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**Mission: To Make Jesus Known To All In Our Words and Actions**

**Second Sunday after Easter**

**April 26, 2020**

*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship in our sanctuaries. We will gather as an online community for prayer and worship at 9:00 a.m., when our service is livestreamed on Zion's Facebook page.*

***This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new!***

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

## **Welcome**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.  
We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in our font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn - "To the Table" (performed by Myron Sandstrom)**

*Hear the voice of love that's calling  
There's a chair that waits for you  
And a friend who understands everything you're going through.  
But you keep standing at a distance*

*In the shadow of your shame  
But there's a light of hope that's shining  
Won't you come and take your place?*

**Chorus:**

*And bring it all to the table  
It's nothing he ain't seen before  
For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your sadness  
there's a Savior and he calls  
Bring it all to the table*

*He can see the weight you carry  
And the fears that hold your heart  
Through the cross you've been forgiven  
You're accepted as you are.*

*So bring it all to the table  
It's nothing he ain't seen before  
For all your trials, all your worries, and your burdens  
there's a Savior and he calls  
Bring it all to the table*

*Come on in take your place  
There's no one who's turned away  
All you sinners, all you saints  
Come right in and find your grace (Chorus)*

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray together.

**C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41** (Read by Darlene Zeidler)

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19** (Read by Linda Isebrand)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

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

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now 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, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then 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?” <sup>19</sup>He 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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But 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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>Some 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.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the

Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But 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.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They 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?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Homily

**Music Offering:** “No Longer Slaves” (performed by Myron Sandstrom)

*You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song.  
Of deliverance from my enemies, till all my fears are gone.  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.*

*From my mother's womb, you have chosen me. Love has called my name.  
I've been born again into family. Your blood flows through my veins.  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.*

*I am surrounded by the arms of the father.  
I am surrounded by songs of deliverance.  
We'll be liberated from our bondage.  
We're the sons and the daughters. Let us sing our freedom.*

*Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it.  
My fears were drowned in perfect love.  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing. I am a child of God.*

*Yes, I am. I am a child of God.  
I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.*

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### Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

P: Separated in our residences but united by God's promises of restoration, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

*You are invited to respond:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

### Benediction and Sending

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**+Prayer Requests +**

- For those who mourn: the family of Wally Geyer (brother of Karen Granger), as they grieve the death of his daughter Darrian; and for Mike and Cheri Herbst, on the death of his father, Clarence “Red” Herbst.
- For those in need of help and healing: Barry Jacques, Tim Anderson, Taylor Antony, Sadie and Elsie Sorensen, Tiana Iverson, John Greenough, Jan Barnick (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Barnick), Lonnie Honstad, Jeff Dunker, Cole Barden, Erin Visker, Donald Schmidt, Maddie Teigen, and Jed Visker;
- For those who are deployed: Evan Masters (brother of Chelsea Copeland).
- For all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who grieve the loss of family members or friends; for the sick, the dying, and those separated from them; for students and teachers who are working through challenges to keep learning; for those employed in government service as they provide crisis and support services; for healthcare workers on the front lines; for community food banks, especially the Lake Crystal Sharing Shelf and ECHO; for all those whose depression, anxiety, or other forms of mental illness have been exacerbated by the present crisis.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sunday, April 26	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am
	Music from Sheldon Meyer (Facebook)	9:30 am
	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	10:00 am
Monday, April 27	Bible Study (Zoom)	11:00 am
Wednesday, April 29	Confirmation Student Gathering (Zoom)	6:00 pm
Sunday, May 3	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you for your faithful financial support of Zion's ministries** during this challenging time. It's been wonderful to see how many of you have continued to share your offerings as you'd planned for 2020. Offering can be mailed to the Church Office (PO Box 236, Lake Crystal). Please consider our eGiving options for making one-time or recurring donations electronically. Details available at: <https://www.zionluthlakecrystal.org/giving>.
- **In-Person worship services and activities continue to be suspended until further notice.** Worship services are being streamed via Facebook so that we can gather as a virtual community for prayer, reflection, and praise.
- **News and updates** are being shared primarily through the church website and Facebook and, when appropriate, by mail. The May newsletter will be mailed this week.
- **The Church Office will be closed to visitors until further notice.** Pastor Andrea and Mary Gilman will both be working from home. To reach Mary, please leave a message at the church office: 507-726-2849.
- **Pastor Andrea is available for conversation and prayer!** Please reach out to her by phone or text at 507-402-1114. She's also happy to schedule one-on-one pastoral visits via Zoom video conferencing.
- **Caring Coins donations** will be received throughout the month of May and will be divided between *Partners for Affordable Housing* (April's designee for which gifts were not collected) and *Committee Against Domestic Abuse* (May's designee). Gifts can be given by check, cash or through regular eGiving options (online or the Give+ app). If paying by check or with cash, be sure to indicate that your gift is for Caring Coins so our weekly counters are aware. Thank you for your kindness and generosity during these challenging times!
- **The deadline for Zion Scholarships** has been extended to March 14. Forms are available on the church website. Be sure to turn your application and requested documentation in to be considered for this scholarship!
- **The Monday "Dwelling on the Word" study has shifted to an online format.** You're invited to join us for a time of prayer, reflection and conversation as we consider the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. To join us on Monday at 11:00, please go to: <https://zoom.us/j/322134420>
- **The Lake Crystal Sharing Shelf** continues to serve our community during this time of need. Donations of food can be dropped in the cart at Kevin's Market. They are currently in need of the following: flour, oil, chili with beans, pears, apple sauce, bags of white rice and 5# bags of potatoes.