

ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"AmaZed by God, Energized by Jesus,
a Grateful Zoar Gathers, Grows and Gives"*

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 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

The Day of Resurrection!

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- 1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
- 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
- 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in,
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

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!

Leader: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 - 4th graders are welcome to go downstairs for JAM time with Miss Corryn.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender¹ of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and¹ hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me¹ when I call.

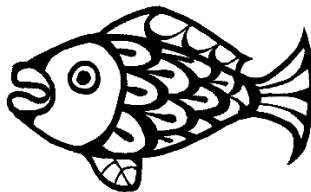
⁴**Tremble, then, and¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-¹ on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure. R**



Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

Sermon

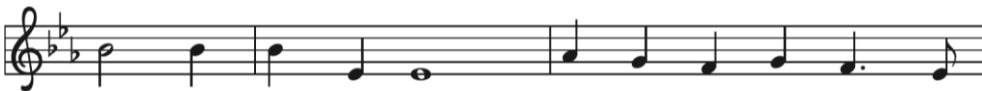
Pastor Melanie Forrey



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
 4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
 bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
 Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
 bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
 more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
 nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
 tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
 One, who bless - es you with -
 air, Oh, taste and see what
 sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
 joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
 once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
 mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.



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,

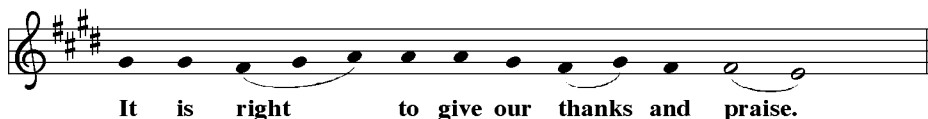
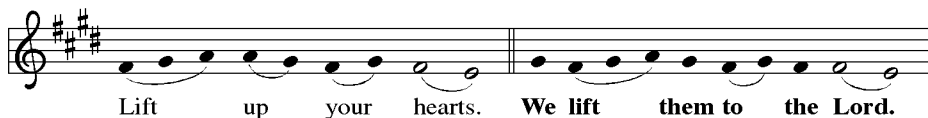
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

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

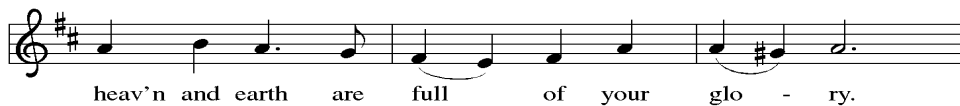
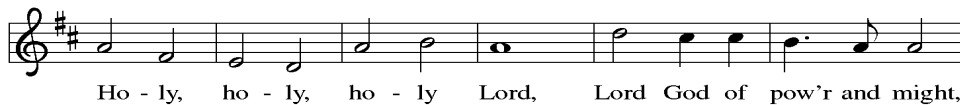
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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



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.

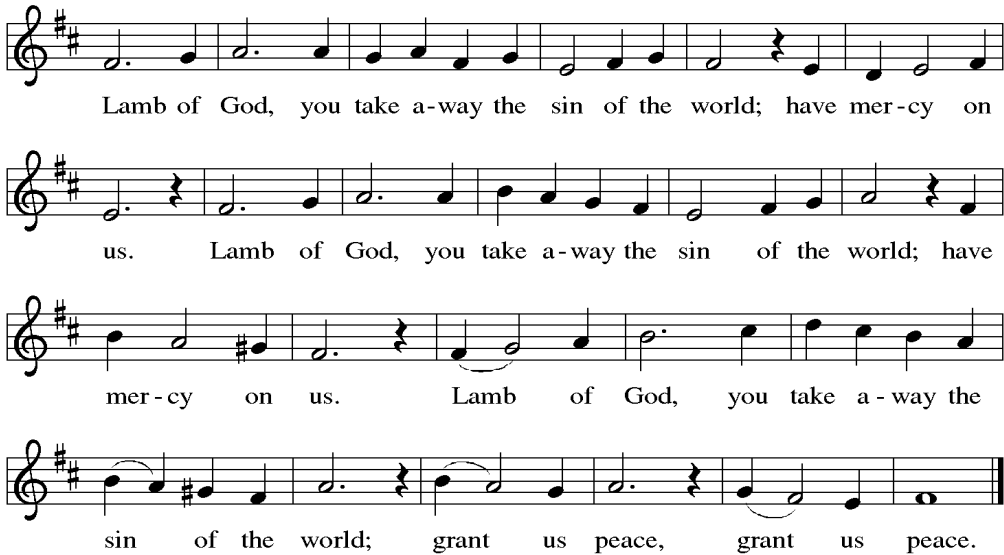
Sharing of Communion

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.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

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***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Shepherd 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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ELW #366



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD

April 14	8:30 am	Jackie Springer; Sue Gordon
	11:00 am	Carolyn St. Meyers; Marcia Traber

ACOLYTES

April 13	6:00 pm
April 14	8:30 am
	11:00 am

ASSISTANT MINISTERS

April 13	6:00 pm
April 14	8:30 am
	11:00 am

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 13	6:00 pm	
April 14	8:30 am	Marie Obrock
	11:00 am	

GREETERS

April 13	6:00 pm	Sondra Alexander
April 14	8:30 am	Jane Tomko
	11:00 am	

USHERS

April 13	6:00 pm	
April 14	8:30 am	Marie Obrock
	11:00 am	

LECTORS

April 13	6:00 pm	Sondra Alexander
April 14	8:30 am	
	11:00 am	

SOUND CREW

April 13	6:00 pm	James Jaqua
April 14	8:30 am	John Laird
	11:00 am	Tom Trimble

SOCIAL HOUR FOOD DONATIONS

SOCIAL HOUR SETUP Pam Kwasniak

COUNTERS Brian and Jane Tomko

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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May 19th, 10am

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