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... and you will know  
the **TRUTH**, and  
the **TRUTH**  
will make you free.



John 8:32, NRSV



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High, Who no longer dwells on earth in lowliness and poverty, but are seated at the right hand of the Father, Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, filling and ruling all, we ask You to send us Your Holy Spirit. Mightily protect Your Kingdom, until all enemies are laid at Your feet, and we overcome sin, death, and all things. In Your name, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Hymn 205 (red hymnal):** *The Day of Resurrection*

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| <p><b>1. The day of resurrection,<br/>Earth, tell it out abroad,<br/>The Passover of gladness.<br/>The Passover of God.<br/>From death to life eternal,<br/>From this world to the sky,<br/>Our Christ hath brought us over<br/>With hymns of victory.</b></p> | <p><b>2. Our hearts be pure from evil<br/>That we may see aright<br/>The Lord in rays eternal<br/>Of resurrection light<br/>And, listening to His accents,<br/>May hear, so calm and plain,<br/>His own "All hail!" and, hearing,<br/>May raise the victor strain.</b></p> |
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- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,--  
Our joy, that hath no end.**

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

**P** 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** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant 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 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. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

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

**God, We Praise You!** *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")*

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You  
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their  
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one  
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;  
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,  
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and  
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

## The Prayer for the Day

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

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 12:1-6*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

## The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 98*

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
- C** He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
- C** Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
- C** With the lyre and the sound of melody!
- P** With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- C** Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- P** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- C** The world and those who dwell in it!
- P** Let the rivers clap their hands;
- C** Let the hills sing for joy together
- P** Before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- C** He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

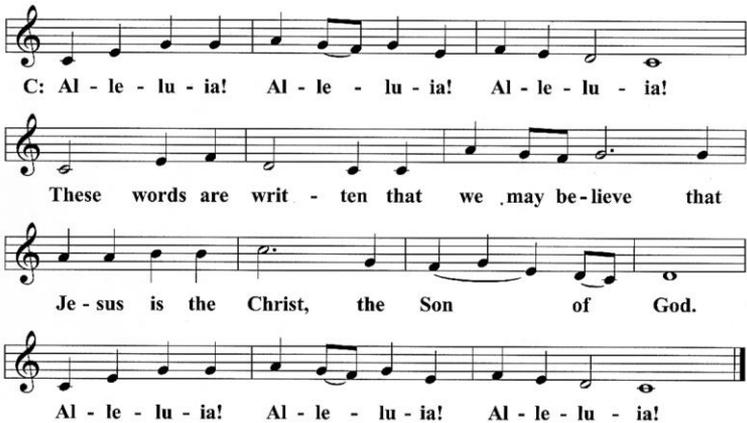


## The Epistle Reading: Acts 5:17-25

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of the people of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

**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 Apostle's Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn 360 (red hymnal):** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing**  
*My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!*

**2. My gracious Master and my God,**  
*Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.*

**3. Jesus!--the name that charms our fears,**  
*That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.*

**4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,**  
*He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.*

**5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own**  
*Your God, ye fallen race,  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.*

**6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;**  
*The Lamb of God was slain;  
His soul was once an offering made  
For every soul of man.*

**7. Glory to God and praise and love**  
*Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.*

**The Sermon: John 8:21-36**

So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup> They did not

understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

### **“The Truth Will Set You Free”**

- I. God’s Word gives truth for the world’s questions
- II. God’s Word gives freedom for a world enslaved

### **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 849 LSB: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and  
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

### 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.

**G** Amen!

## Hymn 498:1,4 (red hymnal): Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations

**1. Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations,  
Jesus, bright and Morning Star;  
Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings,  
Ring out loudly near and far,  
Bringing freedom to the captives,  
Peace and comfort to the slave,  
That the heathen, free from bondage,  
May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.**

**4. Knowing Thee and Thy salvation,  
Grateful love dare never cease  
To proclaim Thy tender mercies,  
Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace.  
Sound we forth the Gospel tidings  
To the earth's remotest bound  
That the sinner has been pardoned  
And forgiveness can be found.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!** *Thank God for mothers, young and old, Who live today within Christ's fold; Who pattern, as in days of yore, The godly mothers, gone before, Whose hands repose - complete their task. Thank God for these! Then Lord, we ask, Bless mothers who for us still pray. Thank God for them this Mother's Day.*

**COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS:** Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through internet live stream Sundays at 10am.

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER VOTERS MEETING** is taking place remotely next Sunday, May 17 at 11am. All voters will need to have access to the internet and a computer, tablet, or cell phone with a working webcam and microphone. More detailed information will be coming in an email this week.

**YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION:** The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways: Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmzion". OR you may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Mike Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to St Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher. <> Teacher Dan Barthels, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to teach grades 4-8 and be principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.

**GLDC CANCELLED:** The 2020 Great Lakes Delegate Conference, originally scheduled for June 1-2, has been cancelled and is being rescheduled for June 7-8, 2021. The conference will take place in Fond du Lac, WI. All assignments for this year will be carried over to next year. – Pastor Michael Wilke, Conference Chairman.

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**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$1084.92
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2276.00		
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$23,538.46		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$24,195.09		

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION**

<b>Today</b>	11am	Hymnal Committee Meeting
<b>Sun. 5/17</b>	10am	Sunday Service Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
	11am	Q2 Voters Remote Meeting
<b>Tue. 5/19</b>	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

**Jackie McGruder** remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery.

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