

**EASTER SUNDAY – Sunrise Service at the Inlet  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 7:00 AM**



**WELCOME**

Welcome to the annual Sunrise Service from all of us at Zion Lutheran Church as we celebrate the risen Savior and the empty tomb this Easter. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Christ is risen!

✝ Preacher – Pr. Brian Griswold

**GREETINGS & WORSHIP**

**HYMNS OF EASTER FAITH AND JOY!**

<b>Christ the Lord has Risen Today</b>	<b>Amazing Grace</b>
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!	Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**OPENING PRAYER**

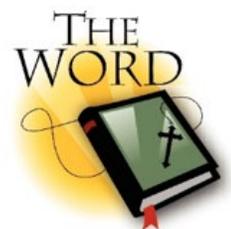
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day - God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 28: 1- 10; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**SERMON – Suddenly - Pastor Brian Griswold**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. **Amen.**



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We now confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.***

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: I’ll Fly Away**

Some bright morning when this life is over  
I’ll fly away  
To that home on God’s celestial shore  
I’ll fly away **Chorus**

Just a few more weary days and then  
I’ll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end  
I’ll fly away **Chorus**

When the shadows of this life have gone  
I’ll fly away  
Like a bird from these prison walls I’ll fly  
I’ll fly away **Chorus**

**CHORUS**  
I’ll fly away oh glory  
I’ll fly away (in the morning)  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I’ll fly away

**Blessing:** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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