

Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA / [www.zionharrisburg.org](http://www.zionharrisburg.org)  
WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm  
Easter Season 2023 - Series on 1 Peter - Service of the Word & Sacrament  
(First Wednesday of the Month)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!

As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

L: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

**C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.**

L: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

**C: Amen.**

**Greeting**

L: Christ is Risen!

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

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray ... **C: Amen.**

**Scripture Readings for the 2023 Easter Season Sermon Series on 1 Peter:**

**April 19** 1 Peter 1:3-9 A Living Hope

**April 26** 1 Peter 1:17-25 Reborn of Imperishable Seed

**May 3** 1 Peter 2:19-25 Jesus' Wounds Have Healed Us (*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Communion*)

**May 10** 1 Peter 2:2-10 Newborn Infants Longing for Spiritual Milk

**May 17** 1 Peter 3:13-22 Blessed Even Through Suffering

**May 24** 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 Cast All Your Cares on Him

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Prayers**

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**C: and grant us your salvation.**

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

**C: Let your people sing with joy.**

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

**C: for only in you can we live in safety.**

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

**C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

**C: your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

**C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

L: *Additional petitions offered, followed by silent prayer*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our risen Savior  
Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

L: Blessed are you,

Lord of Heaven and earth.

In your mercy for our fallen world

you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him

should not perish,

but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation

you have prepared

for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit

into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord  
with a living faith  
as he comes to us  
in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: In the night  
in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: Let us pray together as our Savior has taught us:

**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.**

L: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.

### **The Communion**

*All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

*For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
(*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*)

### **Post Communion Blessing**

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
C: **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

L: Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.  
C: **Amen.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

L: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.  
(1 John 5:7)

C: **Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

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