

APRIL
2020

From the Pastors



MORE THAN JUST AN OPEN TOMB

Luke 24:1-35; 45-47

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. ¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

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MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Sad. Shattered. Surprised. Scared. Skeptical. There's a lot of this going around us as we shelter in place, rely almost exclusively on online delivery systems of Law and Gospel, and learn in a memorable way how frail we creatures really are. Coronavirus statistics that are current as I write these words may be long forgotten by the time you read them. *"The pandemic is accelerating. It took 67 days from the first reported case to reach the first 100,000 cases, 11 days for the second 100,000 and just four days for the third 100,000."* More than a little humbling, isn't it?

What a great time for the Easter gospel to be heard and understood. I'm not sure who first brought it to my attention, but I still appreciate the fact that **Luke chapter 24** starts with the open tomb but continues to employ the word "open" three times in ways that remind us the risen Lord brings us more than an open and empty tomb. And each "opening" provides help to us and others navigating and negotiating life's inevitable traumas.

Despite the open tomb, the disciples on the road to Emmaus remains sad and disoriented. Someone put it this way: "The road to Emmaus was littered with shattered hopes and broken dreams." Initial reports of the empty tomb left the disciples perplexed and confused rather than deliriously happy. Jesus then began to supply what all the disciples needed. He's still doing it among us.

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (verse 31). The problem was not that they could not see him; it was that they could not recognize him. They simply did not know that it was Jesus. Despite differences between that event on the first Easter Sunday and events in our lives, there are nevertheless similarities. During traumatic times in the journey of life, we can fail to recognize the presence of Jesus with us. It is in such times that our eyes need to be opened to recognize the ongoing reality and intimate presence of him, "God-with-us."

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the Wednesday that precede that Sunday. Both Individual and Common Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please join us for an afternoon worship service on the third Tuesday of this month. Individual cup communion will be served.

WELLSPRING

Zion conducts worship services at The Wellspring Lutheran Home on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Services begin at 10 a.m. The Wellspring Lutheran Home is located at 1236 S. Monroe St. Monroe, MI 48161



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (verse 32) What does the Bible really say regarding realities of life, including the Christian life? Does it promise that our problems will go away before we get to glory? Does it say we will never suffer? Does it suggest immunity from disease or destitution, death or destruction, the devil or demons? Unless the content of Scripture is revealed to us in ways only God can accomplish through his Spirit, our faith can be misguided and our hopes can be misplaced.

We don’t know the details, but we observe that Jesus did not just quote a set of isolated texts from the Scriptures. He opened to them the Scriptures as a whole: *“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself”* (verse 27). Varying parts of Scripture are drawn together to converge in the center that is Christ himself. The variety of the Old Testament—its laws, history, politics, poetry, and prophecy—are viewed through the lens of the cross and the resurrection.

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures (verse 45). The opening of the Bible was accompanied by the opening of their minds. What is given in revelation cannot be grasped without illumination. It is God’s will that we mature and experience life more, with our minds opened to gain a greater and richer understanding of God and his ways. In times of distress and discomfort this equips us to pick up broken pieces of our lives and reevaluate them in light of the pattern of the crucified and risen one.

The open tomb, eyes, Scriptures, and minds are gracious gifts of our merciful Lord as he equips us to rest in his promises and relay the same to those around us. Jesus *was delivered over to death because of our sins and was raised to life because of our justification* (Roman 4:25). The affirmation of our being declared not guilty provides the platform for us to stand firm in the faith and go forth to express love for our God and our neighbor, also during pandemics. Maybe even especially during pandemics, when so many struggle to cope with fear and loneliness.

We understand that the coronavirus plague and civil mandates have significantly impacted the way we live our lives. We also understand that we are and should be living our lives. Now more than ever, that means we are sharing the great news of the OPEN TOMB. May OPEN EYES, SCRIPTURES, and MINDS follow. And may Christ strengthen you and many more through you. Amen.



ALL ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE
FOR CURRENT UPDATES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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Pastor Ross W. Ulrich
Pastor Daniel Slaughter
Principal, Bryan Schneck

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Dear family at Zion Lutheran,

The other day President Trump and the Center for Disease Control announced the federal recommendation that for the next 15 days everyone is to limit gatherings to no more than 10 people. We encourage everyone to follow these recommendations made by our leaders as they are working to keep us and the people of our country safe. Following these recommendations the leadership (Church Council President, Pastors, and Principal) of Zion has decided to now suspend all scheduled activities at Zion through April 5 and will limit ourselves to no more than 10 people within our building at any one time through that point. This cancellation, then includes all worship services, classes, meetings of more than ten people, dinners, etc.

Why are we doing this? It's not because we are afraid of this disease or of death. In Christ we have all the confidence in the resurrection that is coming and so we have nothing to be afraid of. Instead, the reason we are doing this is love. Love for our government, as we seek to "honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect" (**4th Commandment**). Love for our neighbor, as we take precautions so that we "do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need" (**5th Commandment**). As a congregation, we are called to love God and our neighbor, so we would want to avoid anything that would inadvertently contribute to sickness and loss of life in our community. We also would not want to continue to indiscriminately gather, and in the process give the community the wrong impression that we do not care about it or its well-being, bringing dishonor to the Gospel by our actions.

While love for God's representatives in our government (**4th Commandment**) and love for your neighbors' physical welfare (**5th Commandment**) compel us to temporarily suspend worshiping together in person, love for God's Word and worship (**3rd Commandment**) still compels us to be in God's Word, even if not in the same way. While in-person worship services are cancelled, the pastors will be replacing these services with online videos of the liturgy, hymns, sermon, and prayers. These videos will be posted both on our website (zionmonroe.org) and on our Facebook page. If this letter is reaching you by physical mail and not by email, this means we do not have an email address on record for you. If you have an email address that you have and use, please contact office@zionmonroe.org to be added to our email list so that we can keep you updated that way. Otherwise, for those members who do not use email, if you would like us to send you printed copies of the services and sermons, please call the church office at 734-242-1378 to let us know, and we will be sure to do so.

We also, as always, encourage you to be in the Word daily on your own and as a family. One great way to do so

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pastoral care during this time too has some restrictions it must operate within, but will continue as much as possible. Pastors, like everyone else, are not currently allowed within hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons, with the exception being if someone is considered to be near death. The pastors still can and are still happy to speak over the phone with any members who would like to speak with them. You may call the church office either to talk or leave a message. Additionally, Pastor Daniel Slaughter can be reached at 734-735-0552 or at dslaughter@zionmonroe.org and Pastor Ross Ulrich can be reached at 734-240-3888 or at rwulrich@zionmonroe.org.

While we can share God's Word over the internet or over the phone, it is not possible to serve the Lord's Supper that way. Private Communion will still be available during this time by appointment for anyone who would like it. Please contact one of the pastors or call the church office to make an appointment.

The pastors will serve as we are able. If either of the pastors comes in contact with someone with the Covid-19 virus, we might need to be quarantined, so we are striving to be faithful and available with wisdom.

To repeat what was said before, these protocols to cancel all scheduled activities and limit the building to 10 occupants are in effect through April 5. As the situation seems to change every day, we have no way of knowing what things will look like after that. We pray that this situation improves quickly and we will be able to meet in person in some form for Holy Week. And we will be watching as things develop and making a decision on that as we get a clearer picture of things.

Finally, having explained how Zion will operate at this time in keeping with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Commandments, let's also remind ourselves of the 1st Commandment, which tells us to "fear, love and trust in God above all things." This pandemic is serious and we should take it seriously, but we absolutely do not have to be afraid. Jesus is bigger than this pandemic. Jesus is bigger than everything. In him we have all forgiveness, protection, hope, and life. Paul says in Romans 8:31-32, **"What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son but gave him for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?"** And so, even as we try to act wisely and lovingly in this difficult situation, ultimately, as always, we look to him and pray to him and rely on him for everything. With his Word, with his promises, with his care, he will see us through this and through all this life, and none of his people will be lost to him.

In Christ,

Your undershepherds,

Pastor Daniel Slaughter and Pastor Ross Ulrich

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Pastor Ross W. Ulrich
Pastor Daniel Slaughter
Principal, Bryan Schneck

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Dear Members of Zion,

We pray that you are doing well during these trying times. While the world is ever changing due to circumstances involving the coronavirus, Christians find their confidence in the unchanging Savior — **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”** (Hebrews 13:8) and His eternal Gospel—**“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.”** (Revelation 14:6)

Due to Governor Whitmer’s mandate (Mon., March 23, 2020) all residents in Michigan are ordered to stay home for 3 more weeks up to and including Mon., April 13, 2020. That means we are probably unable to gather for worship during Holy Week or Easter in our church sanctuary. While we regret this, we will comply. All our Holy Week and Easter worship will be available on-line on our website (zionmonroe.org) and on our Facebook page. What a blessing to have this technology available so that we are able to stay connected to Christ.

As your lay leaders at Zion, we want to encourage you to continue to support our ministry. Please pray for us to exercise wise and godly judgement during this chaotic time (and always). Please contact us if we can serve you in some specific way. And please continue to provide your offerings for the work of Zion Lutheran Church and School.

“Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Our Savior wants us to give joyfully for work in His Kingdom.

And how does the Lord want us to do this?

“On the first day of every week, each of you is set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up . . .” 1 Corinthians 16:2

- + **“On the first day”** - making our offerings a high priority.
- + **“of every week”** - as we are regularly blessed, so also we regularly give.
- + **“each of you”** - each one of us has the privilege.
- + **“set aside”** - we devote our offerings for God.
- + **“in keeping with his income”** - we give proportionately.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There are many ways to give your offering. You can drop it off at church (please call ahead to know someone will be there). You can mail it to Zion (186 Cole Rd., Monroe, MI 48162). You can set up an automatic withdrawal through contacting the Zion office with your bank information. In addition you can also buy SCRIPT or participate in the smile.amazon.com giving program. If you have any questions regarding the SCRIPT or the amazon program please contact Jeremy or Kathie Robinson at jrobinson_2@charter.net.

Finally, may we all continue to help and serve each other as our church family of Zion. Thank you for your prayers and monetary support as we preach and teach God's Holy Word, the saving Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. ⁵ for just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Sincerely

Steve Sordahl
Church Council President

Jeremy Robinson
Financial Secretary

John Hill
Treasurer

Joe Schmeling
Assistant Financial Secretary

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



RUMMAGE SALE: As you start to spring clean think of items to put in the Rummage Sale on **May 9th at Zion**. The proceeds will go to Zion Lutheran School. Some donation ideas are: gently used clothing and shoes, toys, holiday decorations, furniture, books, housewares, tools, baby items, bicycles, sporting equipment, jewelry, etc. **We are unable to accept** mattresses, TVs, exercise equipment or broken items. If you have any questions or to volunteer please contact Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638 or melissa.freiny@gmail.com.

**NO
OPEN FORUM OR VOTER'S MEETING
FOR APRIL
FUTURE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We serve a living God! What a joy it is to be able to wake up daily to the knowledge that we have reason to rejoice in this knowledge. We serve a God who intimately knows all of our needs better than we know them ourselves, has plans in place to work all things of our good, loves us with an everlasting love, is active in the lives of his people, and has the almighty power to make his will be done.

With the difficulties and challenges we face in our homes, our community, our nation, and our world, may Paul's prayer for believers in Ephesians 3:14-20 be our prayer for each other in the family of God:

"...for this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I ask that out of the riches of His glory He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then you, being rooted and grounded in love, will have power, together with all the saints, to comprehend the length and width and height and depth of His love, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do so much more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

What is going on at Zion Lutheran? Not much in the building, but a great deal in the Zion family. While our school classes are not meeting and our activities are through April are suspended for the time being. We are still having school, but in a very different way. Our teachers are still preparing learning opportunities and providing resources for our students to continue to grow and learn in the closure. We are making use of online resources and Google Classroom to give our students some structure as they continue their education at home. While not ideal, we are learning to use resources and methods that in the long term can continue to benefit the learning that goes on in the Zion school community in the future. Not knowing how long the situation will last, we can be certain that God will continue to work in all things for the good of his people and his kingdom. God's blessings to you as we live in the sure hope of Salvation this Easter season and trust in God's unfailing love in Christ.

May God bless your Lenten remembrance and Easter celebrations,
-Mr. Schneck

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Sordahl

I. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Ulrich "FIND WHAT PLEASES GOD"

II. M/S/C to approve the minutes from 20-FEB-2020 Council Minutes with the following corrections (Krueger, Kipf)

- a. Item "e" under Board Reports is a duplicate
- b. New Business item "a" is a Board of Elders, not Board of Stewardship

III. M/S/C to approve the submitted Pastoral Report from March 19, 2020. (Kipf, Grubb)

- a. BoE met recently
- b. Service & Fellowship will move Fish Fry tentatively to April 17
- c. Adult Confirmation on Palm Sunday April 5th will be rescheduled
- d. Kurt Nielsen is considering an additional call
- e. Pastor Mark Rosenberg in Morenci has accepted a call to Kokomo, IN. He is in our district
- f. Zion has been asked to host the Pastor/Teacher Conference on February 15-16, 2021. Pastors recommend that we agree to the request.
- g. Circuit pastor election will take place at MLS Saginaw at the MI District Convention June 8-10
- h. Worship service will be online

IV. M/S/C to approved the Principal Report of MAR 2020 as printed and submitted (Grubb, Fuerstenberg)

- a. 80 students, 35 PreK, 45 K-8
- b. Teachers have been working all weekend to plan for remote learning
- c. If we return on April 6 as planned, we shouldn't need to adjust the school calendar
- d. Needs to consider how to distribute papers and books to students/parents and collect completed assignments
- e. Need to consider what to do about PreK tuition for March
- f. Need to consider if we should offer tuition deferral for regular tuition for parents that may experience hardship due to reduced or eliminated hours at work.
- g. Board Reports

M/S/C to accept Board of Ed report as printed, submitted, and distributed. (Kipf, Krueger)

CEA was scheduled for Mar 30, but is ppd until further notice

Maria's going away party and Deanna's welcome party will be separate

Tuition information and TADS information was sent out to families and is posted on zionmonroe.org So far, no negative feedback about Tuition for 2020-21

M/S/C to accept the FEB 2020 and Statistical report from Board of Elders. (Krueger, Grubb)

Met on March 3

2 membership changes, (new business)

Recommending to move to one combined service for school and Sunday school for Christmas 2020 (new business)

Scheduled to meet APR 7

M/S/C to accept the verbal report from Board Of Outreach (Krueger, Grubb)

Door knocking event prior to Easter is cancelled

Mailables for Easter will go out

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

Church directories are in (we have 100, 80 families were photographed and will have priority)

- b. Board of Service & Fellowship – No report
- c. Board of Stewardship report – No report
- Board of Trustees – No report

May need to re-key exterior doors

Crash bars will need to be fixed soon

Alarm is still not working properly

II. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet FEB 2020, P&L Comparison for FEB 2020, Budget vs. Actual for JAN-FEB 2020, P&L by class for JAN-FEB 2020, P&L by month Jan-Feb 2020, as printed and submitted, and included in the handout packet (Fuerstenberg, Krueger)

- a. John Hill (Treas) is not able to attend today
 - b. Financial Secretary's report is submitted for the month of February 2020 and YTD and included in the handout packet.
 - c. Councilman Robinson: Out of balance, need to work with Accountant. Jeremy suspects that it is something like Thrivent Choice dollars
 - d. MSC to accept Committee Reports –
 - e. Financial Staff Committee – No report
 - f. Budget Committee – no report
 - g. Nominating Committee – no report
 - h. Security Committee – No Report
 - i. Audit Committee – No report
 - j. Technology Committee – will meet soon
 - k. Unfinished Business
 - l. Tenets of Leadership – The Third Article (Sanctification)
 - m. M/S/C to accept transfer for Kyle McBee to St Johns Wauwatosa (WELS) (Kipf, Grubb)
 - n. New Business
 - o. M/S/C to approve BoElders recommendation to combine school and Sunday school children's Christmas Service at 10 AM on 20-DEC (Krueger, Kipf)
 - p. M/S/C to approve BoEd recommendation to have parents come in to school to pick up children's school materials during COVID-19 social distancing (Schneck, Slaughter)
 - q. M/S/C to approve BoEd recommendation to refund PreK tuition for the month of March and any subsequent months that school is not in session. (Kipf, Ulrich)
 - r. M/S/C to approve Mark Kipf's recommendation to offer tuition payment deferment upon request due to hardship (Kipf, Ulrich)
 - s. M/S/C to approve Mr. Robinson's recommendation to grant authority to school board and faculty to manage the remaining school schedule for the 2019-2020 school year (Robinson, Kipf)
 - t. M/S/C to ask BoStewardship to craft a letter to congregation to remind them that expenses at the church are still ongoing and to remember our offerings to our Lord (Fuerstenberg, Kipf)
 - u. M/S/C Pastor Ulrich's moves that we ratify the letter and included actions concerning COVID-19 action plan dated 18-MAR (Ulrich, Kipf)
 - v. Rob Krueger will investigate adding an online donation section to our website
- Mark Kipf will get a list from Amy Vanisacker that will list those members that do not have an email address on file

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

- a. Brenda Pyle has indicated that she will resign as accountant, and has offered to terminate her pay immediately. Jeremy Robinson has recommended that we put the word out that we are in need of an accountant so that John Hill is not the only person responsible. Better to have 2 persons with knowledge of tools and processes.
- b. Jeremy Robinson with John Hill and Brenda Pyle should come up with a job description for the accountant position
- c. With no other business needing attention, a motion was M/S/C to adjourn at 8:48 PM (Robinson, Krueger)

Next meeting will be APRIL 16, 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Husby

IT SHOULD BE NOTED that 10 members of Zion's Church Council met on Thurs., March 19, 2020 in the church sanctuary OBSERVING the social distancing of 6 feet between us.

MEMORIALS (GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

In memory of Loved Ones
From Kenny and Mary Ann Havekost

In memory of Ann Kull
From Connie Matteson

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Due to the COVID-19 crisis all activities are postponed until May.

Worship services are online on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday service will be online at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service will be online at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday service will be online at 8:00 a.m.

Please continue to look at the Zion Website for all updates and any additional information regarding the church and school.

God Bless Everyone

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARDS

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brothers: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and what is perishable is not going to inherit what is imperishable. ⁵¹ Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: ⁵⁵ Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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