## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL 235 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

# The Third Sunday of Easter April 13 & 14, 2024

#### Welcome

Welcome to worship in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord! May God bless you with His grace and peace today!

#### **Prayer Before Worship**

Lord Jesus, bless us today with reminders of Your resurrection. Strengthen our faith and bless us with Your peace. Amen.

#### **The Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jan Kirby in memory of Harriet Philippi, mother of Jan Kirby, Sherry Schwink, and Nancy Koskie.

#### **Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light is lit in memory of Harriet Philippi, mother of Jan Kirby, Sherry Schwink, and Nancy Koskie, by Jan Kirby.

### Theme: "Easter Joy"



Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (66:1–2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "For the Lord comforts Zion; ... joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of

the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

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#### Our Worship to The Lord

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert, Holy Communion

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert, Holy Baptism