

Sunday, April 26, 2020

At the Table

Third Sunday of Easter

Online Worship Bulletin

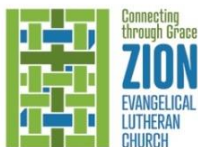


For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We welcome all in every space and at every distance.

There is no place where Christ's light does not shine.



Spiritual Stretch || Martha Westman

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Call to Worship || Rachel Kibler

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*You walk with us along the way, though we cannot see.
You burn within our hearts and soothe our weary souls.
You bring us healing, light, and peace, and claim us as your own.
Oh, stay with us this day, and break the bread with us.*

Gathering Hymn || "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

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Psalm 116 || David Chamberlin & Jan Chamberlin

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Children's Message || Susan Swidnicki

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Scripture Readings || Heidi Wilson & Thor Yount

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Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹*I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,*

²*for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.*

³*The cords of death entangled me; the
anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.*

⁴*Then I called upon the name of
the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

¹²*How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for
me?*

¹³*I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.*

¹⁴*I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people.*

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶*O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me | from my
bonds.*

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of
thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of
the LORD.**

¹⁸*I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people,*

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon || Pastor Steve Klemz

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Hymn of the Day || “Day Of Arising”

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The Prayers

Separated in our residences but united in God's homecoming promise, let us pray that Jesus may walk behind, beside and beyond us bringing comfort and peace those for whom we pray:

*Walk with your Church
accompany our bishops, pastor, teachers and congregation leaders.
Break through all that clouds our vision
that we may be messengers of your good news.*

Abide with all who suffer from the virus. Comfort all who die alone and sustain all who grieve alone. Give strength and safekeeping to medical staff, first responders and all who offer care. Empower those who are seeking a vaccine.

*Walk with us and open our eyes
that we may give thanks
for acts of kindness given and received
for the air that is clearing
for water flowing and soap cleansing
for springtime and birds that awaken us in hope each new day*

*Suffer the children, dear Jesus, that your abiding love may calm all they see and hear around them.
Give patience to parents in this time of school closures. May your safekeeping hold all who are vulnerable.*

Have mercy on our broken nation. May government leaders humbly receive the guidance of your Holy Spirit, to work for the health and common good for all people.

Let us pray for all in need of healing, especially with Ron and Terri Finner, Bonnie Judge, Sarah Flanigan, and all who are dear to us. Hold loved ones in hospice care. Let us pray for those who die alone. Refresh us with resurrection peace.

The Benediction || Pastor Steve Klemz

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Sending Hymn || "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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Postlude || David Chamberlin

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Announcements

 **Good Shepherd Sunday**  - Sunday, May 3 is Good Shepherd Sunday where Christ is described in the Gospel as the "Good Shepherd" who "lays down his life for his sheep." For this special day we are calling on all of our aspiring artists. Kiddos of all ages are invited to draw a picture or take a photograph of a sheep, a shepherd, or a green pasture. Any and all submissions are welcomed and appreciated and will be used for a special part of worship that day. Email your pictures or a picture of your pictures to office@zelc.org or share on Facebook to help us worship together for that special Sunday.

Calling all Musicians & Readers! - If you are able and willing to help with providing music for our online worship or reading the lessons, we'd love to share your talents with the community. If you are able to help sing hymns, play an instrument, or read the scripture verses for the week please reach out to office@zelc.org. Any level of talent and willingness is happily welcomed. All you need to do is be able to record audio and (or) video of yourself, save as a digital file, and share it with Zion. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or clarifications. Thank you!

Updated directory - in the works! - For those who missed it, we are in the process of developing a new directory to connect with each other. If you have moved, changed emails, added a cell phone, or gotten rid of a house phone let us know at office@zelc.org so we can get the most current information. Thank you!

Thank you! - A very heartfelt thank you to everyone in the Zion community for your continued generosity and support of Zion. No matter the physical distance we are grateful to have a strong supportive community and we all look forward to worshipping together again!