



## ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

“AmaZed by God, Energized by Jesus,  
a Grateful Zoar Gathers, Grows and Gives”

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

*Welcome to Zoar Lutheran Church! We are delighted and honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. Zoar is a church called to proclaim the Risen Christ through Word and Sacrament. We pray that you have a meaningful worship experience, and we look forward to seeing you again. You are invited to become a part of the ministry that is Zoar. Please sign the welcome pad so we may acknowledge your visit.*

(Congregation please rise as you are able when indicated by the “\*”)

## Prelude

## Welcome and Prayer

### \*Gathering Hymn

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

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1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Look, here is water!

**People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Leader: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.  
Look, here is water!

**People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



## Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**Children's Message (11:00 am)** *Following the children's message, all 3 year old - 4<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to go downstairs for JAM time with Miss Corryn.*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23 (6 pm)**

*The psalm will be read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

## Psalm 23 (8:30 am and 11 am)

The psalm will be sung responsively . The congregation sings the refrain, and the choir/cantor sings the verses.

### Refrain

Refrain  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. life.

### Vs 1 (choir/cantor)

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows, of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (refrain)*

### Vs 2 (choir/cantor)

*Gently you raise me, and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your name. (refrain)*

### Vs 3 (choir/cantor)

*Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are by my side,  
Your rod and your staff my comfort and my hope. (refrain)*

### Vs 4 (choir/cantor)

*You have set me a banquet of love,  
In the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. (refrain)*

### Vs 5 (choir/cantor)

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me ,  
all the days of my life,  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (refrain)*



## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*



### **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

### **Sermon**

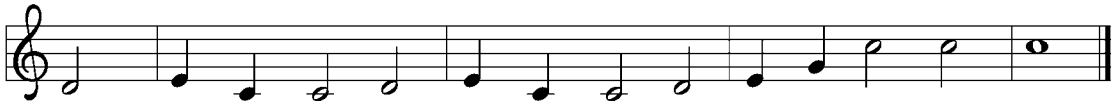
Pastor Melanie Forrey



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



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## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

**Leader:** God of Grace.

**People:** Hear our Prayer.

## Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

*Please greet one another with words of peace.*

*Congregation may be seated.*



## Announcements

### Offering

Bell Choir: “*Jesus Shall Reign*” arr. Sandra Eithun

*Tithes and offerings are collected at this time.*

*Please sign and pass the pew pads during the offering and indicate whether you are receiving communion today. Please fill out the pew pads with your name along with all who are present with you today. For those who are visiting, please include your children's names and ages.*

### \*Offertory Prayer

Risen One,

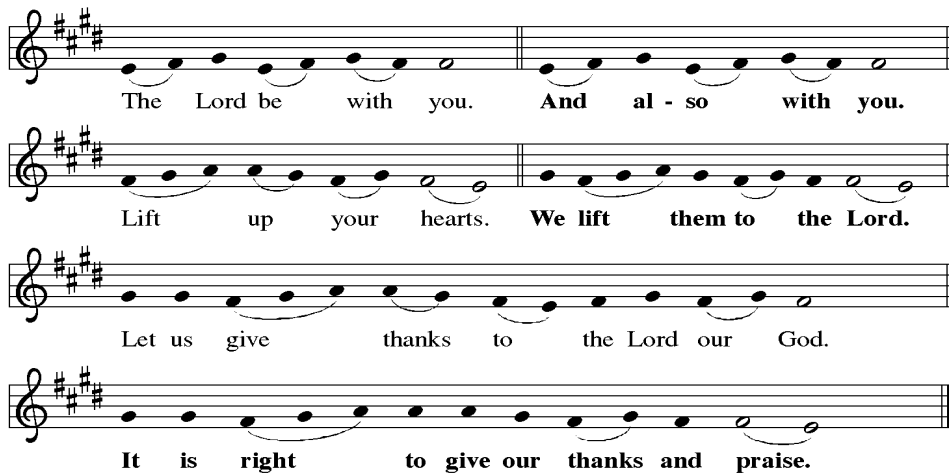
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

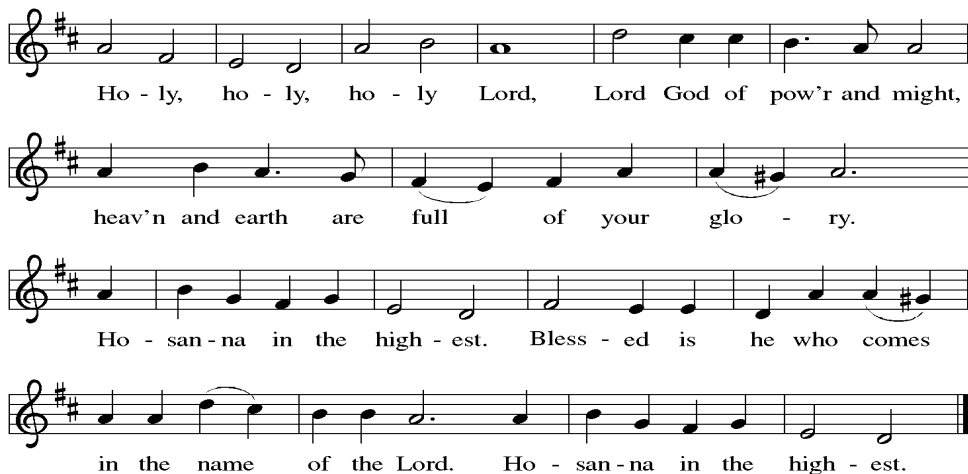
**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our duty and delight.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal...

...Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

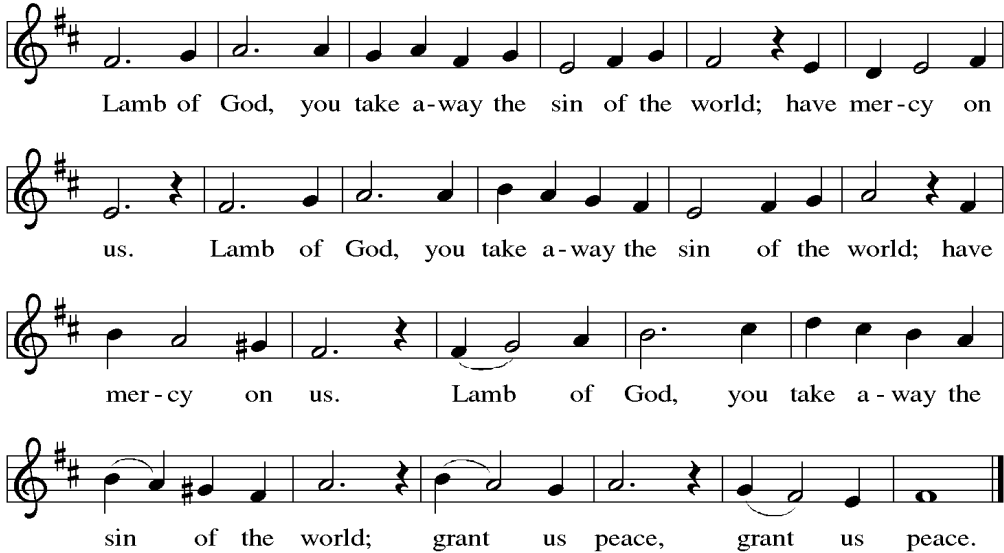
### **Sharing of Communion**

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers, who will direct worshippers beginning with the back rows. All who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to share communion. In addition to red wine there is also a non-alcohol white grape juice available. Non-communicating children may come forward to receive a blessing.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### **Music During Communion**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW #502

### **\*Post Communion Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Leader: Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

People: **Amen.**

## Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

People: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

ELW #536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

### *Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

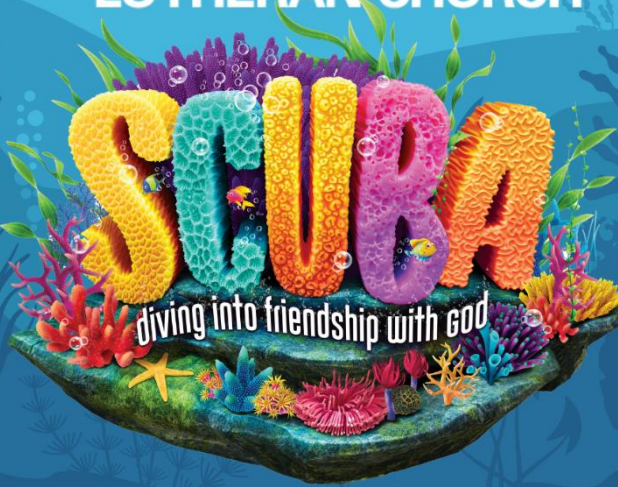
## Postlude



# ZOAR

LUTHERAN CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 9TH-13TH



ALLERGY FRIENDLY FAMILY  
MEALS SERVED 5:00-5:45PM  
EACH NIGHT!

Pre-K and Me Programming  
from 5:45pm-7:00pm!  
Grown ups will stay with  
their pre-K kiddo for Bible  
stories, games, and crafts!

FREE T-SHIRT FOR EVERY  
REGISTERED PARTICIPANT  
AND VOLUNTEER!

Kindergarten thru 5th Grade Programming from 5:45pm-8:15pm!  
Join us for music, crafts, friendship, Bible stories, STEM, games, and more!

Youth in grades 6-12 and adults are needed to fill a variety of roles!  
Adults 18+ must pass background check before working with youth.

## WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEA YOU! REGISTER TODAY!



# SENIOR RECOGNITION/BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

CLASS OF 2024



May 19th, 10am

PLEASE RSVP GRADUATES VIA GOOGLE FORM

**Scan the QR Link with your phone camera to go directly to the Google RSVP form.**



ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow,  
Gather,  
Give, and  
Game with  
Friends!

# GAME NIGHTS

APRIL 20

MAY 11

JUNE 22

ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH FLC

7:00PM-9:00PM

GATHER: BRING A SALTY OR SWEET  
SNACK TO SHARE

GIVE: BRING PACK OF  
DIAPERS/WIPES OR PCU FOOD ITEM  
OF THE MONTH FOR DONATION!



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