

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
Zion Lutheran Church
500 South Old Route 66
Mt. Olive, IL 62069**

**Sunday Worship
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Our Worship Leaders This Morning

Pastor:	Rev. Zachary Krampien
Assisting Minister and Acolyte:	Walter Friesner
Accompanist:	Jane Pastrovich
Musician:	Kevin Mihelcic
Prepare Communion:	Heather Davis and Cathy Rogers
Greeter:	Carolyn Schulte
Usher:	Jody Dunn and Lindsey Knes
Reader:	Mike Pfeiffer
Communion Assistants:	Vi Kruse and Sandie Schoen
Wash Communion Ware:	Heather Davis
Media Team:	Scott Schuette, Mark and Heather Davis
Altar Guild This Month:	Kelly and Kay Brines
Refreshments This Week:	Jane Hemann and Mary Stewart

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE/CANDLE-LIGHTING

Please Stand if You Are Able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

WOV Hymnal #718

Here in This Place (Verses 1, 2, 4)

*Here in this place a new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought her to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken*

*Gather us in, the lid and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away –
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the

prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Video

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #339

By His Grace

*By His grace I am redeemed,
By His blood I am made clean;
And I now can know Him face to face.
By His pow’r I have been raised,
Hidden now in You by faith;
I will praise the glory of His grace.*

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again 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.**

OUR PRAYERS

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

SONG

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*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Celebration Hymnal #816

We give Thee but Thine own,

*Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone –
A trust, Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first-fruits give. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S SUPPER PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

LAMB OF GOD

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C **Amen**

COMMUNION

You are the Vine

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C *Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
 Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
 Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #349

O How the Lord Loves You and Me

O how He loves you and me!

O how He loves you and ME!

He gave His life; what more could He give?

O how He loves you; O how He loves me;

O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go;

His love for sinners to show.

What He did there bro't hope from despair.

O how He loves you; O how He loves me;

O how He loves you and me!

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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Worship Services

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive
And at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Church in Gillespie.

Office Hours

Pastor Zach will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mondays and Thursdays he will be at Zion in Gillespie.

Luan will continue to work Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Our Sympathy to Todd and Mary Stewart

on the death of Mary's sister, **Cathy Horowitz**.

All are Invited to Attend!

We are switching gears, instead of continuing with Season 4 of The Chosen, we are going to start Season 3.

If anyone has not seen Season 3, they are welcome to join us – or if you want to watch Season 3 again.

The episodes are shown on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Please remember to pay for your Easter Lilies. The cost per lily is \$7. Please mark paid by your name on clipboard located on the showcase in the Narthex.

If anyone has ideas or would like to help decorate the vestibule, please speak with Kay Brines.

Love Fund

Every now and then, we have someone come to Zion in need of immediate monetary help with gas, etc. on a day when the Care Center is closed.

A fund has been set up to help those people in need. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may put your contribution in the collection plate or mail it to Zion Lutheran Church.

Please call the church office at 217-999-4781 or 217-710-0858

to reserve the Fellowship Hall and/or to borrow tables and chairs.

Care Center Donations

Donations of food, personal care products and plastic bags are accepted at the Care Center.

Please bring any donations to church and put them in the blue container in the narthex.

You may also drop them off at the Care Center located at 125 E. Main Street in Mt. Olive.

If you would like to receive a communion visit from Pastor Zach, please call the church office at 217-999-4781 or call Pastor Zach at 309-706-5142.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Mon.	6:00 pm	The Chosen
Tues.	6:30 pm	Al-anon Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion

WORSHIP SERVICES AT GILLESPIE ZION

8:30 am	Worship Services
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort:

Dorothy Marburger	Mary Stewart	Marilyn Forbes
Larry Marburger	Darrell Goodwin	Doug Smith
JoAnn Schuette	Judy McDonald	Debbie Grove
	Forest Rowe	

For All Who Serve in the Military, Especially Those Deployed:

Elaine Nelson (AF)	Austin Travous (A)
Colin Atteberry (AF)	Mitchell Bumgardner (AF)

In Care Facilities:

<u>Jean Vasel:</u> San Gabriel Memory Care Highland, IL	<u>JoAnn Schuette: Rm #28</u> Copper Creek Cottages Litchfield, IL
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Other Concerns:

The Family of Cathy Horowitz