

**He was raised on the third  
day according to the  
Scriptures...**

1 Corinthians 15:4



**March 25, 2018**

**Palm Sunday**

Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**As We Gather** ~ The Risen Lord Jesus Is Our Strength and Our Song, for He Has Become Our Salvation. O come, let us “sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously” (Ex. 15:1). By His cross, He has shattered the enemy, crushing sin and death beneath His feet; in His resurrection, He has brought us out of Egypt into the freedom of the Gospel. He has called us out of darkness into light, and led us from confusion, fear and weeping into the joy and gladness of His resurrection. He is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation (Ex. 15:2). Thus do we hear and respond to His voice of the Gospel, as He calls each of us by name. We enter His tomb by our Baptism into His death, and just as surely as He has risen, so we also “must rise from the dead” (John 20:9). “Let us therefore celebrate...for Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7-8). He has set us free from sin and death, and now He feeds us with Himself to life everlasting. **HE IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH! HAPPY EASTER!**

## **PREPARATION**

### **465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** He died for our sins,  
**C** according to the Scriptures.
- P** He was buried in the tomb,  
**C** according to the definite plan of God.
- P** He rose from the dead  
**C** and appeared to many.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Confession and Absolution

- P** If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God's great mercy in Christ.

*Silence for reflection*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.**

- P** If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **WORD**

**6:30 am**

### **464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia!

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**9:30 am**

### **Choir Anthem "Christ is Risen, Christ is Alive" Larsen/Wren**

**The congregation is invited to join in singing when prompted**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age;  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,  
with justice, love and praise.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:1-18*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and

saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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### Sermon "Raising Fears or Raising Cheers" John 20:1-18

## 468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

- 1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives,  
In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never,  
I also shall not die forever.  
I am content! I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;  
His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection  
For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
I am content! I am content!
- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,  
My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,  
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation  
And everlasting exultation.  
I am content! I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free,  
Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be  
With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever;  
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content! I am content!

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## Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary



and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.  
Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a culture of distractions and diversions. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the things of first importance: Christ's death and resurrection for sinners, for Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Lord, You sent a messenger to proclaim Jesus' resurrection to the women on Easter morning. Inspire us to share the message of Jesus' resurrection throughout the world, for Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Lord, there are many in this world who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned, suffering at the hands of evil people. Spread Christ's resurrection victory into their lives of pain and hopelessness. Raise them from darkness into Your light, for Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . . ]. Comfort them with the hope of resurrected bodies that will be ours when Jesus returns, for Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones, whom we remember today... Embrace them with the hope of the resurrection that is ours because Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, who also are in our hearts and minds today. Grant that our rejoicing draw us back to the Good News that Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

9:30 am Choir Anthem "Alleluia, Praise His Name" Schram

## Offering

## SACRAMENT

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Distribution Hymns

#### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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#### **490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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## 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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## 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

### 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 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.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 99 ~ M. Thurs.61 Gd. Fri. 67 ~ *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$4,852=* Loose Plate \$108, Envelopes \$4,924, Mission \$210, Maintenance \$610; Cap Prj. \$20.,

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Apr 8 Nancy Deibel; Apr 9- Ryan Hilbrandt; Apr 10- Adam Beyersdorf, Beth Hagarty; Apr 11- Carol Card, Travis Yell; Apr 13- Sharon Hyatt, Robin Wenzel.

**Resources for Rachel** ~ Door offering will be taken following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book "Missionary Meyer in Uganda".



**Donald Tessin**, faithful member of Zion died March 26, 2018 and was given Christian burial on Saturday. Donald is survived by his wife, Shirley, his daughters, Karen (Jim) Gardner, Betty Lou (Robert) Rood; Donna Barczak; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; his sisters and brother-in-law, Violet (Dan) Zabel, Janet (John) Pruitt, Donald (Jean) Hollingsworth, Barbara (Robert) Watson, Mary Lou Klemit. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cathy Tessin; his granddaughter, Tracy Gardner; his parents-in-law, Gilbert and Elda Hollingsworth and Erwin Kreger; his brother and his wife Erich and Edna Tessin; his sister and her husband Herta and Emil Hoepfner. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'"* (Revelation 14:13 ESV).



**Easter Breakfast** ~ Join us for Easter breakfast following the service this morning in the fellowship hall. Drinks, dinner rolls and coffee cakes will be provided.

**Vacation** ~ Pastor Hauser will be on vacation April 3-11. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact St. Peter Lutheran at 642-8188.

**Valley Lutheran High School** is seeking a social studies teacher with interest and/or experience teaching global issues and government/economics. The ability to lead an extra-curricular activity is also desirable. The ideal candidate will be commissioned minister of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The position begins August 1, 2018. Applicants may send a resume' with references and a cover letter to Dr. John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603 or by e-mail at [jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information call Dr. Brandt at 989-790-1676.

**Easter Cross Witness yard crosses** available in the narthex for those who may not have gotten one or if yours may have blown away or you shared it with someone. Put the white side out and then turn the cross around to share that "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday! Pick one up following the service.

**Zion's 97<sup>th</sup> annual chicken dinner** will be held next Sunday. There are signup sheets in the narthex for needed grocery items, as well as helpers Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday. Your help is greatly needed to continue this annual tradition. Please take a look at the sheets in the narthex and sign up to help if you can. This is a great time for fellowship with one another. There are flyers in the narthex. Feel free to pick some up and post at your business or places you frequent to help in advertising our dinner.

**Cemetery Decorations** ~ A reminder for those with loved ones buried in Richland Lutheran Cemetery -- it is time to remove all grave blankets and wreaths from the graves. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Sauerkraut** ~ There is still sauerkraut available for \$3 per quart and \$1.50 per pint. Available in the church office. Pass the word along to those who may be interested.

*The following have placed flowers for our  
Easter celebration.*

*In memory of Clarence Card  
From Carol Card*

*In memory of Clarence Card  
From Deborah Boman*

*In memory of our loved ones.  
From Bernie & Julayne Hutfilz*

*In memory of Lynn Coty, Harold and Anna Stenzel  
From Janice Coty*

*In memory Gene Diener and Howard Diener  
From Maxine Diener*

*In memory of our parents, in celebration of Easter  
From Bernard & Bonnie Neuenfeldt*

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From Jeanne Kade, Gary & Lisa Kade*

*In memory of Mike Parker, Reinhold & Caroline Stenzel  
From Bud & Millie Parker*

*In memory of Doug & Margaret Richardson, Herb Wade  
From Mark & Connie Richardson*

*In honor of Tami Mosher  
From Kay Mosher*

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