

SERVING US AT WORSHIP

	April 8	April 15
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Hosts	Gloria Lang Eila Rancourt	Sandra/Don McLennan
Counters	Brenda Cochrane David/Karen Kettles	Allan Brown Karen LaRue Gloria Ojeer

April 15 Acts 3:12-19/Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7/Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 Acts 4:5-12/Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24/John 10:11-18

+Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church+

We extend a warm and friendly greeting to all of our guests and visitors who are worshipping with us this day. In the Spirit of Eucharistic hospitality we welcome all baptized to receive Holy Communion in our congregation. Please help yourself to the welcome bags located on the rack in the Narthex.

April 8, 2018

Please look at the Tower in the Narthex for several events happening in our area!

Tickets available (\$10) for 'Country Gospel Concert' at Zion on **Friday, April 13th**. Consider bringing a friend. See any Youth or Zion Office.

Northern Ministry Area Conference is here April 21. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who can help with food and serving.

Tickets available (\$30) for KFM Gala (dinner & comedy) to be held at the Delta on **Saturday, April 14th**

Purchase tickets by Easter Monday from Pat & John (705-945-8741)

YOUTH FUNDRAISER – VENDOR SALE – MAY 5, 2018

The youth of Zion are hosting a multi-vendor sale. There will be businesses of all stripes. Come on out to support not only the youth, but also local entrepreneurs from Sault Ste. Marie! Entry is free for visitors. If you would like to be a vendor, OR are able to help out in the kitchen that day, please contact Tracy Mittleholtz 705-949-9156 or tmittleholtz@live.com.

We at Zion have an invitation to a **Guided Tour at the Bush Plane museum on Saturday, April 28th form 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon**. This would be a continuation of what we did not see last year at the NRC, Great Lakes Forestry Centre. Troy Anthony, Chief, Science and Policy, was promoting the forest fire studies conducted over the years. We will see the 25 minute NEW MOVIE at the BUSH PLANE Museum which deals with the developing knowledge of fire behaviour to advance the use of fire management tools that can, for example, help minimize the impacts of disastrous fires by providing real-time maps of fire conditions. You will be able experience the dangers in fighting forest fires. All this in your own comfortable seating at the Museum, followed by Shanty Beans etc. All of this for \$11.25 paid in advance to our office Manager, Mary and sign-up sheet

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. **WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that 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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of

the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. Praise to you, O Christ.



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

ELW # 646: The Peace of the Lord
ELW # 374: Day of Arising

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour...

Post –Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray...

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

ELW # 376: Thine is the Glory

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Second Sunday of Easter

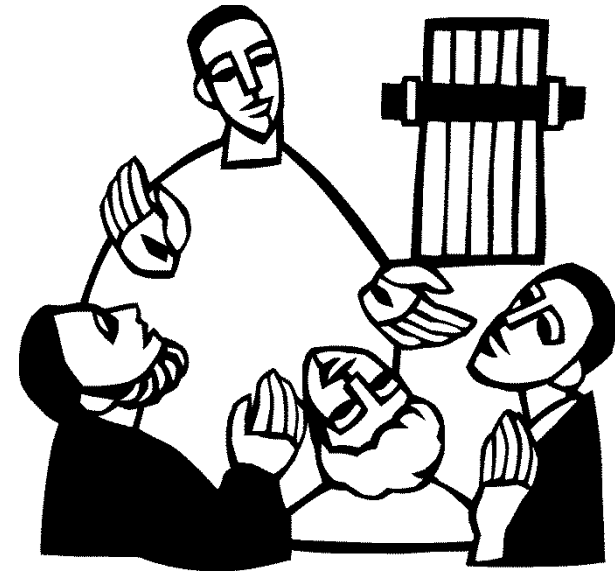
**Sunday April 8, 2018
10:00 am**

Welcome

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Congregational Mission Statement

Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ:
Believing, Witnessing, Teaching, Sharing and Serving with all.



Pastor	the Rev. Brad Mittleholtz
Ministers	People of Zion
Chairperson	Brenda Cochrane
Vice-Chairperson	Bob Smylie
Second Vice-Chairperson	Melanie Wheelan
Secretary	Robert Schroeder
Financial Secretary	Scott MacGillivray
Organist \ Pianist	Music Ministry
Worship & Music Coordinator & Choir Director	Karen Kettles
Treasurer	Helen Christenson
Office Manager	Mary McKay

We acknowledge that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Metis people.



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INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends,...
for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],
for Goulais River, our Great Lakes and St. Mary's River.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:...
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;...

whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:...
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

ELW # 391: This Joyful Eastertide

[Offering brought forward while last verse sung.]

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray

**C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...

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Eucharistic Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in...

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Invitation to Communion

P: Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!
These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear. Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak your truth. We pray for our bishops, Susan and Michael, for the ministry of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and for our pastor, Brad.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you create peace in the midst of chaos. Where storms rage and winds howl, bring calm. Protect people and animals from the dangers of weather. Restore damaged lands and homes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you are peace in a violent world. Heal neighbourhoods ravaged by crime. Reconcile political factions at war. Build relationships where suspicion keeps us apart, and bring us to the day of unity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you bring peace to a hurting world. Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Bind up the shattered. Give rest to the weary and hope to the disillusioned. Restore the sick (especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts before you now).
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you breathe your Spirit of peace into us. Enlivened by the Spirit, equip us to bring new life to all we meet in our work and in our play. Guided by your love and teaching, O Lord, may we not forget to serve and share in our community. May our Manna Basket for the youth shelter be filled, and may we greet all that enter our doors warmly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our peace in this world and the next. Comfort all who mourn. Hold them in your tender care. Bring us all around the table as we share the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn **ELW # 369: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

Apostolic Greeting P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie **In peace, let us pray ...** **Page 98**

Canticle of Praise **This is the feast...** **Page 101**

Prayer of the Day P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem Without Having Seen Him

WORD

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

First Reading		Acts 4:32-35
Psalm Hymn	Behold, How Pleasant	ELW #649
Second Reading		1 John 1:1-2:2
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia...	Page 102
Gospel		John 20:19-31
Sermon		the Rev. Brad Mittleholtz

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **ELW # 635: We Walk By Faith** **Page 104**
Nicene Creed