

# Resurrection Celebration

**“Unlikely Faith”**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

## Easter Sunday

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace  
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.  
God has a word for you today!*

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THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP  
CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Christ is Risen! Christ is Alive!"*

*by Larson and Wren*

\*INVITATION SONGS

*"This Is Amazing Grace," "He Reigns"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This Church opens wide its doors, and bids you welcome.

*We gather here after a treacherous week.*

We ate the last meal with Jesus on Thursday, and we followed him to the garden to pray.

*We heard the dreadful story of his arrest and the horror of his trial.*

We trudged up the hill to the place of the cross. We agonized there for hours.

*On Saturday, we waited.*

Today we have been to the tomb, and it is empty. Did you not know? Have you heard? Christ is risen!

*He is risen indeed! Let us lift our voices in songs of praise!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Up from the Grave He Arose"*

*UMH 322*

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility. Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the resurrected One. Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery!"*

*by D. Allen*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE

*John 20:1-18*  
*Unlikely Faith*

*Rev. Clay Lundberg*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

HYMN FOR COMMUNION

*"Victory in Jesus" (vs. 1 & 3)*

*UMH 370*

HOLY COMMUNION

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*UMH 95*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (vs. 1 - 4)*

*UMH 302*

\*SENDING FORTH

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### SUNDAY, April 5th

9:15 a.m.-No Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.- **Easter Sunday**

### TUESDAY, April 7th

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins

### WEDNESDAY, April 8th

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, April 9th

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, April 12th

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.- Worship Service

### TUESDAY, April 14th

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins

### WEDNESDAY, April 15th

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, April 16th

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY TODAY!

An Easter backdrop is on display in the **narthex** this morning for taking pictures. Use your camera or cell phone to take pictures. Then send Happy Easter greetings to family and friends.

## MUSTARD SEED EVENT

Mark your calendars for **April 26th** and join us **after our service** for a cultural event with a variety of foods prepared by refugees who have been resettled through Global Friends Coalition. Global Friends received a Mustard Seed grant through the UMC Dakota's Conference and as part of that we agreed to provide a cultural meal and introduce the congregation to some newcomers. A free will offering will be accepted to help off-set the cost of the food preparation

## BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Non-perishable items only please!

## THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The project of the week is either a lap robe or wall hanging, whichever way you'd like to use it. It measures 39.5" x 47.5". We call it "Patriotism" because of its red, white and blue coloring.

**IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,  
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING.**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR .....	Rev. Clay Lundberg
MINISTERS .....	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST .....	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Janet Seames
LAY LEADER.....	Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 29TH, 2026**  
Sunday Worship – 75 Sunday School – 17 Online - 32

### FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 29TH, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 5,200.80
NARTHEX.....	\$ 0.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 0.00

### FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 26,500.53
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 21,100.05
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 4,775.18

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



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## PRAYER MARKER FOR APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>- APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 2026

### LIFT IN PRAYER

Peter Blay  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
The Juntunen Family  
The Sondreal Family  
The O'Shaughnessy Family  
The Rowe Family  
Our Shut-ins

### JOYS

Sunday Music  
Praise Band and Choir  
Love Feast  
Building Update Projects  
STEM Sunday Funday

### BIRTHDAYS

04/07 Candy Clausen

### ANNIVERSARIES

04/06 Ryan & Jessica Zerr