



A Meaningful Message to Share

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10 & 14, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Christ's work is completed. It is our privilege to share this truth with the world.

This is the Third Sunday in the season of Easter. The fifty days of Easter constitute the oldest season of the Christian year. These fifty days correspond to the period of the Jewish year between the Passover and the Feast of Weeks. This season is most important season of the church year, because in it we celebrate the very reason for the hope that we have: the resurrection of our Lord and what it means for our lives now and eternally.

LITURGY: Service of the Word

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school.
Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

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This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.
 Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” (EHV)

Psalm 118

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Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
joice and be glad! This is the day the
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
 you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—² the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we

have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. **2** My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46-47 EHV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
 2 He who gave for us his life, Who for us en -
 3 He who bore all pain and loss Com - fort - less up -
 4 He whose path no rec - ords tell Has de - scend - ed
 5 He who slum - bered in the grave Is ex - alt - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
 dured the strife, Is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day,
 on the cross, Lives in glo - ry now on high,
 in - to hell; He the strong man armed has bound
 now to save; Now through Chris - ten - dom it rings



Sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 We, too, sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 And in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 That the Lamb is King of kings. Hal - le - lu - jah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
 How the lost may be restored,
 How the penitent forgiv'n,
 How we, too, may enter heav'n.
 Hallelujah!

Text: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: CHRISTUS IST ERSTANDEN (77 77 4) Latin melody, c. 1100, adapt.

SERMON THEME:

A Meaningful Message to Share

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING: *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

COMMITMENT

771 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)
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CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 562

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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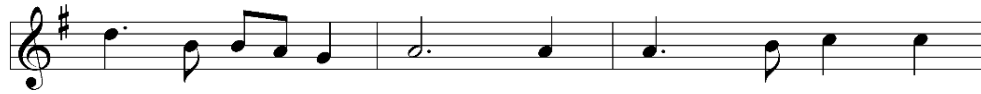
I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it



bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To



Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

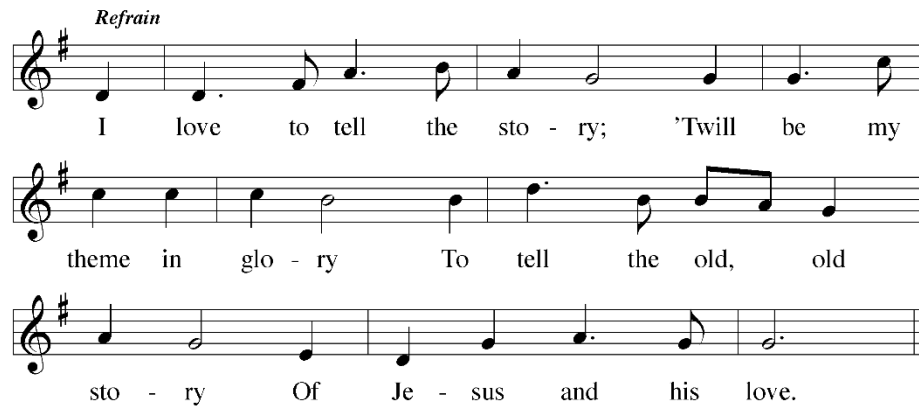


sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill



sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my
 theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old
 sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834–1911, abr.
 Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835–1912.

Verse 3:

**O wonderful redemption!
 The price for sin is paid,
 salvation is accomplished,
 my heart is unafraid,
 for God has raised Christ Jesus
 to show the work was done;
 his glorious resurrection
 declared the vict'ry won!**

Refrain



Officiants

Accompanist: Wednesday - Kayla Liechty

Sunday – Abbey Johnson

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Nate Fager

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CALL UPDATE—Zion extended a call to Pastor Frank Italiano Jr. Please keep Zion and him in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

THANK YOU: Friends in Faith is happy to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed baked good items or bought baked good items at their recent Bake Sale. This year the bake sale made \$980 towards the card ministry. If you were wondering, what is the card ministry? Here's the answer, Friends in Faith sends cards to not only our shut-ins, but also to many other people. For instance, if you are sick or in the hospital, if you have had a baby, if you have had a death in your family, or have had any other special occasion happen in your life, they'll send a card to you to encourage and uplift. Thanks again to everyone for helping with this ministry.

THANK YOU: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Zion is such an awesome Congregation. This year we had 33 families that became Camp Killarney Boosters. Of the 33, 3 are Lifetime Boosters. As of date, we have a total of 19 lifetime members. We definitely are #1 in Booster membership for Camp Killarney.

This year's winner for the Applebee's gift card is Jeremy and Kathie Robinson. Congratulations!

Again, thank you for supporting our Lutheran Campground. Please come out and visit.

Sincerely,

Sherry Fuerstenberg
Zion Booster Representative

Dear Ladies of Zion,

We have 3 ladies groups here at Zion and even if you didn't know it, you're a member of 1 of these groups! What do you do in your group? We do a major spring cleaning in the church and the school kitchen once a year. If possible, we would like to have it all completed by Confirmation which is Sunday, May 12th. Your Group leaders are as follows:

Group #1: Brenda Chandonnet (734) 915-5477
Front of church, Sacristy, Balcony & Flowers

Group #2: Sherry Fuerstenberg (734) 755-7273
East Foyer, Pews, Narthex, Church proper

Group #3: Linda Johnson (734) 735-0090
Sue Moore (734) 735- 7380

Mother's Room, West Foyer, Kitchen & Pantry

We believe we have all the ladies from the Congregation in one of these groups. Hopefully, you'll hear from your leader soon! Men, please feel free to come and help.

Sorry for the late notice.

Also, 2 years ago the funeral dinner list had been revised from three groups to one large group. Sherry Fuerstenberg will head the funeral dinners and Kathy Wozniak will contact you to see if you are available for set-up, serving, clean-up or making a dessert on a rotating basis.

Thank you to all who have helped in the past, continues to help and we pray we can continue to serve our Congregation faithfully together.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Sincerely,

Sherry Fuerstenberg

LADIES OF GROUP #2: We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 8:30 a.m., to do our spring cleaning of the church. Mark will be bringing the donuts. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Hope to see you then! Thanks, Sherry

KILLARNEY CAMP SPRING CLEAN: Friday, Apr. 19-Sunday, Apr. 21 Killarney Camp is planning a spring clean-up, paint and repair weekend. If you would like to come help, there is **FREE** camping for any workers for the weekend. There is a lot of items on the wish list to get done –weather permitting-roof on the cabins, painting in the dining room, cabin 3, the beach bathrooms (floors and walls), campground girls shower and both of the bathroom floors. Many hands make quick work so please consider using your talents to help enhance the campground.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a “Zion’s Meal Train” program. The “Zion Meal Train” is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING: Mark your calendars for the upcoming Rummage Sale on Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1. The proceeds from the sale are going to replace the yellow curtains on the stage in the gymnasium. Lots of helping hands make the work a lot easier. Please see the West foyer for sign-up sheets for the different times that we need volunteers. There is a separate sign-up sheet for students who would like to get some extra volunteer hours in before school releases for this year. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

UPCOMING VOTER’S MEETING: Just some preview information, on Sunday, April 28th at the Voter’s Meeting there will be the usual agenda, however, we will also be addressing the Kindergarten call.



**Mother
Daughter
Tea**

Zion Lutheran Gymnasium
Sunday, April 14
2:00 – 4:00pm

**Mothers, daughters and all other ladies
welcome to join us for entertainment,
fellowship, treats and tea.
Suggested donation \$5 per person**



**RSVP for guaranteed seating through the church office by April 12
or call Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638**

Coming up at Zion

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| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
2:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Tea |
| Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
5:30 p.m. Zion Literacy Night and Open House |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC) |
| Thursday | 6:00 p.m. Church Council |
| Friday | 6:30 p.m. Zion Spring Fling/Variety Show |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service |

April Volunteers

	April 3 & 7	April 10 & 14	April 17 & 21	April 24 & 28
Altar Guild		Diane Affholter	& Linda Selvidge	
Live Stream Helpers	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth
Ushers	<p><u>April 3</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>April 7</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>April 10</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>April 14</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>April 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>April 21</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>April 24</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>April 28</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><u>April 3</u> Mark Kipf</p> <p><u>April 7</u> Mark Kipf Mark Fuerstenberg</p>		<p><u>April 17</u> Ken Vagt</p> <p><u>April 21</u> Alan Bober Ray Palmatier</p>	