



Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Two

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

This morning, those who would like, are invited to gather outdoors, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement, we will gather in the lounge (overflow into the narthex).

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" **ELW 365**

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.

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HYMN "This is the Feast" **pg. 122**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our
redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from
the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live
with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Peter Willse, LLM*

FIRST READING **Isaiah 65:17-25**

¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
 accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
 and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹ LORD is good;
 God's mercy en- ¹ dures forever.
² **Let Israel ¹ now declare,**

“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the
righteous:**

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out

and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ’s resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries (local examples may be named), that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife (places or situations may be named). Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community (communities and neighborhoods may be named). Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN “Be Not Afraid” (*sung twice*) **ELW 388**

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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It is indeed right...

LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Good Christian Friends” **ELW 385**

“Now We Join in Celebration” **ELW 462**

“Now the Green Blade Rises” **ELW 379**

Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION “Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus”

ELW 501

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection
dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” **ELW 389**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Italian

Night



Zion Lutheran Church Italian Night 2025

Sunday, April 27

Social Hour: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

(To-Go orders available - Please indicate To-Go at time of ticket order)

Live Music by Jonny Rox

Over 12: \$15 12 and Under: FREE

If you cannot attend but would like to donate
toward this wonderful event, please

Venmo **@Michelle-Schneider-24** or make
out a check to Zion Lutheran Church with a
memo of "Italian Night 2025".

SERVING TODAY

Sylvia LeShane - Lector

Kathy Richards - Worship Assistant

Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan

- Ushers/Greeters

Altar Guild members - Altar Guild

Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Prayer List

For Health:	Family of	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Allen H	Neri families	Andrew C
Joyce G	Bud J	Shirley C	Todd S
Bill B	Marjorie F	Diane E	Michael C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Dick C	Tyler G
Marion B	Charlotte D	Karen R	Erik B
Lily V	Jonathan A	Stacey T	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Pauline N	Family of	Evan G
Dylan G	Curt R	Nick G	David P
Lisa A	Matthew S	Pat J	
Aiden J	Phil O	Lois B	
Helen A	Peter W	Bruce G	
Matthew A	Joan A		

Kenny Fletcher Memorial Car Show at Valli's

April 26th 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Rain Date May 3rd)

22 Sand Hill Road, Portland

Show Car Entry Fee \$10 ~ Spectators Free ~ No Dogs

Dash Plaques to the First 200 Cars

Donations are Greatly Appreciated

Please Make Checks Payable to B.T. Charities, Inc.

All Proceeds go to:

Portland High School Class of 2025 Project Graduation, Portland

Zion Lutheran Church, Middlesex Hospice, Portland Food Bank,

Portland VFW Post 6121 & Middlesex Cancer Center

For more information please contact:

Michael Brown at 860-982-3227 or

Michael Bellobuono at 860-707-4231



Life Line Screening will be here

at Zion on **Tuesday, April 29th**

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If

you would like to register for an appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Today: April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. N/A

Friday: 7:00 p.m. N/A

Next Sunday:

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education - The Chosen video

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

4:00-5:00 p.m. Italian Night Social Hour

5:00 p.m. Italian Night Dinner



Attendance: Last week - 68; Last year - 44

Next weeks readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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