

## ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### Day of Pentecost

Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 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.*



## Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Gracious God,

**People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through 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** *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 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*At 6 pm, the psalm will be read responsively.*

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your <sup>l</sup> works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup> of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>l</sup> y to number,  
living things both <sup>l</sup> small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships <sup>l</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>l</sup> sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them <sup>l</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>l</sup> in due season. R**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they <sup>l</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>l</sup> with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, <sup>l</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>l</sup> to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>l</sup> are created;  
and so you renew the face <sup>l</sup> of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the Lord en- <sup>l</sup> dure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in <sup>l</sup> all your works. R**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth <sup>l</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains <sup>l</sup> and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the Lord as long <sup>l</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God while I <sup>l</sup> have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>l</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>l</sup> in the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the Lord, <sup>l</sup> O my soul.  
Hal- <sup>l</sup> lelujah! R**

*At 10 am, the psalm will be sung responsively: the congregation will sing the refrain and the choir will sing the verses.*

Refrain



Lord, send out your Spir-it on us; re-new the face of the earth.

Verses

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, how great you are!  
How many are your works, O LORD!  
The earth is full of your creatures.
2. You take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

3. May the glory of the LORD last forever!  
May the LORD rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

*The congregation sings the refrain continuously as the cantor sings a verse. We will sing the Latin words (top line) pronounced: Véh – nee, Sáhyk – teh, Speé – ree – toos*

*We will repeat the refrain after the Gospel reading.*

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

**Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will

14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Congregation may be seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Melanie Forrey

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW #396



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.



## **Order of Holy Baptism (10 am)**

**Leader:** I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, you may say, “I renounce them”.

**People:** **I renounce them.**

**Leader:** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**People:** **I renounce them.**

**Leader:** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**People:** **I renounce them.**

**Leader:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Leader:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

## **The Washing of Gracyn Michaela Caris**

### **The Welcome**

*A candle is lit and the congregation respond together:*

**People:** **Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*A promise is shared with Gracyn and then we welcome her into the body of Christ.*

**Leader:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People:** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

**Leader:** God of Grace.

**People:** **Hear our Prayer.**

## **Recognition of Graduates (10 am)**

*Graduates are introduced and called forward.*

## 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

“Gracious Spirit Dwell in Me”, arr. K. Lee Scott

*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.*

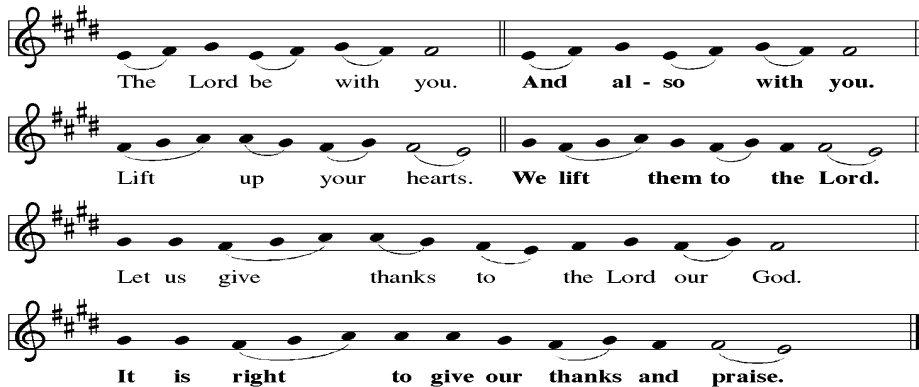
### \*Offertory Prayer

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.

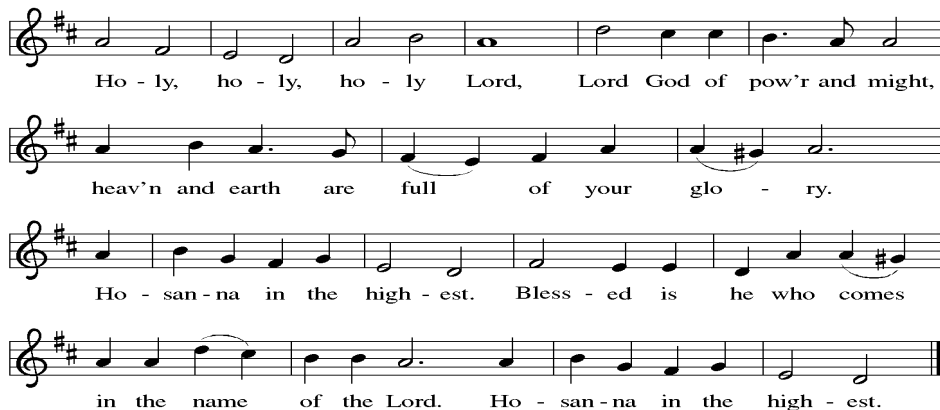
**Amen.**

### 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.

“Pie Jesu” arr. Andrew Lloyd Weber, (Julie Zedlitz, soloist)

*This communion piece is offered on behalf and in memory of Roy Lessing. Roy shared that this musical selection is an expression of “my appreciation of the music ministry, chairs, and congregation of Zoar. All have given me great joy.” - Roy Lessing*

### **\*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 of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

ELW #400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

**ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024**

It's that time of year again where we honor those in our family who will venturing into a new stage in life.

Alexander Heil

Adam Iserman

Peyton Lichtenberg

Alex Scarborough

Claire Schroeder

Myra Smith

Derrek Welch

# **ZOAR'S UPDATED SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**May 19 – September 8**

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

Closed

## **Worship Times**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am



Ministers	The People of Zoar
Senior Pastor	Paul Reichert
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Director of Church Operations	Tracy Jahns
Director of Music	Jacob Henry
Youth Director	Corryn Short
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