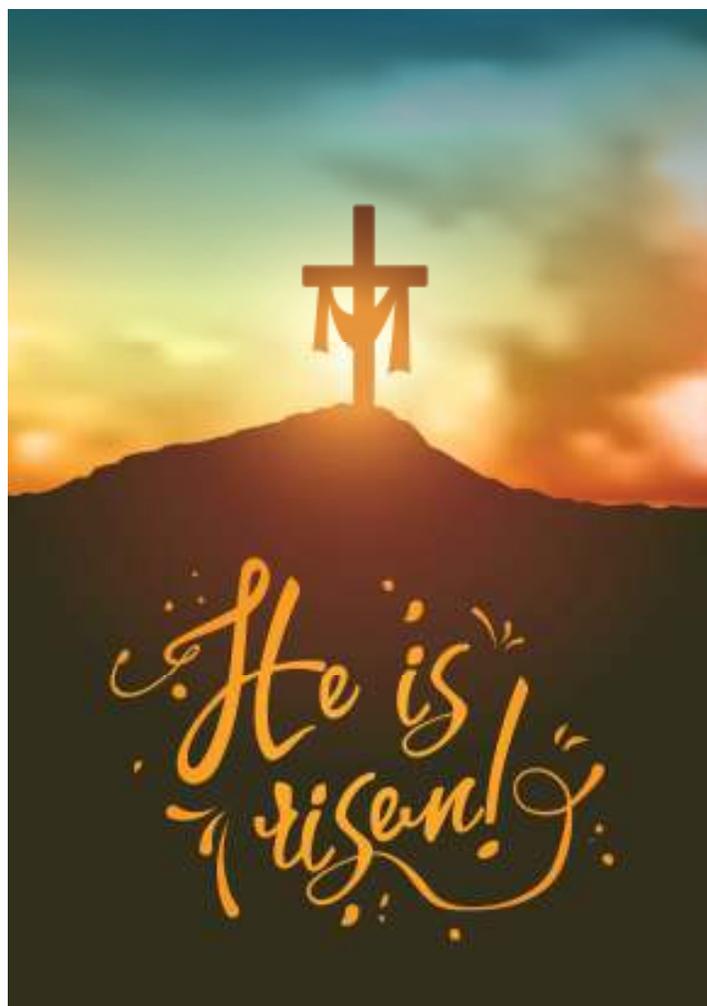


Zion Lutheran Church

Passing on the faith in the heart of Long Valley since 1760



Sundays in Easter
Virtual Worship Service

Virtual Sundays in Easter

Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God to whom all hearts ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

See insert

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the members of the congregation greet each other.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Response after the prayer: **Amen.***

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

READINGS:

See insert

SERMON

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

HYMN OF THE DAY:

See insert

NICENE CREED:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**catholic with a small "c" refers to the universal church, as the Greek word "katholikos" means universal or whole. "Catholic" with a capital "C" refers to the Roman Catholic Church.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The pastor concludes the prayer:...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.***

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.

PEACE

The pastor and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us forth.

BLESSING

The pastor proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God...bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

See insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

The pastor sends the congregation into mission.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

