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The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

April 9, 2023

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 365: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Choir Introit: "Hosanna to the Son of David"

David Halls

Greeting

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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, 14-23
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/26OeLlu399c?feature=share>

Hymn 376: “Thine Is the Glory”

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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 Kelly Walker and Jennifer Peace who are sharing their musical talents with us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. “Thank you” Kelly and Jennifer!

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road. By appointment. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283.

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, Bev & Robert Keutsch, Pauline & Brian Schade, Jean Weir, Marilyn & Paul Neumeister, Jane & Jerry Terhaerd, Barb & Brian Gropp, Darlene & Tim Gropp, Elfrieda Zimmerman, Paula McNaughton, Linda & Wayne Faulhafer, Joanne & Tom Cosstick.*

“THANK YOU” to the Women of Faith for organizing the collection of the funds, and to Dianne Mann for purchasing the beautiful flowers and decorating the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration this morning.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING: The “Special Easter Offering” this year will be divided equally between Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our Current Fund. Thank you for your support!

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 Hygiene items or rice 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

Robin Rutherford is looking for a tricycle, a bicycle or two (the oldest is 10) and one or two scooters for the children of this Syrian family who arrived in

Stratford on January 27, 2023. She also 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 10

OFFICE IS CLOSED !

Tues. April 11

9:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30 PM Sparks

Wed. April 12

9:00 AM Quilters
1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship
5:15 PM Bethel Church Community Meal
Time Unknown - Music Festival

Thurs. April 13

12:00 Noon Bible Study
2:30 PM Hillside Worship
4:15 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Sun. April 16

10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Robert & Beverley Keutsch
Usher Captain: Steve Lamont Team
Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Aline Kouhi-Klemencic
Counter: Carmen Beck Team



**May I Always
Find My
Satisfaction in
You**

Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

— *Rachel Olsen*