



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



APRIL 11/12 2026  
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Welcome to Worship

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**PREACHING:**

Pastor Sue Wallager

**ASSISTING:**

8 AM Katie Weiland  
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

**READER:**

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Bob Fischer

**ORGANISTS:**

5 PM Amy Engel

8 & 9 AM Shari Albrecht

### PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection.

**In mercy, God has made us new.**

Joined to Christ in baptism, we are raised to new life. Though we have not seen him, we love him and rejoice.

**In faith, we live in the promise of new life.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for your Spirit over the waters at creation, for leading your people through the sea to freedom, and for Jesus, baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**In water and Word, you make us your own.**

On that first Easter, Jesus came to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." He breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit.

**Breathe your peace into us.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us this day, that we may live in your mercy, walk by faith, and share your peace with the world.

**Keep us in your grace and love.**

To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Thine is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end-less is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo-ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and  
Bless-ing and hon-or, glo-ry and might be to

*Refrain*

hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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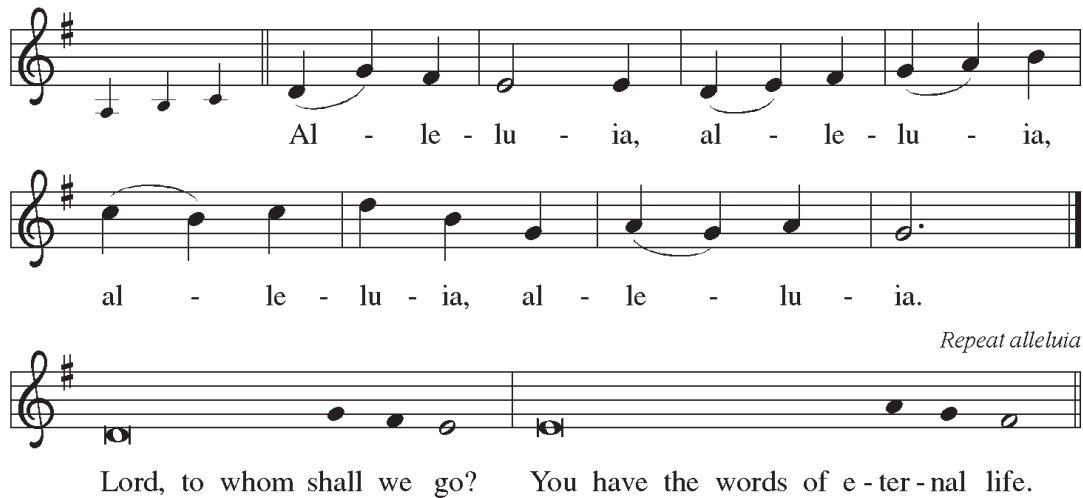
WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Through your resurrection power...

**Hear us Living God.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC ( 9 AM):

"My Jesus" ..... by Anne Wilson  
 Sophie Bauer, Lexi Bergevin and Saige Zeck; vocals

OFFERTORY: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verse 1

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
 his the scepter, his the throne;  
 Alleluia! his the triumph,  
 his the victory alone.  
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
 thunder like a mighty flood:  
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
 has redeemed us by his blood."**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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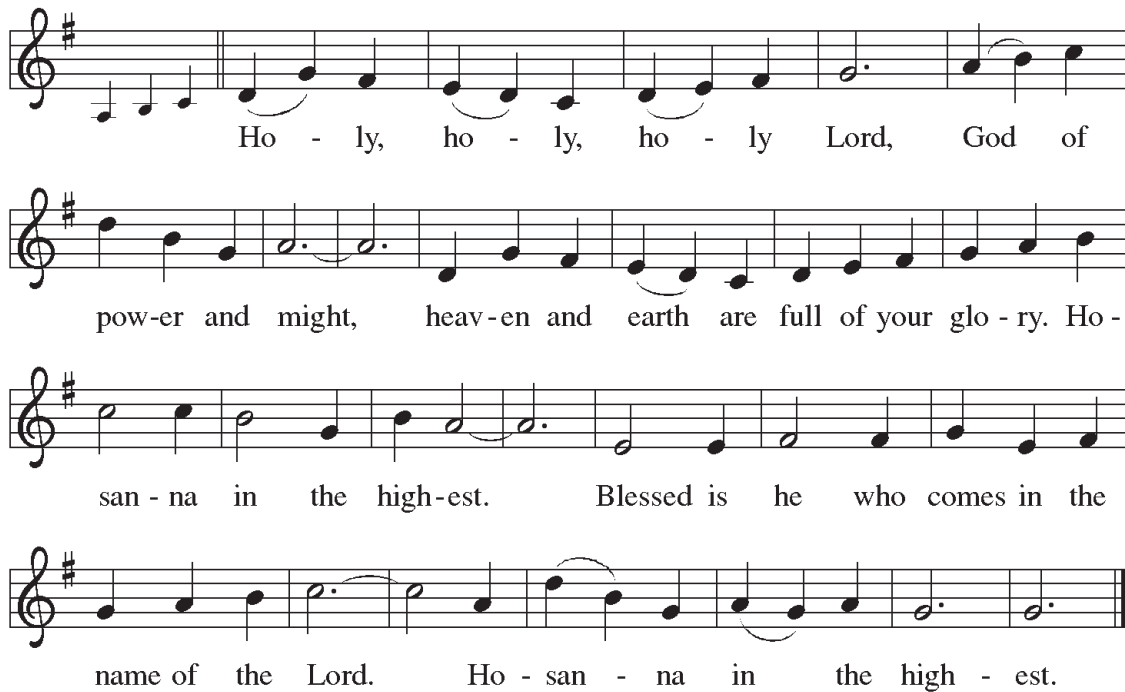
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## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

*Refrain*

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

and re-joyced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

- 1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
- 2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
- 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.

ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.  
 sum-mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.  
 Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,

Bless - ings so man - y come our way:  
 God's love is ev - er on dis - play:  
 grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:

have you thanked the Lord to - day?  
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*Refrain*

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## SENDING

#### BENEDICTION:

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. **Amen.**



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

### Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.*

### Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.*

### Children Welcome

*Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.*

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## HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at [kjohnson@zionanoka.org](mailto:kjohnson@zionanoka.org) or Pr. Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org) or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

## COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org) if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

## CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!