

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Sister Jean Widmeyer

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd Team

Counter: Marilyn Wells Team

A Prayer for Easter Day

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's Resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer



**WISHING EVERYONE
A SAFE & HAPPY EASTER !**

Christ
the
Lord is
RISEN
Today

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 17, 2022

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Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Easter Call to Worship

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Christ is Risen!”

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Sermon:

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HYMN 376: “Thine Is the Glory”

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HYMN 366: “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

Dismissal

Postlude

Zion Lutheran Church **welcomes our visitors and guests.** We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. Plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord’s Supper in a continuous fashion. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

WELCOME: We are pleased to be celebrating this morning’s “in-person” worship with you on this glorious day.

Please note that pre-registration is still required until further notice. *As well, COVID protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) remain in place. Please call Jane to register at 519-271-8527 before 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.*

SPECIAL GUEST: This morning we are blessed to have **Barbara Fulton** join us and entertain us with her beautiful singing talent. We want to “**Thank You**” Barbara for celebrating our Easter Sunday celebration with us.

We are sorry that **Franklin Famme** is unable to be with us this morning; but we are so happy to have **Laura** back with us!

EASTER FLOWERS: “Thank You” to the following donators who have contributed to the purchase of the flowers used to decorate the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration: Ellen Wolfe & Bruce Mitchell, Irene Ehgoetz, Elfrieda Zimmerman, Linda & Wayne Faulhafer, Carmen Beck, Barb & Brian Gropp, Bev & Robert Keutsch, Jean Weir, Bob & Marilyn Wells and Tom & Joanne Cosstick.

ZION QUILTERS NEWS:

- our quilting ladies have 12 small quilts completed and ready for sale. If you would like to purchase a small quilt, either for yourself or for a loved one, please contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

- if you, or anyone you know, would like our talented quilting ladies to make a beautiful quilt for you or as a gift, please contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

- also, if you have any material that you would like to donate to our quilters to use in one of their creations, please call Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

The ladies have been busy bees and are always looking for new projects.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: To help the House of Blessing with their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this time last year, as you are able, if you could bring **body wash or feminine pads (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as cookies or crackers** for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

INTRODUCING CHAIR YOGA: “*Chair Yoga*” has come to Zion. The benefits of “chair yoga” include: increased flexibility, improved strength, improved proprioception, reduce stress and pain, improve pain management skills and sleep better and, of course, having fun. So if you are looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to

10:30 A.M. and if you are interested in checking out this safe form of exercise, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Phyllis, Steve, Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Maria, Brian, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Jane, Brian, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Katana, Brian and Kolby;

>for those who have no one to pray for them.

This Ukraine Update was provided to us through the ELCIC Newsletter. We have been asked to share it with you.

UKRAINE CRISIS

With your support, CLWR is rushing emergency assistance to the 3.5 million refugees who have fled Ukraine and the 6.5 million people who are internally displaced.

Your support is allowing our partners in the ACT Alliance responding in Ukraine and the region to meet immediate humanitarian needs such as food, shelter, emergency supplies and trauma support.

You are also supporting members of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as they provide humanitarian assistance to those in need and prepare for a long-term response to help refugee populations in locations throughout Europe.

KEY IMPACT / Our local partners have already provided:

- 345 tons of food & supplies
- \$9.8 million medical equipment
- 2 Refugee Support Points in Ukraine and Hungary
- 2 Child Friendly Spaces in Budapest
- Transitional shelters in Hungary and Ukraine

Your gifts are making all this work possible. Thank you.

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