



*Zion Lutheran Church  
Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service  
April 5, 2026*

## SUNRISE SERVICE, EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5, 2026

### GREETING

*L. 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.*

*L. Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. C. Amen!*

### THE EASTER GOSPEL                      **Matthew 28:1-10**

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*L. Christ is Risen! C. He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

*L. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever! C. Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!*

**HYMN #365**                                      **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*L. 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. C. Amen!*

**RESPONSIVE READING**                      **PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

**FIRST READING**                                      **ACTS 10:34-43**

**SECOND READING**                                      **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

### EASTER MESSAGE

**HYMN #369**                                      **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*L. Risen Christ, we rejoice at your victory over sin. United with you in baptism, may we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus, so that we might walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy. C. Hear our prayer.*

*L. Victorious Deliverer, we acclaim your defeat of the devil and affirm your rescue of us from hell. Trusting in your declaration of justification, may we live in freedom from the accusation of guilt and eagerly anticipate our own resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy. C. Hear our prayer.*

*L. Living and Encouraging God, we hail you as King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*We ask your help for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. In holiness and righteousness may we serve as your healing presence for those in places of hunger, overwhelming sorrow, pain, and illness. Lord, in your mercy* **C. Hear our prayer.**

*L. Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give our congregation a sense of joy and wonder as together we gather in discipleship that follows in Jesus' footsteps and in worship that praises you. Lord, in your mercy.* **C. Hear our prayer.**

*L. Resurrecting God, thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Make us certain of your promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy.* **C. Hear our prayer.**

*L. In view of your mercy we offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present love.* **C. Amen!**

### **THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

#### **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*L. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C. Amen!**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

*L. The Lord be with you.* **C. And also with you.**

*L. Lift up you hearts.* **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

*L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.* **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*L. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.* **C. Amen!**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **PLEASE FOLLOW USHER'S DIRECTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

(All Guests are welcome to participate in receiving Holy Communion, believing in the real presence of Jesus Christ. White Grape Juice is available as an alternative to the wine.)

#### **HYMNS SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN #619** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

**HYMN #362** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*L. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in Eternal life. Amen!*

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*L. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C. Amen!**

#### **BENEDICTION**

*L. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.* **C: Amen!**

**HYMN #382** "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

#### **DISMISSAL**

*L. Go in Peace. Share the Good News!* **C. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

#### **Table Prayer**

Postlude

**You're Invited to Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**  
**for a Free Will Offering.**

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Luther League: Brennan A., Kashtyn B., Elyssa L., Abby F., Sawyer N., Hank A., Ella B., Lorelei C., Abby M., Parker N., Lily S., Ally C., Carson S., Haddie A., Anna F., Kaspynn I., Tucker S.

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Thank you to our High School Musicians under the Direction of Dawna Helfrich!

