

ZION CHURCH – FREELAND, MI
OUR SAVIOUR CHURCH – SAGINAW, MI
Connecting Everyday Life with Everyday Faith

Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020 ~ 10:00am
Live Stream Worship

Welcome!

All are welcomed here. All are welcome regardless of race, culture, wealth, poverty, political affiliation, age, education level, faith tradition, health, (physical, mental, emotional) or wounded, LGBTQ+ identity, married, single, divorced, widow, or nationality. Nothing separates us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME, PRELUDE

PROCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

At Calvary¹

Years I spent in vanity and pride, Caring not my Lord was crucified
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary

Chorus

Mercy there was great and grace was free, Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary

By God's Word at last my sin I learned, Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary (*Chorus*)

Now I've given to Jesus everything, Now I gladly own Him as my King
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary (*Chorus*)

Oh the love that drew salvation's plan, Oh the grace that brought it down to man
Oh the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary (*Chorus*)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen

TODAYS LECTIONARY READINGS AND PSALMS

For your personal study.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: *Alleluia.* Blessed are those who have not seen

C: and yet have come to believe. *Alleluia.*

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GOSPEL READING *John 20:19-31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN

Because He Lives²

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus, He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

How sweet to hold our newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives (*Chorus*)

And then one day I'll cross that river, I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join
the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship
you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may
come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain
and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire
all to care for the world you have made so that living things might
thrive. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a
homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer
refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We continue the prayers for the parishes and pastors with whom we are partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. Today we lift up Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, and Rev. Ellen Schoepf. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken in Unison

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.

BLESSING

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

*I Saw the Light*³

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night, Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light, No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered along, Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord I saw the light

(Chorus)

I was a fool to wander and stray, Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right, Praise the Lord I saw the light *(Chorus)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

A: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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