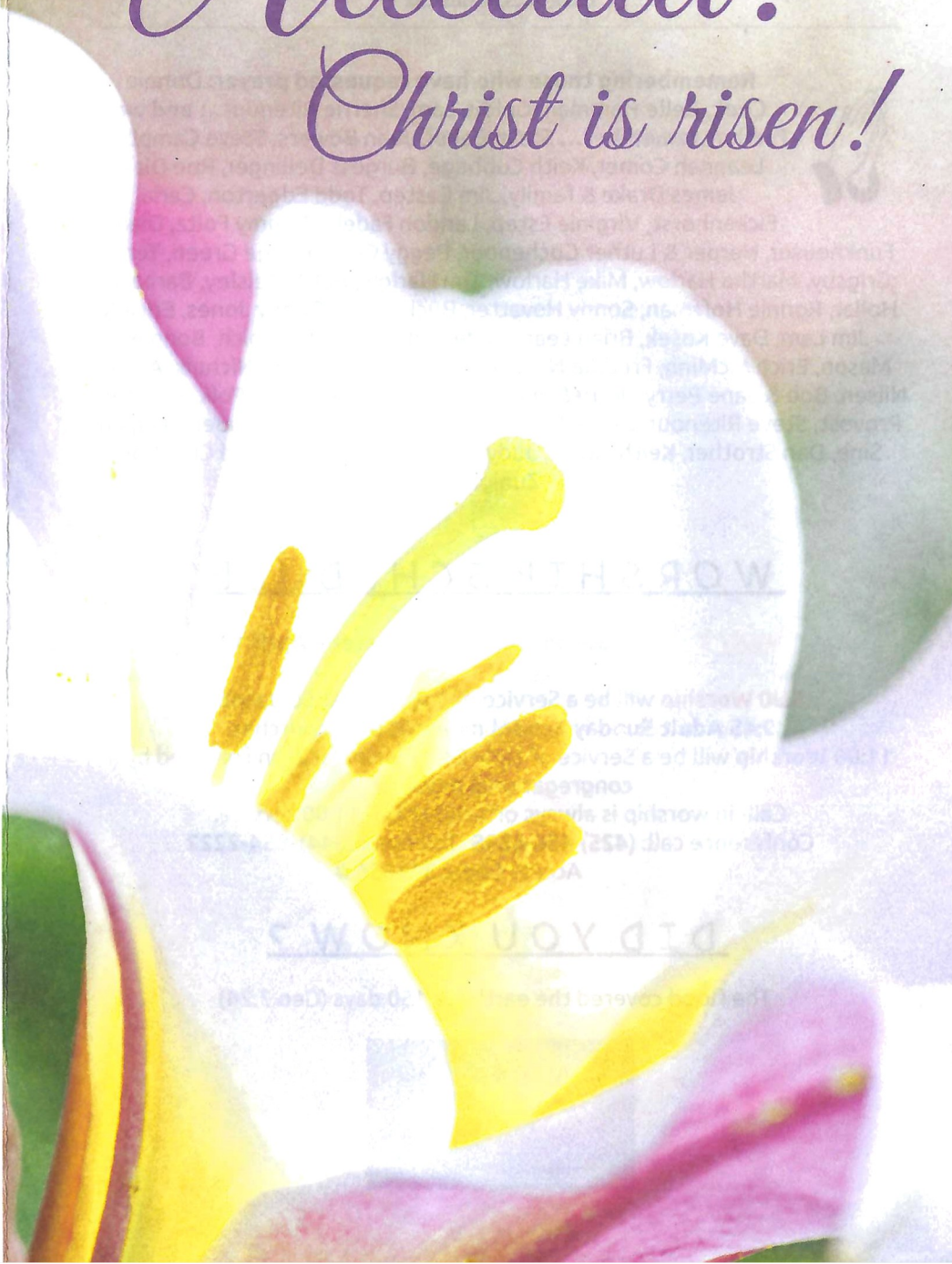


Alleluia!
Christ is risen!



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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Donnie Cook, Belle Hamman, Goldie Lam, Sherrie Ritenour... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, James Drake & Family, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY Second Sunday of Easter – April 12

8:30 Worship will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's.

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at Zion followed by a congregational meeting.

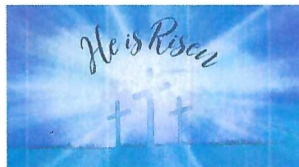
Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The flood covered the earth for 150 days (Gen 7:24)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jacob's Easter altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Stanley and Agnes Helsley, by Peggy Smoot. The hyacinths are given by Burgess Dellinger in memory of Dickie Dellinger and honor of Dawn Lindhurst and Cindy Sumner.

The Altar Lilies at Zion are in loving memory of Eugene (Gene), Hazel (Peg), and Brooklyn (Brook) Bowers; Dwight Cook; and Doug Heishman by Peggy, Robin and families.

Zion Council will meet Monday night at 5:30. The Council would like to put together a calendar of fellowship opportunities and welcome your ideas!

Spring Forward, our after school program, will resume on Tuesday, April 14. For more information on this outstanding program, call Jane Perry – 540-477-2088.

Wednesday in the Word Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 PM. We'll pick up our study of the book of James.

Aluminum Recycle is today! Thanks to all who contribute their cans so faithfully either by leaving them in the cabinet on Zion's back parking lot or bringing them to the truck every first weekend. Every can helps!

Eating for good causes! There are a lot of opportunities to enjoy a good meal in April!

April 11 – 3-6 PM, Drive-thru only – **Rib Eye Steak** Dinner (\$20) at St. Mary's Pine (7103 S. Middle Road)...pre-order by April 5 by calling 540-477-3587.

April 19 – 11 AM until we're sold out – **Fried Chicken Dinner** at the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

April 25 – 4 PM until? – **Pork Tenderloin Supper** at Wakeman's Grove. \$15 for carry-out and free-will for those who stay and eat.

News from Shenandoah Valley Local Ministries: **Good Shepherd Senior Ministry** is expanding and collaborating with **A Small Hand Diaper Pantry** to provide adult diapers to seniors and other neighbors in need. Please visit The Good Shepherd page on our website (www.svlm.org) for an enrollment form and more information about pickup times.

Spring Trash Collection continues! Pastor Katie has orange bags, fluorescent vests, and pickers if you would like to support **St. Jacob's Women's group** in their annual participation in the SC Spring Clean-up, which runs through Memorial Day weekend.

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

The angel said “He has been raised from the dead and indeed is going ahead of you!”



Easter Festival Service

11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

Silent Preparation

(Please rise at the conclusion and with a bold voice!)

P: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory
scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P. Christ is Risen!

C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* # 382

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious Head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore Him,
As His light once more appears,
Bowing down in joy before Him,
Rising up from grief and tears,
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious Head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! All the sorrow
That last evening round him lay
Now has found a glorious morrow
In the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
Springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
He was lost, but He is found.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious Head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! henceforth never
Death or hell shall us enthrall;
We are Christ's, in Him forever
We have triumphed over all;
All the doubting and dejection
Of our trembling hearts have ceased,
Hail His day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious Head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
You have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as You make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in Your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.



Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by His blood. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



Easter Litany

by St. John Chrysostom
4th Century Early Church Father

Let no one weep for their sins and iniquities,
for pardon has shown forth from the grave!

Let no one fear Death
for the Savior's death has set us free!

He that was held prisoner of Death
has annihilated Death!

Hell was angered **for it was abolished!**

Hell was angered **for it was mocked!**

Hell was angered **for it was slain!**

Hell was angered **for it was overthrown!**

Hell took a Body **and met God face to face!**

It took earth **and encountered heaven**

It took that which was seen **and fell upon the unseen**

O Death, where is thy sting?

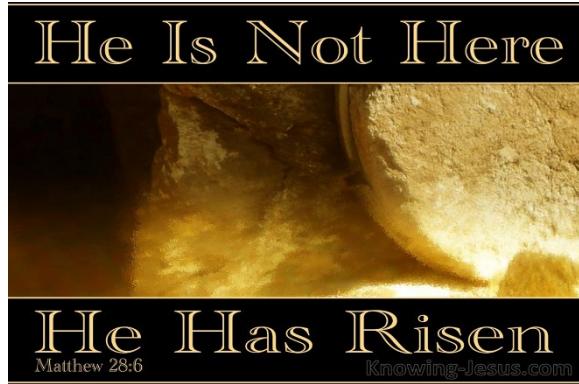
O Hell, where is thy victory?

CHRIST IS RISEN! And Death has been overthrown!

CHRIST IS RISEN! And Hell has been restrained!

CHRIST IS RISEN! And Life rules!

Sermon



Hymn of the Day *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* # 619

I know that my redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

Creedal Statement *(Please read the bold)* Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to

Him. ³⁶You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—**He is Lord of all.** ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.** ³⁹We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. **They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree;** ⁴⁰**but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear,** ⁴¹**not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.** ⁴²**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.** ⁴³**All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”**

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving & Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord,
our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at
all times and in all places.....we praise your name
and join their unending hymn, saying....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



Blessed are You, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and Your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to You for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to You for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to You for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to You for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to You for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to You for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to You for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with Your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With Your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise You, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Song *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

The Gifts of God + For the People of God



Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the beginning,
as the Pastor invites them.*

Prayer after Communion

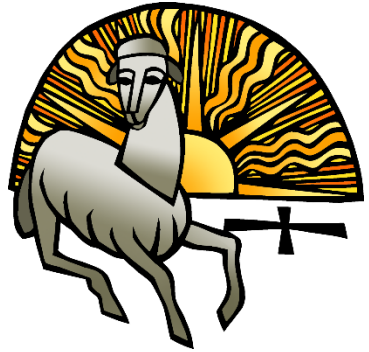
Let us pray.

We give You thanks, O God, that You make Your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with Your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was
raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with
Him in His risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.



Sending Hymn *The Day of Resurrection!*

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Melody: Lead On, O King Eternal!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and list'ning to His accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.

Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth it's song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that has no end.

Christ the Lord is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia



May the Lord bless you throughout the Easter season!

¹⁹**Open for me**
the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
 here the righteous may enter.”
²¹**I give thanks to you,**
for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for

you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

or Acts 10:34-43 [see p. 1]

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised,

as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

or John 20:1-18 [not printed]



Today's Readings

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

April 5, 2026

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.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

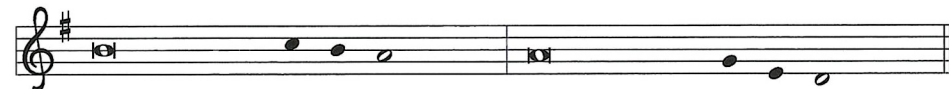
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or Jeremiah 31:1-6 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; tone 2



Give thanks to the LORD,
 for the LORD is good;
 God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,**
“God's mercy endures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength
 and my song,

and has become my salvation.
¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation**
echo in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD
acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD
 is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD
 acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed
 punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.



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