

Peace  
be  
with  
you

JOHN 20:19

## ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 10:00 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

*My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW #438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.  
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**People: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Leader: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**



*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **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.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**Children's Message** *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: Genesis 1:1-19**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.



## **Psalm: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>**He established them forever and ever;**  
**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and frost,**  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>**Wild animals and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>**Young men and women alike,**  
**old and young together!**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,**  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:40-41**

<sup>40</sup>There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*



**Gospel: Luke 21 :25-28**

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

<sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

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

*Congregation may be seated.*

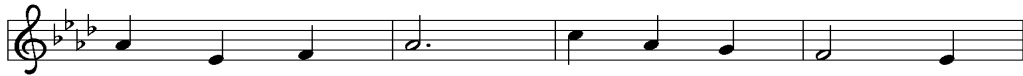
**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Reichert

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Earth and all Stars*

ELW #731



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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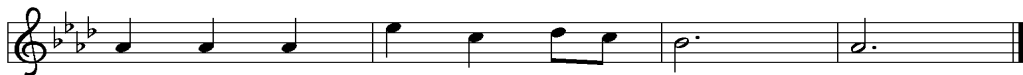
Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*  
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## 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

*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,

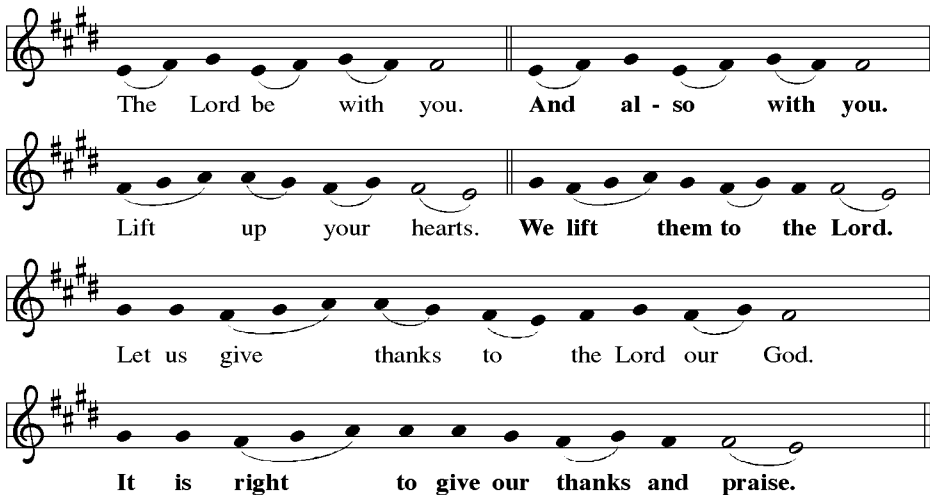
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

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



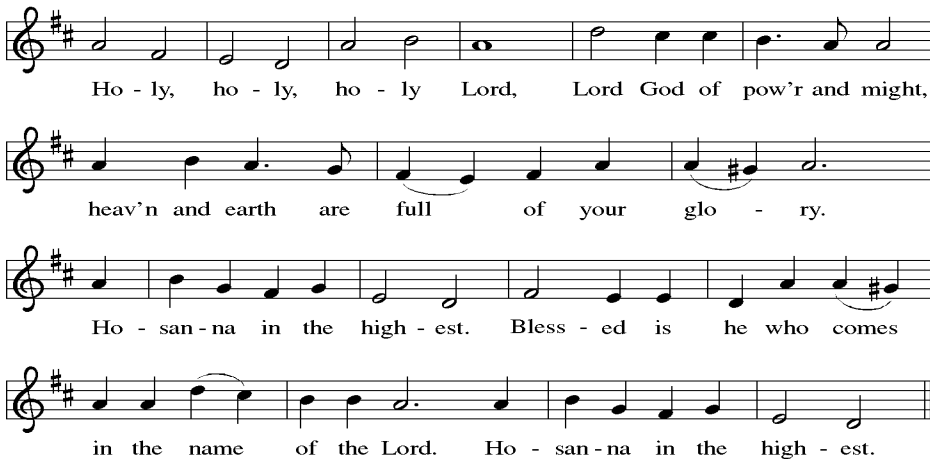
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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.*

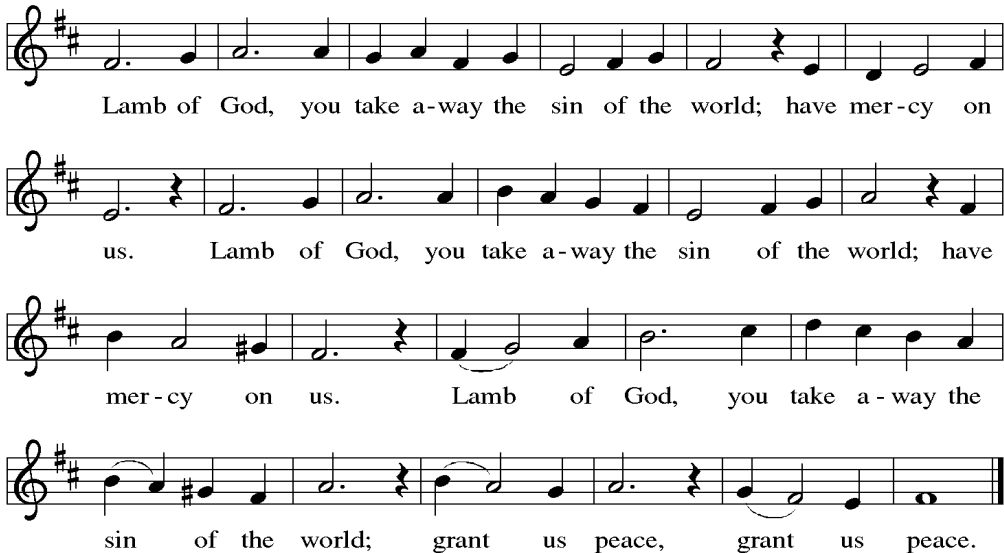
### **Sharing of Communion**

*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.

*Let Us Break Bread Together  
Eat This Bread*

ELW #471

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

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Leader:** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**People:** Amen.

#### **Blessing**

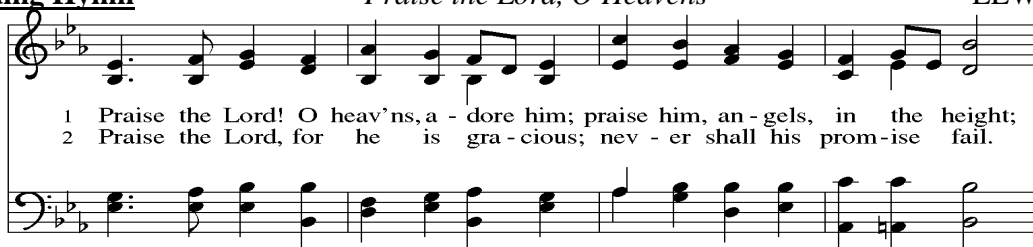
**Leader:** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
Bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**People:** Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

*Praise the Lord, O Heavens*

ELW #823



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

**Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### ALTAR GUILD

April 7 10:00 am Sharon Schadek; Sue Gordon

### ACOLYTES

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am Jace Drummond

### ASSISTANT MINISTERS

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am

### GREETERS

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am

### USHERS

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am

### LECTORS

April 6 6:00 pm  
April 7 10:00 am Derek Meyer

### SOUND CREW

April 6 6:00 pm James Jaqua  
April 7 10:00 am Tom Trimble

SOCIAL HOUR FOOD DONATIONS Margie Iserman

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP Tom and Margie Iserman

COUNTERS Jim Kwasniak; Tom Dayton; Dan Bartels

# Kitchen of Hope

We invite all those residing in the WOOD COUNTY community and members of Zoar to attend  
**KITCHEN OF HOPE**

once a month at 12noon ~ on the following Fridays:

Sept 22

Jan 26

Oct 27

Feb 23

Nov 17

Mar 22

Dec 15

April 26

May 24

Join us for BINGO and a free meal that includes a main entrée, vegetable, starch, salad, and fresh-baked desserts!

*Sign-up below or by calling the church office the Monday before the event at 419-874-4346*



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# SENIOR RECOGNITION/BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

CLASS OF 2024



May 19th, 10am

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Director of Music	Jacob Henry
Youth Director	Corryn Short
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