

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.

Find out how your gifts are helping at [clwr.org/ukraine](http://clwr.org/ukraine)

To continue to support the people of Ukraine with essential provisions to women, children and the elderly who have had to leave so much behind as they were forced to flee (from soap, shampoo and toothpaste, to rice, vegetables, milk and canned meat) you can purchase a **family hygiene kit for \$25.00 and/or a family food package for \$35.00.**

Please donate as you are able at [clwr.org/ukraine](http://clwr.org/ukraine) or by calling 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. CST) or by putting your donation in an envelope marked "CLWR Ukraine Appeal" with your name (and envelope number, if you have one) on it and either mailing it to us, or putting it in the locked mailbox, or you can bring it into the office any weekday morning.

Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

600-177 Lombard Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5  
1-800-661-2597 or 204-694-5602

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**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> (MOTHER'S DAY)**  
**AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Volunteers Needed

**Reader:** Stephen Fischer

**Usher Captain:** Darrell Renecker Team **Counter:** Liz Bomasuit Team

*Third Sunday  
After Easter*



**May 1, 2022**

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## People of Zion

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Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 2022**

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**GATHERING HYMN 391: “This Joyful Eastertide”**

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Prayer of the Day:

**Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Psalms: 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Sermon:

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alrwdlq5YZa1jwkii-IOltG7-tHR>

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**HYMN 729: “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”**

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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 “in-person” worship with you this morning.

**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.*

**FRANKLIN RETURNS:** Next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to having Franklin Famme join our Worship Service and

delight us with his musical talent.

### **ZION QUILTERS NEWS:**

- our quilting ladies have 12 small quilts completed and ready for sale. These quilts would make the perfect Mother's Day gift. 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 and 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.

**CHAIR YOGA UPDATE:** "*Chair Yoga*" has finished it's third week here at Zion and the participants are having fun with it. It was nice to see our largest turnout yet this past Tuesday; consisting of some new people and our regulars. FYI: the benefits of "chair yoga" include: increased flexibility, improved strength, improved proprioception, reduce stress and pain, improve pain management skills and sleep better. If you want to join in on the fun on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:** Paula is working behind the scenes getting a feel for how many children would be enrolled in the Sunday School Program (hopefully in September; depending on the COVID situation).

To help Paula with this task, she is asking that all parents wishing to enroll their child(ren) in the Sunday School Program, please fill out the

attached survey. If for some reason you are not able to complete the survey, you can also email your name, your child(ren)'s name(s), current grade(s), and whether or not they would be participating in Sunday School. Please email this information to Paula at pauley\_mcnaughton@hotmail.com

By completing this survey, it will give Paula a sense of how many are "interested" in the program; it does NOT mean that parents are registering their child(ren) for the program. From the numbers that are interested Paula will be in a better position to plan the number of teachers she would need to find to assist in the program. Please click here for the survey: <https://forms.glc?bS3dCdiEaSrnXLEA>  
Thank you for your assistance!

### **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.

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## **UKRAINE CRISIS**

We have not received a current update from CLWR; but, please know that our support is desperately needed.

This is, once again, the most current information we have.

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