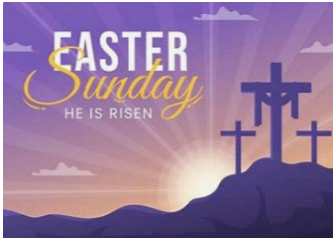


**EASTER SUNDAY – Sunrise Service at the Inlet
April 20th, 2025 – 7:00 AM**

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 morning at 8:30 AM for our contemporary worship service and 10:00 AM at Zion for our traditional service. Christ is risen!

- ✝ Preacher – Pastor Brian Griswold
- ✝ Worship Leaders – Earl Hem & Liz Griswold

HYMNS OF EASTER FAITH AND JOY!

HYMN: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High	HYMN: He is Lord
Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay, From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift your name on high <small>©1989 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing, CCLI License # 22085334</small>	He is Lord, He is Lord, He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is Lord. <small>© 1986 Curb Wordspring Music; Curb Word Music, CCLI License # 22085334</small>

OPENING PRAYER

GREETING

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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke 24:1 - 12; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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



SERMON – Pastor Brian Griswold

OFFERING OUTREACH FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY

OFFERATORY HYMN: Because He Lives

1. God sent His son, they called Him Jesus.
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived, and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!
Chorus
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.
Chorus
3. And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!
Chorus

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

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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: How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

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

Dismissal: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



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