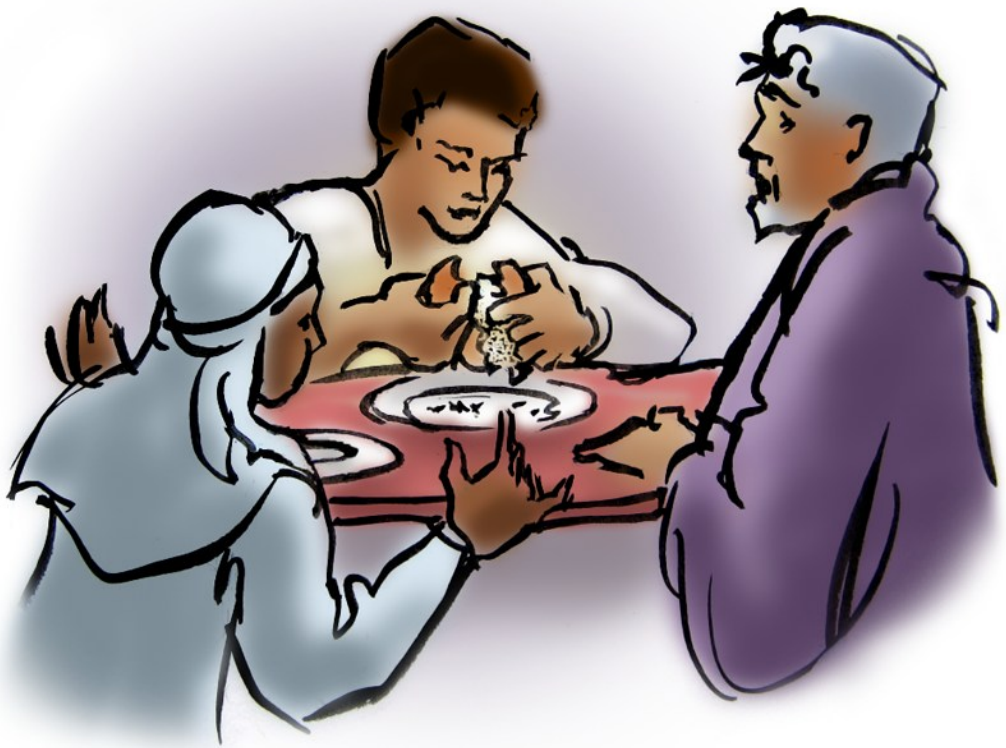


# *Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church*



***Third Sunday of Easter***  
***5:30 p.m. April 18, 2026***  
***9:00 a.m. April 19, 2026***

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

## Welcome

**Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.**

**Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** **A family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & RINGING OF BELL

### ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN:

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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### GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

### KYRIE



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

2 Chris - te e - le - i - son.

1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.

2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.

Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. **O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

**Isaiah 51:1-6** *The enduring foundation of God's salvation*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**R** The Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10** *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup> **I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup> Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**1 Peter 1:17-23** *The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*The assembly may stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Luke 24:13-35** *The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Day of Arising"

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#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Merciful God. Please respond with: **Receive our prayer.**

**P** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C** Amen.

#### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with one another.*

*The assembly is seated.*

#### NOISY OFFERING

Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between  
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

*(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)*

*The assembly may stand.*

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

“Now the Green Blade Rises” vs. 3 & 4

**ELW (red book) # 379**



3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**C** Amen.

*The assembly may stand*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

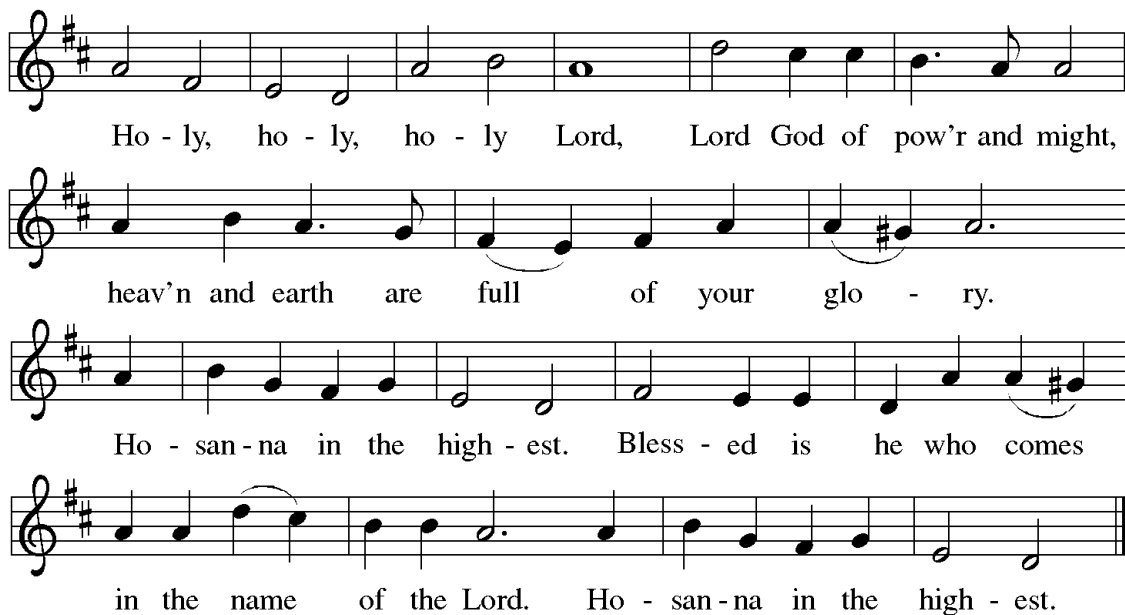
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.*

*Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*"Come to the Altar" by Switchback*

*The assembly may stand*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:**

*"Christ Be Our Light"*

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

# As We Gather at Your Table



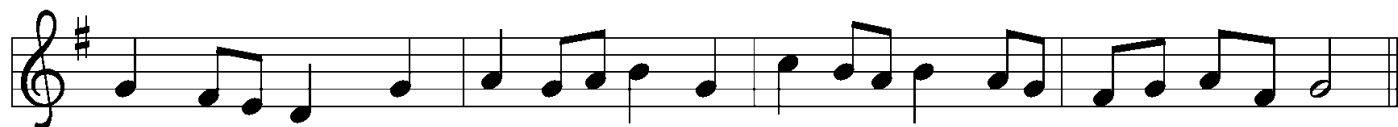
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

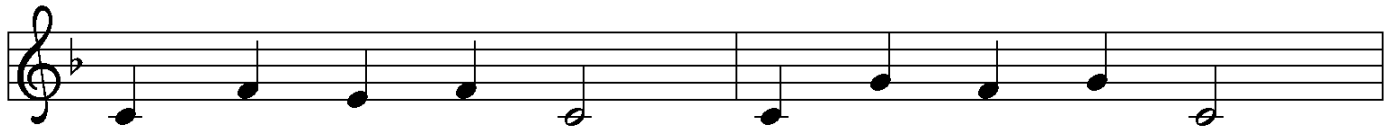
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Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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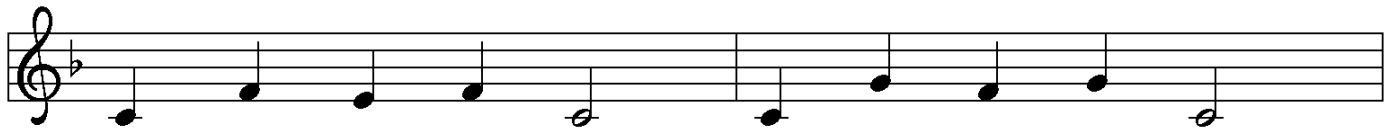
# Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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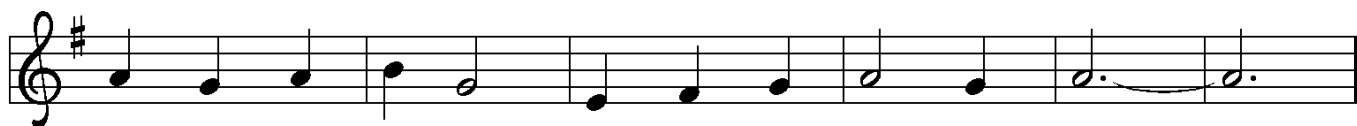
# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

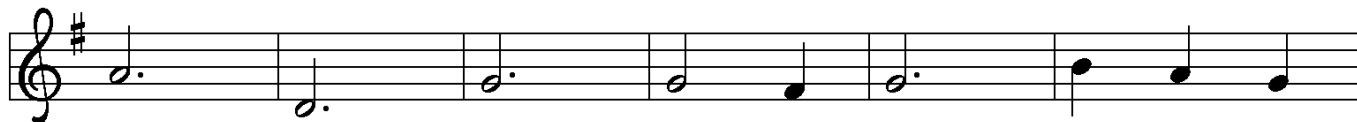


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

## *Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

**Proclaimer:**

Pastor Barbara Hayden

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**Pianist:**

Laura Horst

Laura Horst

**Worship Assistant:**

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**Greeters:**

Linda Shaff

Nate & Ashley Kreinbrink & boys

**FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE** this Sunday is the April birthday fellowship hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Next Sunday will be hosted by the Social Ministry Committee.

**CELL PHONES:** If you have the Wi-Fi on you cell phone turned on, please turn it off during the service. Our Wi-Fi is strained by having so many devices connected or trying to connect to it.

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Centering prayer is now meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 pm in chapel area off the dining room. If you haven't heard of centering prayer there are pamphlets in Zion's office. This time of prayer is offered to all!

**CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON:** The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a **Cinco de Mayo Luncheon** on Sunday, May 3rd, following the 9 am worship service. The committee will be serving tacos, enchiladas, spanish rice, Cookies, a Mexican festive drink, and lemonade. **A signup sheet is in the Narthex for you to *sign* so we know how many are attending. Please come and join us for fun, fellowship, and wonderful food!** (No cost to attend)

**PRAYER LIST:**

Skip Carstensen

Pam Hammond

Tom & Judy McLaughlin

Rick Gelhar

Joyce McCabe

Kay Weispfenning

### **HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:**

Monday, April 20th: 5:30 pm– Girl Scouts  
Tuesday, April 21st: 3:30 pm– Centering Prayer  
5:30 pm– Boy Scouts  
Wednesday, April 22nd: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer  
5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations/Confirmation  
Saturday, April 25th: 5:30 pm– Worship  
Sunday, April 26th: 9:00 am– Worship  
10:00 am– Fellowship

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, April 11th 5:30 attendance	62
Sunday, April 12th 9:00 attendance	<u>68</u>
Total Weekend In-Person attendance	130



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