

Protect
them in
your name

JOHN 17:11



ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12, 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 “*”)

Introduction

The gospel for Easter’s seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John’s gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus’ desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

*Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

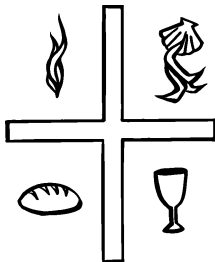
Leader: Look, here is water!

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

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching ¹day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹do not wither;

everything they ¹do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹be destroyed. R**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life

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: John 17:6-19

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

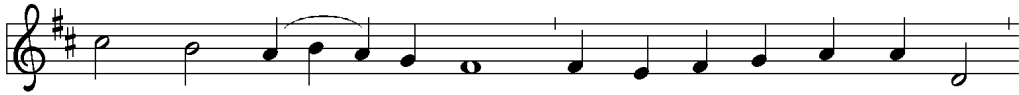
Sermon

Pastor Paul Reichert





1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

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

6 pm Chancel Choir

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

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.

The image shows a musical score for a leader's part. It consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

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.

One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

***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

Thine the Amen

ELW #826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

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

Join us in celebration on May 19!

Breakfast in the FLC 8:30 AM



Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a hot breakfast & start the day in fellowship!

One Service Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship with us!

During service we will be taking time to celebrate 2024 High School and Collegiate Graduates!



COME GET Z'LIMED! approx. 11:15 AM

Come participate in a fun event that will help you learn more about Zoar's stained glass while you try to dodge the z'lime! (Don't worry parents, we will have clean up supplies on hand! Keep an eye on the Z-blast for event details!)

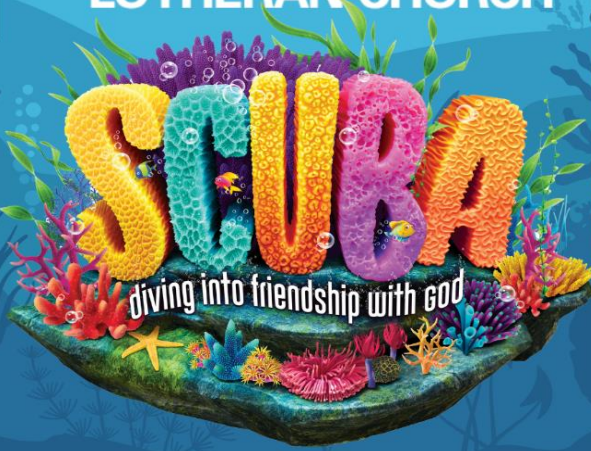


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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9TH-13TH



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

Pre-K and Me Programing
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!





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