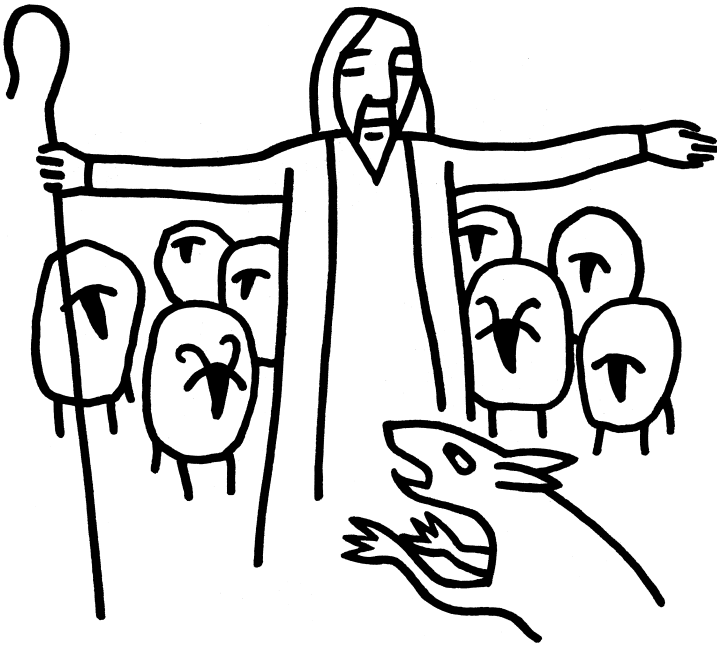


# Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through  
God's Love and Guidance



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN#634**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who journeys with us through this Easter Season  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

forgives you in Christ’s name,

and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 23**

"Shepherd Me O God"

# Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

## Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in-to life.

## Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

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## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

<sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

### GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jan LaVake

**HYMN OF THE DAY#778**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

**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 INTERCESSION**

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

**The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

## OFFERING 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## THE 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8

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, Lamb of God.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN#502** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
Verses 1,2,5 & 6

## TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN#836**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —  
thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **Welcome!**

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gift cards are good for anything like birthdays, trips & home projects. There is a list in the narthex of all the places you can purchase gift cards from & Zion will benefit from your purchases. See the narthex for details. I also have \$25 Menards & \$25 Kwik Trip gift cards available for purchase today. Lynn

Next Sunday, April 28th, we will be celebrating First Communion during the worship and will host a small reception during fellowship. Please join us in celebrating the following students: Harper Baeten, Miley Bee, Elsie Delfosse, Isaac Gruselle, Vera Moseng & Christopher Weiland.

May 5 is Confirmation Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate the affirmation of baptism of 3 of Zion's confirmands.

We are in need of some volunteers to cover the office when Kimberly is not able to be there. The only thing you need to do is answer the phones & take care of people that come into office for help. It is from 9:30am-2:00pm. You can help as much or as little as you would like. Contact the office at 920-739-3104 if you are interested or would like more information. Any help is appreciated.

The next event at Linwood Community (Fox Valley Lutheran Homes) is April 25th. The subject is "Banking for Seniors". It is put on by Nicolet National Bank and it is a Lunch and Learn at 11:30am. If you are interested in that one you need to RSVP to the Resource Advocate-Jean George at Resource.FVLHomes@gmail.com. Please join them.

Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus welcomes the Staples Area Men's Chorus, joining us from Staples, Minnesota on Saturday, April 27th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 404 W. Lawrence St. Appleton. Because of the special nature of this concert, no tickets are required to attend. In place of an admission charge, free-will donations are accepted at the door. You will be helping support future performances of the chorus, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you for helping us continue to be part of the vibrant Fox Cities arts scene to which we have contributed for the past 90 years!

On Sunday, April 28th the MacDowell Male Chorus will have a special concert event at Denmark High School Music Theatre, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI. Tickets are \$12/\$15 and they are available from Denmark Knights of Columbus or you can call 920-836-4200.

Order forms for the May 4th & 5th concerts can be found in the narthex. The Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus proudly presents "Rock Solid", our 90th Granite Anniversary Concert. We will perform a repertoire of songs made popular during our nine decades, including hits by Mumford & Sons, Backstreet Boys, Billy Ray Cyrus, Neil Diamond, the Beatles, the Hollies, and more. Also in the program are several hits from Broadway Plays such as Hamilton, Man of La Mancha, Children of Eden, Big Fish, and more. There will be other familiar tunes and one special new song commissioned by the chorus for this anniversary season.

We are looking for 1-2 congregation members to participate in the Good Futures Program. This program is used to help guide a church and its congregation in a path that is best for it's future. Please contact Kandie Wilz if you have any questions.



# Pie & Ice Cream Social



Sunday June 23 10:30 am – 2 pm  
**Pie Donations Needed**

We'd love to have you donate a pie or two or ten to the 2024 Pie and Ice Cream Social at Linwood Community.

Any Flavor is appreciated! Share your pie baking talent and email Lynn Ann at [lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com](mailto:lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com) to let us know what tasty pie you are creating!

Please deliver pies to Linwood Community, 425 N Linwood Ave, Appleton on Saturday, June 22 between 9 am and 12 pm. Using the parking lot entrance by the flag pole. Access to Linwood Community will be by Packard, Franklin and College Avenue due to the paving of Linwood Ave.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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### Sunday, April 21

Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23  
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am  
**Worship Service 9:00 am**  
followed by  
Coffee Hour  
Sunday School & Confirmation

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Jan LaVake  
Assisting Minister: Deb Reis  
Reader: Jim Schley  
Acolyte: Alexa Rusch  
Musician: William Surtees  
Opens: Gwen Schwandt  
Closes: Jim Schley

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### Wednesday, April 24

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

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### Thursday, April 25

Historical Central Neighborhood Book Club 6:30pm

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### Sunday, April 28

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am  
**Worship Service 9:00 am**  
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### Fifth Sunday of Easter/First Communion

Pastor Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer  
Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt  
Reader: Pennie Reis  
Acolyte: Charlee Weiland  
Musician: William Surtees  
Opens: Gene Wiese  
Closes: Gwen Schwandt