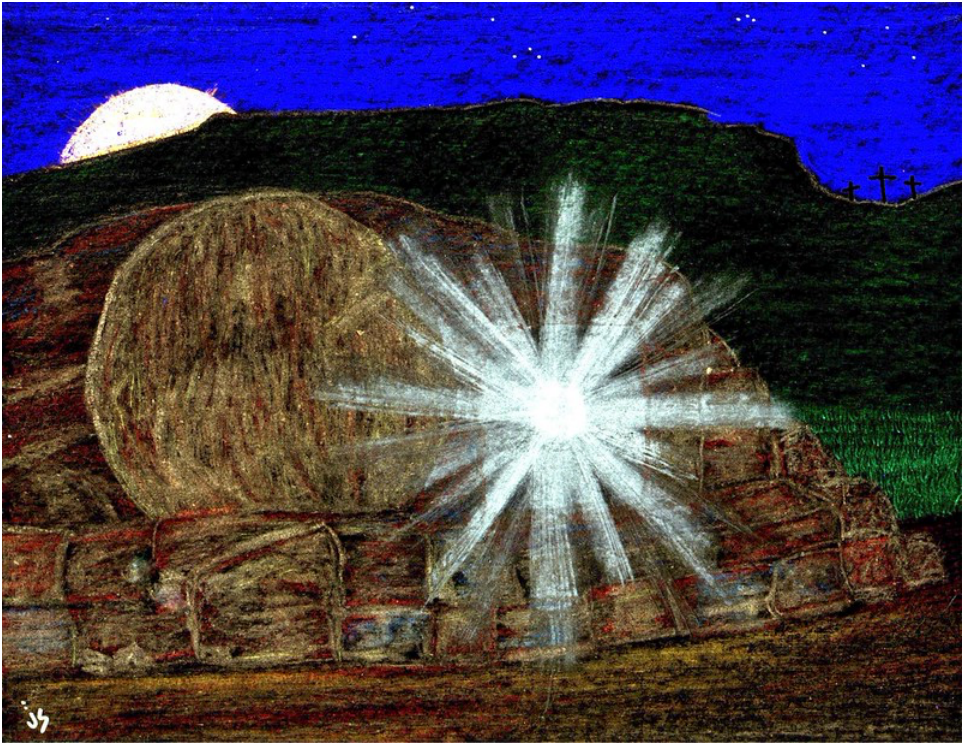


**Second Sunday of Easter**  
*Outdoor Worship*  
**Second Sunday Healing Service**  
**April 12, 2026**



*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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***“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said.”***

(Matthew 28:5-6)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

Inside the church sanctuary, we welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the front. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# Call to Worship

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How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**We are called to be Easter people!**

The tomb is empty!

**Hope is alive!**

Darkness cannot claim us!

**Fear cannot bind us!**

Christ has conquered the grave!

**New life has begun!**

This good news cannot be contained!

**Let us lift our hearts in praise and our voices in song!**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

## Order of Worship

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*Our order this morning is taken from Justin Martyr's First Apology, c. 150 AD, the first full extant description of a liturgy of word and meal. We will insert the opportunity to sing hymns throughout the service.*

Reading from the "memoirs of the apostles and the prophets"

Preaching by the president

Common prayer

Greeting of peace

Transfer of gifts of bread and wine mixed with water

Eucharistic prayer by the president "to the best of his ability"

The people assent saying "Amen."

Breaking of bread

Distribution (*including the Anointing for Healing*)

Dismissal

Collection for the poor left with the president

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# "Let Our Light Shine" – Latest Update

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**Goal: \$2,500**

**Received/Reallocated to Date: \$1,275**

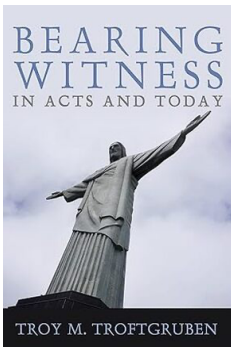
Our goal is to raise \$2,500 to replace the two large globe fixtures in front of the church and install a new LED unit to illuminate our SE 10th Street sign. This will help Zion be more visible, welcoming, and safe in the evenings.

If you previously gave to the AC project and would prefer to redirect your contribution to this lighting project, you are welcome to do so. Please let Kurt or Robin know. This campaign will conclude with the Easter season.

If you would like to contribute, simply note "Lights" with your gift or choose the "Let Our Light Shine" fund online. ***Thank you for helping us shine a little more light in our community.***

## Synod-Wide Bible Study Begins April 14th

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The Florida-Bahamas Synod is inviting all congregations to a **7-Week Bible Study**, beginning April 14th and wrapping up the week prior to the Synod Assembly. The study will be based in Acts, using *Bearing Witness in Acts and Today* as a resource, written by Dr. Troy Troftgruben, an ELCA Pastor and Professor at Wartburg Seminary in Iowa.

Troftgruben's book uses the stories in Acts to wrestle with practices of evangelism and provides a grounding for the ways we are called to bear witness in the world. Each chapter includes discussion questions, resources for further exploration, and action steps for further consideration.

***The weekly Zoom meetings will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate! Information on how to connect is in our weekly newsletter.***



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>22</sup>"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I  
will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my  
tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to  
Hades  
or let your Holy One experience  
corruption.

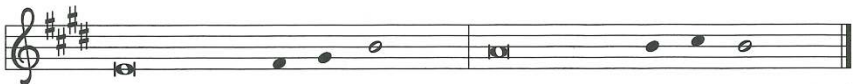
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways  
of life;  
you will make me full of gladness  
with your presence.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience  
corruption.'

<sup>32</sup>"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

## Psalm

Psalm 16; tone 4



Protect me, O God,  
for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD,  
"You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly  
that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble  
among the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings  
to such gods,  
never take their names up on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

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<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD al-<sup>1</sup> ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> not be shaken.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad,  
and my spir-<sup>1</sup> it rejoices;  
my body also shall <sup>1</sup> rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me  
<sup>1</sup> to the grave,  
nor let your holy one <sup>1</sup> see the pit.  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the <sup>1</sup> path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand  
are pleasures for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.

## Second Reading

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer

various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel

## John 20:19-31

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

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

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

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