



# MT. ZION

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *We pray to You, merciful God in heaven, give us faith, the true and living faith, which trusts in You and in Your Son Jesus, the Risen Christ, that we might have life through Him; then shall our souls be fortified with peace and courage in life and in death. Hear us for the sake of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 207:1-4 (red hymnal):** *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

**The Invocation** *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

**The Confession and Absolution of Sins** *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unending love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

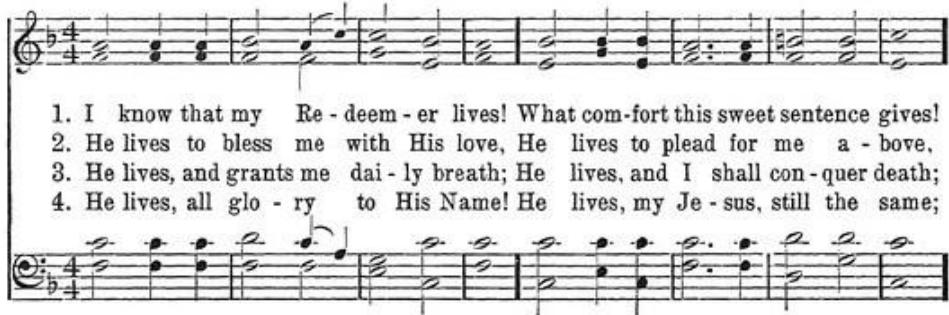


C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy

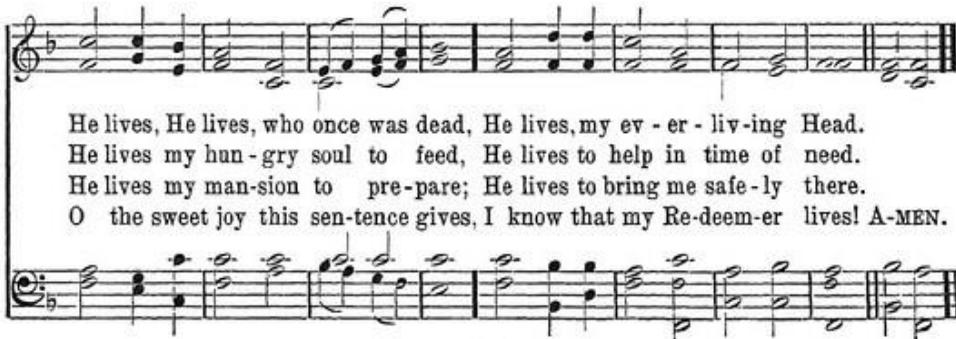


on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives Gloria in Excelsis



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort this sweet sentence gives!  
2. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me a - bove,  
3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and I shall con - quer death;  
4. He lives, all glo - ry to His Name! He lives, my Je - sus, still the same;



He lives, He lives, who once was dead, He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head.  
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.  
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
O the sweet joy this sen - tence gives, I know that my Re - deem - er lives! A - MEN.

### The Prayer for the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to your disciples and took away their fear with your Word of peace. Come to us also and remove our fears with your comforting assurance that our sins are forgiven, and we too will rise from death. We come to you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.<sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold<sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## The Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **The Nicene Creed**

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 473 (red hymnal): *The Church's One Foundation***

## **The Sermon: 1 John 1:1-2:1**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us--<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be full.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.<sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.<sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **The Message of Jesus brings Fullness of Joy**

I. A message anchored on the truth of Jesus' resurrection

II. A message that we proclaim



## The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

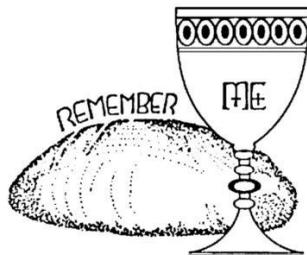
Hymn 188 (red hymnal): *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

## 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.*

## Prayer of the Church – 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.



## The Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

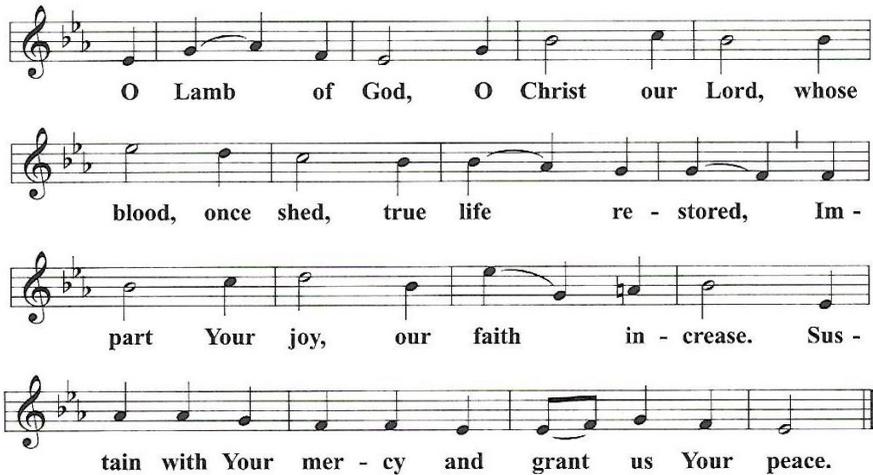
## Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

- **1 Corinthians 1:10** *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*
- **1 Corinthians 11:26-30** *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*

## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Post-Communion Collect

*The closing thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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 51 (red hymnal):** *Now May He Who from the Dead*

## 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 the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

**BLESSING BAGS:** The concept is pretty simple: we are collecting donations of a variety of non-perishable items that might be useful to a person living on the street (i.e. bottled water, toiletries, nuts, granola, pretzels, dried fruit, etc.). The donation box is located in the fellowship room. These items will be bagged along with a small, Gospel-driven devotion booklet and made available for our members to hand out to persons who might appreciate it. Lord willing, this can be a nice way for our congregation to practically and spiritually help people in need. *Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors Him.*

## IMPORTANT DATES AT MT. ZION

<b>Today</b>	11am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
<b>Sun. 4/15</b>	9am	Bible Class (II Corinthians Part 3)
	10am	Worship Service
	11am	Easter Caroling at Sunrise Senior Center in Troy
<b>Sat. 4/21</b>	3pm	Church Outing: Bowling
<b>Sat. 4/28</b>	10am	Spring Church Work Day

## SERVING TODAY

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance April 1: Worship 40

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1692.31	Missions Offerings:	\$80
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3038.00	Other Offerings:	\$0
Offerings Needed Year to Date:	\$11,846.15		
Offerings Received Year to Date:	\$15,029.06		

## The Four Stages of Coming into the Lutheran Liturgy

- 1. Confusion** – Where am I? What page? Am I supposed to be standing or sitting?
- 2. Boredom** – This is the most dangerous stage. At this stage, people begin to conclude that because the liturgy is repetitive, that it is therefore non-spiritual. This conclusion is hardly ever thought out as such. It is just a matter of impressions and feelings. This “feels” dry, dull, non-spiritual. And therefore, it must be from man and not from God.
- 3. Love of the liturgy itself** – If stage 2 didn’t drive people away from the liturgy, it is usually and ironically replaced by the love of the liturgy for the liturgy’s sake. Here people begin to love the “feeling,” the “reverence,” and the connection to history. They have a sense that this is old and therefore good. People in the depths of this phase can spend hours researching whether the Creed should come before the sermon or after, trying to find out which practice is more “ancient.” Truthfully, many pastors get stuck in this phase and endorse liturgical worship because it is older, more reverent, etc.
- 4. Love of the content** – The liturgy is a conduit for the means of grace – the Gospel as found in God’s Word and the sacraments. There isn’t, in our opinion, a better such conduit on the market. If there were, we ourselves would adopt it. In this phase, one uses the liturgy for the sake of the Gospel itself, not for the sake of the liturgy itself.

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