com-  
munion for  
the first time.  
~ summa-  
rized from  
Hymnal  
Companion  
to the LBW

## SERMON

"For the Lord's Sake"

*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

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

... LSB #633

**Stanzas 1 & 2: All**

Stanza 3: Women

**Stanza 4: All**

Stanza 5: Men

**Stanza 6–8: All**

*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**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

*Jesus body  
and blood  
given into us  
are the pledge  
of our own  
resurrection  
as well. This  
heavenly food  
strengthens  
and sustains  
our faith that  
we may bear  
with patience  
all trials and  
afflictions,  
crosses, and  
illnesses, un-  
til God gives  
relief, either  
in time or else  
in the resur-  
rection of the  
flesh . . .*



## 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!**

## SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"



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. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*... In this holy sacrament, our Lord gives us a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb. Therefore, one Lutheran theologian has suggested that we are to go to the Lord's Supper as though we were going to our death, so that when we go to our death, we may go as though we are going to the Lord's Supper.*

*~ John T. Pless,  
A Small Catechism on Human Life,  
 2006 A.D.*

*Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” ... John A. Behnke (b. 1953)  
“Children of the Heavenly Father” ... LSB #725  
“In Thee is Gladness” ... LSB #818  
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ... LSB #469

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste 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.



## 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

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

... LSB #795

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ... Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

## A Prayer

### As You Go

O God, by  
Your great  
love for this  
world, You  
did reconcile  
earth to heav-  
en through  
Your only-  
begotten Son.  
Grant that we  
who, by the  
darkness of  
our sins, are  
turned aside  
from brother-  
ly love, may--  
by Your light  
shed forth in  
our souls--be  
filled with  
Your own  
sweetness,  
embrace our  
friends in  
You, and our  
enemies for  
Your sake, in  
a bond of mu-  
tual affection.  
Amen.

~ Mozarabic

*Liturgy, 600s  
A.D.*

## **Serving at Worship**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <u>Presiding:</u>   | The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson                                       |
| <u>Preaching:</u>   | The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde<br>(Pr. Johnson to Bethany at 10:30 am) |
| <u>Organist:</u>    | Kantor Jacob Drengler   |
| <u>Musicians:</u>   | The Zion Handbell Choir   |
| <u>Radio:</u>       | Christ Murvine, Dick Ames   |
| <u>Lector:</u>      | Grace Mueller   |
| <u>Acolytes:</u>    | Joselyn Joanis, Troy Joanis, Trevor Kell                              |
| <u>Communion:</u>   | Sally Christoffersen, Steve Zeinemann                                 |
| <u>Elder:</u>       | Julie Fernstaedt  |
| <u>Ushers:</u>      | Don Budnik, Lynn Budnik, Andy Kieffer,<br>Leah Kieffer                |
| <u>Altar Guild:</u> | Janet Dettmering, Kay Krall   |

## **Acknowledgements**

*The liturgy is reprinted from the Lutheran Service Book via Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House, unless otherwise indicated. Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

*"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!" Text and Tune: Public Domain.*

*"Be Not Afraid:" Text and Tune: © 1998, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Used by permission under OneLicense A-703762.*



---

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

---

709 North 6th Street  
Wausau, Wisconsin 54403  
715-848-7286

**Email:** [zion@zionlutheranwausau.com](mailto:zion@zionlutheranwausau.com)  
**Webpage:** [www.zionlutheranwausau.com](http://www.zionlutheranwausau.com)  
**Radio (Sun. 9AM):** 550 AM, [www.wsau.com](http://www.wsau.com)

**Senior Pastor** Steven K. Gjerde  
**Associate Pastor** Christopher S. Johnson  
**Kantor** Jacob Drengler  
**Headmaster** Matthew J. Berg  
**Office Manager** Jessica G. Ray  
**Custodian** Cody Augustine  
**Deployed Chaplain** Joseph C. Pinzl  
**Pastor Emeritus** Theodore B. Gulhaugen

**The Lutheran Classical Academy of St. David the King at Zion** is the parish school, operated by Zion. If you are interested in classical education, please call the church or visit [www.lcastdavid.org](http://www.lcastdavid.org).

