

Zion Lutheran Church

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Worship

6:30 pm Service on March 30, 2024



Zion Lutheran Church

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Service of Light

Giving thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the darkness

Welcome: Introduction to the Vigil

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray,

All: Thank you, God, for the gift of your light—shining on the first day of creation, guiding us through the wilderness, leading us to the land of promise. You sent Jesus, light of the world, to be our way of truth and life. Help us to follow him each day and rest in him each night until at last we come to live with you in endless light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and with the Holy Spirit we give you honor and glory, now and always. Amen.



Distribution of Light:

Lighting of the Paschal Candle & Procession into sanctuary

Procession Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

Verse 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

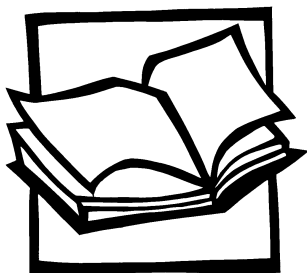
Verse 2 Ev'ry-where I go, I'm gonna let it shine; (3x)
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Service of Readings

Hearing the story of God's saving acts through history

- 1) **Genesis 1:1-2:4a** Creation
- 2) **Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18, 9:8-13** The Flood
- 3) **Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21** Deliverance at the Red Sea
- 4) **Ezekiel 37:1-14** Valley of the Dry Bones
- 5) **Daniel 3:1-29** Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

Song:

"Days of Elijah"

Verse 1 These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Verse 2 And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Bridge There's no god like Jehovah! (lots of times) Hey!

Chorus (repeat)

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6) Easter Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Gospel Response: *The gospel of the Lord.*
 Praise to you, O Christ.
 Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
 Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Song: **"Trading My Sorrows"**

Chorus I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame, I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord. I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Bridge We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes,
Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen!

Verse I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned. Struck down,
but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will
endure. That His joy is gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may
last for the night, His joy comes in the morning.

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

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Service of Baptism

Remembering our baptism into the body of Jesus Christ

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We thank you, Holy God, for the gift of water! On the first day of creation your Spirit moved across the water and you spoke the Word that made the world.

In the days of Noah, you sent a great flood to wash away sin and start over again. In the time of Moses, you led your people through the deep sea and into a new land. In the Jordan River when Jesus was baptized by John, you sent him your Spirit and said, You are my child. I love you.

We thank you, Holy God, for the water of baptism—giving us life, washing us clean, setting us free, making us your children. Now pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Give us life, wash us clean, set us free, and help us to be the beloved children you have made us to be in Jesus Christ our Savior. We praise you, Holy God, Three-in-one, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Baptism Blessing: All are welcome to come forward to the baptismal font to receive a blessing.



Sending Prayer

L: Let us pray,

All: Thank you, God, for Jesus, your holy child. He taught us how to love each other, to take care of people who are sick, to share our food with the hungry, and to tell good news to all the world. Help us follow Jesus, living in the light of our baptism each day until you make everything new. Amen.

Sending Song:

“Forever”

Verse 1 Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.

Bridge Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2 With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
For the life that’s been reborn; His love endures forever.

Bridge (2x)

Chorus **Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.**

Verse 3 From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.

Bridge (2x)

Chorus (2x)

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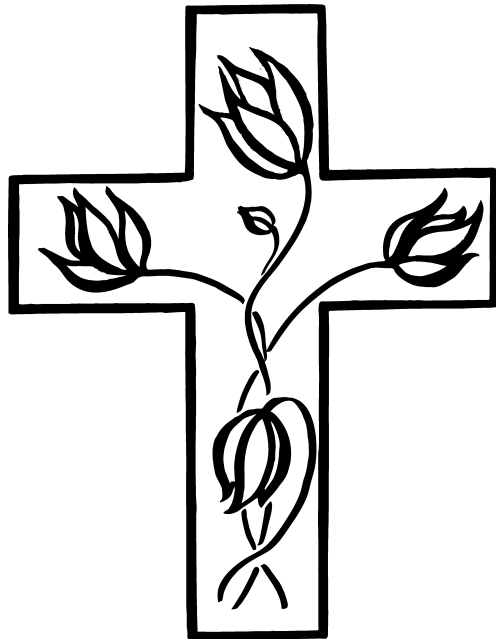
L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to join around the campfire
to make s’mores following worship!*



March 31, Easter Morning Services

9:00 a.m. First Service

LOGOS will serve Easter Breakfast from 8:30-10:30

*Free will Offering

10:45 a.m. Second Service

All are Welcome!

WELCOME!

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or if you couldn't carry a tune in a wheelbarrow. You're welcome here if you are "just browsing," just woke up or just out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than the beloved Martin himself, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having poor you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the race track, you are welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who believe the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spel or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by accident. We welcome tourists, seekers, and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

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