



ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Fall 2024 Worship Folder

Saturday @ 6:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am and 11:00 am

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.

To reduce waste and increase sustainability, we will be reusing this worship folder during the fall season. The readings are printed in the weekly insert, and the hymn titles and numbers are also printed on the weekly insert and displayed on the hymn boards. Music and lyrics for all hymns can be found in the Red ELW Hymnals in your pew. Please return this worship folder at the end of today's service – thank you!

*Indicates an invitation to rise as you are able

Welcome and Prayer

***Gathering Hymn:** *see insert and/or hymn board*

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Gracious God,

People: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Leader: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

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.

Hymn of Praise

All Are Welcome



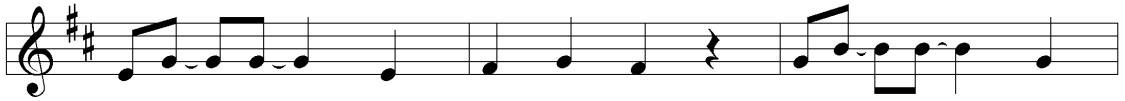
All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior.



All are wel - come. All are wel - come here.



From the wo - man who comes cry - ing,
From the ones who feel for - got - ten,
Go in - to the streets and cit - ies,



leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet, to the man who
those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who
to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the



knows the right way but can - not see.
live in hun - ger, here you be - long.
splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

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.*

First Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *see insert*

Second Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Gospel according to....

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the conclusion of the Gospel:

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *see insert and/or hymn board*

The Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers of the Church

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

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.

*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

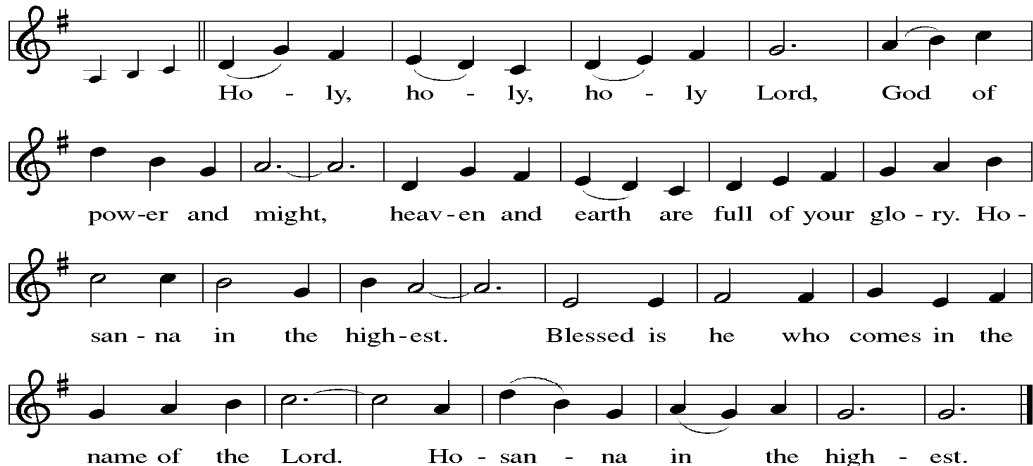
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God,
We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth,
And for the gifts of Christ at the Table.
Send forth the power of your Holy Spirit now upon us,
And upon these gifts of bread and wine,
That as we receive them,
We may be empowered to be Christ's people,
Living faithfully in your world,
Until he comes again.

In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread,
And gave thanks; broke it,
And gave it to his disciples,
Saying: Take and Eat;
This is my body given for you
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
He took the cup, gave thanks
And gave it for all to drink,
Saying; This cup is
The new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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; in addition to wafers there is a gluten-free option available. Zoar's current practice for communing children is to invite those in fourth grade to attend a Communion Education class prior to receiving at the table. People of any age who are not receiving Communion are always offered a blessing when coming forward during this part of the worship service. If you would like your children to receive Communion sooner, please let a pastor know. All are welcome, for Jesus invites us.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

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

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Leader: God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *see insert and/or hymn board*

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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