



MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church Madison Heights, MI

A Member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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Easter Sunday Service

April 1, 2018 – 11:00am

Welcome to All in the Name of Our Risen Savior Jesus Christ!

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! If you are looking for a church home, we would invite you to join us as we gather to worship our ever-living Savior Jesus every Sunday morning! Please sign our Guest Book at the entry of the church, and if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Naumann. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today's Worship!

"Christ is Arisen" Processional Hymn (*Sung by Pastor Naumann*)

Responsive Greeting (*All stand*)

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P I lay down and slept;

C I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ was delivered for our offenses;

C He was raised again for our justification.

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 202:1 (red hymnal): *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

 "Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"
Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!" 

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

- P** Beloved of God, on this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His Only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

Hymn 202:2,4 (red hymnal): *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

 **Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
Thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead, true and only Son.
Manhood to deliver manhood didst put on.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"**

**Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again.
Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight; day returns with Thee.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!" **

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have raised up Your Son from the dead and from the empty tomb caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; we pray that on this day of great joy shed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we may with joyful faith cling to the atonement made for our sins and be enabled more and more to serve you in holiness of living in fervent hope of life and glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives forevermore and reigns as our glorious King.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Easter Responsive Reading (*Job 19:23-27*)

P Oh, that my words were written!

C Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

P That they were engraved on a rock!

C With an iron pen and lead, forever!

P For I know that my Redeemer lives,

C And He shall stand at last on the earth;

P And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,

C That in my flesh I shall see God,

P Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.

C How my heart yearns within me!

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:19-28*

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For

as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Easter Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

☩ I believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of Man,

Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world.

I believe that He is the Word made flesh,

Who came to earth to redeem all sinners.

He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf.

He was crucified at the hands of sinful men,

**and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved,
to fully satisfy the justice of God.**

He died and was buried.

**I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead,
as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised.**

Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses,

Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son,

that His mission of salvation is complete,

and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy.

With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner,

the first-fruits of all who sleep in Him.

Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work

shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day.

Because He lives, I too shall live.

For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Amen.

Hymn 200:1-4 (red hymnal): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

The Sermon: Mark 16:1-7

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back--it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

The Missing Evidence of Easter

- I. The empty tomb proves Jesus' resurrection
- II. The empty tomb proves our salvation

Sermon Hymns:

203 (red hymnal) *Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

198:1,4 (red hymnal) *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

193:1-4 (red hymnal) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

199:1-2 (red hymnal) *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

732:1-2 (tan supplement) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Alleluia
He is
Risen



The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

The Easter Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn 200:5-8 (red hymnal): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen!

Closing Hymn 189 (red hymnal): *He is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a FREE "Information Course" in which Pastor Naumann will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

EASTER BREAKFAST: We hope you were able to enjoy this morning's brunch served by the men of the congregation. Thanks to all who helped and to those who brought delicious things to eat!

EASTER LILIES: If you supplied Easter Lilies for our services this morning we thank you for sharing! Don't forget to take your lily with you following service so you may continue enjoying it at home.

IMPORTANT DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	10am	Easter Sunday Brunch (Men Cooking)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service
Tue. 4/3	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 4/8	9am	Bible Class (Part 2 of II Corinthians)
	10am	Worship Service with Communion
	11am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun. 4/15	11am	Easter Caroling at Sunrise Senior Center in Troy
Sat. 4/21	3pm	Church Outing: Bowling
Sat. 4/28	10am	Spring Church Work Day

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Zaiga Hauserman <> April Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance March 25: Worship 28, Bible Class 16 <> Good Friday, March 30: 16

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1692.31	Missions Offerings:	\$55
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2343.56	Other Offerings:	\$0
Offerings Needed Year to Date:	\$10,153.85		
Offerings Received Year to Date:	\$13,358.06		