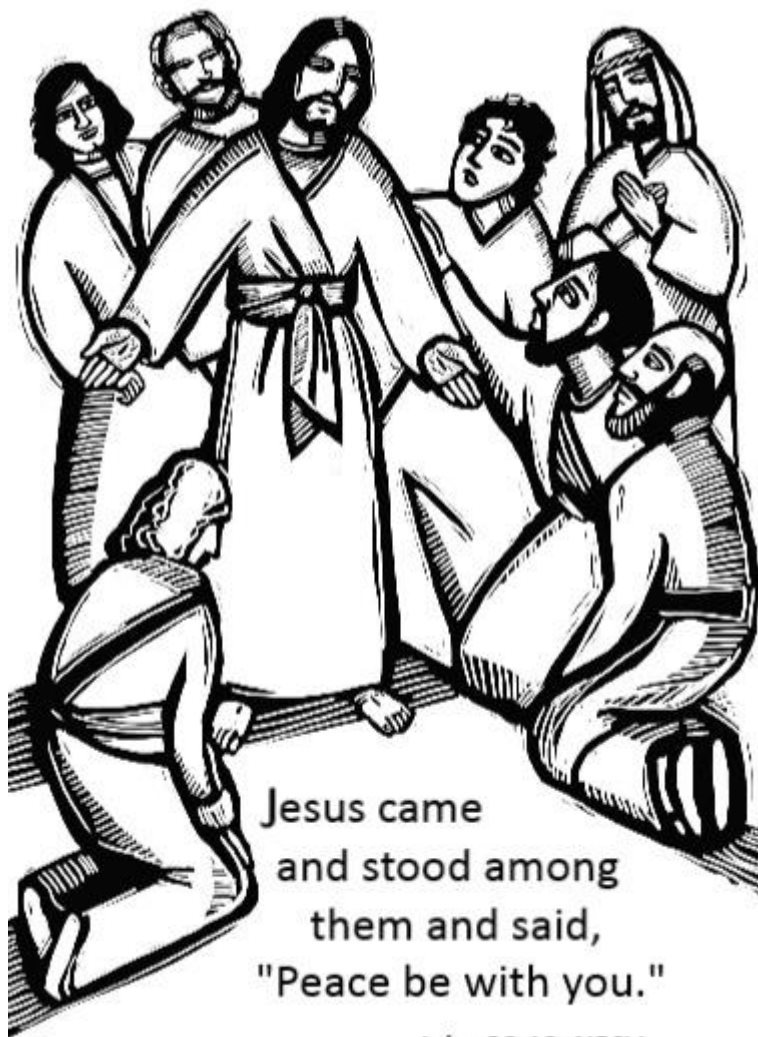




Jesus
is alive



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

Sunday, April 16, 2023

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

GATHERING

Choir Prelude: *Introit, Sanctus* (Schubert, *Mass in F*)

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Hymn 377: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm: 16

Second Reading: 1Peter1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Children's Message

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/t-vlpeHNLtG?feature=share>

Hymn 820: “O Saviour, Precious Saviour”

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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. Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff. We hope that you will 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. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle.

Please note that masks are “no longer mandatory”; but, continuing to wear a mask is strongly recommended.

WELCOME: This morning we welcome the *Teutonia Choir* and their *director, Judith Varney*, to worship. We thank the choir for sharing their

talents with us this morning and the many times they have blessed us in worship throughout the years.

JAZZ VESPERS: Jazz Vespers will be celebrated **this afternoon at 4:00 at St. James Anglican Church on Mornington Street.** The service will feature pianist and composer Jayne Hysen from London. All are welcome to this informal evening worship service. Free will offering.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING: We are accepting “Special Easter Offerings” **up to and including Sunday, April 30th, 2023.** This year these offerings will be divided equally between the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our Current Fund. Thank you for your support!

MOTHER’S DAY: *Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 14th, 2023!* If you are looking for that “something special” for your Mother, our Quilting Ladies have been busy bees, once again, and have a large selection of quilts on display in the Parlour for you to purchase. Feel free to contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878 for more information or to purchase a beautiful quilt.

BIBLE STUDY: If any one is wanting to explore God’s Word and what it means for us in our daily lives as Christians, bring your lunch and come out and join us on Thursdays at noon in the Parlour. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

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 cereal or canned fruit 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.

We are looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver the House of Blessing gifts and take them to the House of Blessing. If you can help with this, please contact Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thank you!

SALT 3 – THE “AL TAEH” FAMILY FROM SYRIA

We have been advised that the needed bikes for the older children have been generously donated. Robin Rutherford is gathering outdoor play items (small pool to use as a sandbox, badminton racquets, skipping ropes, kites, wagon, hockey nets for backyard soccer, trampoline). Contact Robin at robinrutherford2@icloud.com if you can help with those items.

Thank you!

Zion's Representatives are:

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THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Bob, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Paul, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Linda, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. April 17

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 PM Pathfinders

Tues. April 18

7:00 AM Rotary
9:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:00 AM ZIONEWS Info Due
6:30 PM Sparks

Wed. April 19

9:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Council of Churches
1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
7:00 PM Congregational Council

Thurs. April 20

12:00 Noon Bible Study
2:00 PM Knollcrest Worship
4:15 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Sun. April 23

10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Ellen Wolfe

Reader: Stephen Fischer

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd Team

Counter: Janet Chandler

Altar: Shirley Whittaker
