

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #364

**“Christ has Arisen, Alleluia”
Verses 1-3**

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

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

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."

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

PSALM 4

"Let Your Face Shine upon Us"

Psalm 4: Let Your Face Shine upon Us

Refrain

Lord, let your face shine up - on us, shine up -
on us, shine up - on us.

Verses

1. Listen to my song, hear me when I call, Oh Lord, my God, be gracious, hear my prayer.
2. You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart, you hear me when I call.
3. Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest, to dwell in safety with my Lord.

Text: Psalm 4:2, 4, 9; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

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.

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

Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke. **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.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kathryn Schreitmueller

HYMN OF THE DAY#661

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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

TOWER RINGERZ

“How Firm a Foundation”

Arranger, Sandra Eithun

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.**

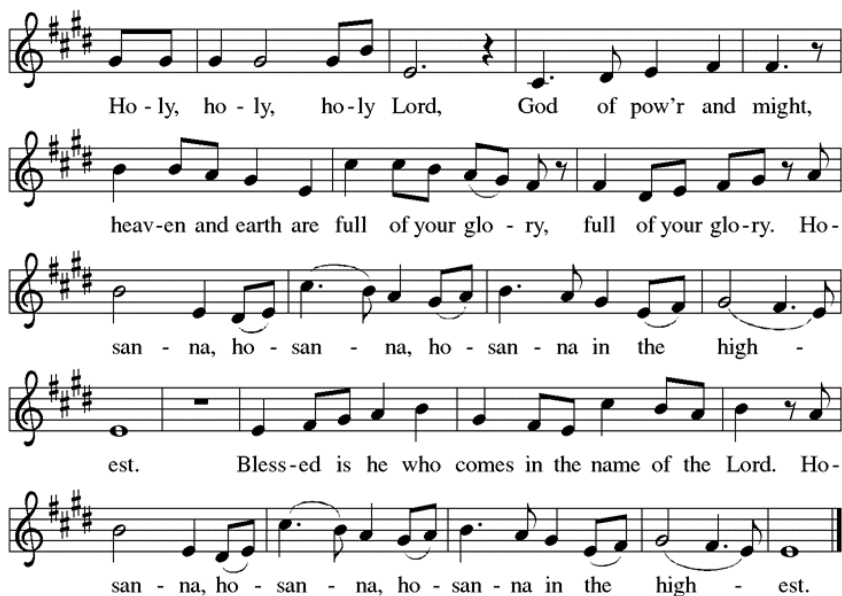
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

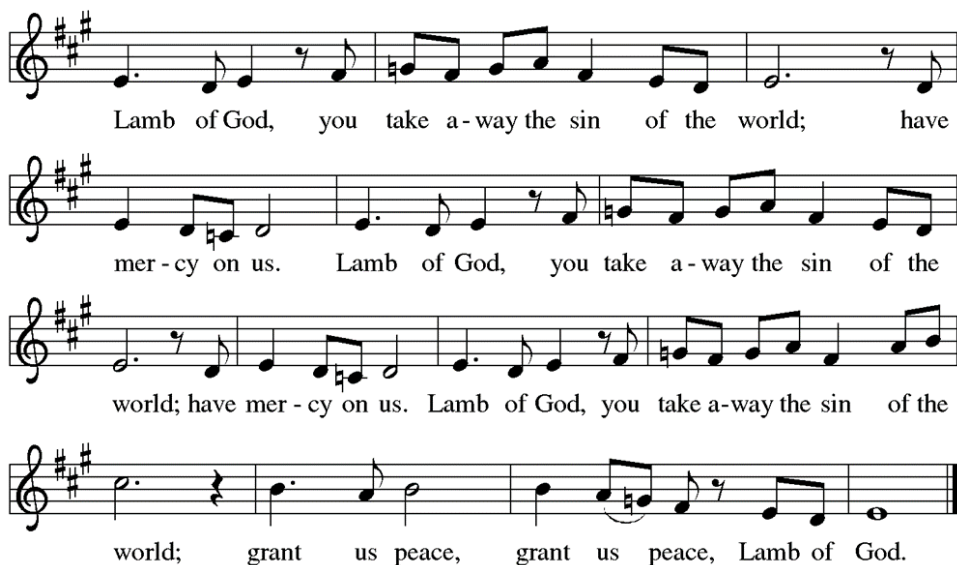
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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#496

"One Bread, One Body"

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 #669

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

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

If you receive the messenger by mail your envelope with the April messenger in it is in the back of the sanctuary in alphabetical order. There are extra copies of the April messenger in the back of the sanctuary.

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 will be placing an order next week so if you are interested please let me know. I also have \$25 Menards & \$25 Kwik Trip gift cards available for purchase today.
Lynn

On 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.

Linwood Community (Fox Valley Lutheran Homes) is having some events in April. The next one is Thursday, April 18 at 2:00pm. Their wellness Coordinator will present “Making the Most of your Doctor’s Appointment” On April 25th they will have “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.

ThedaCare At Home is seeking hospice volunteers in the Fox Valley and the surrounding communities to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team as they visit patients in their homes and at long-term care facilities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual and family needs of those on hospice by providing companionship and respite. They really are the heart of hospice! Training is provided and helps build on a volunteer’s experience and skills to learn about hospice philosophy, comfort care, and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Shana Farrell via phone at 920-422-7583 or email at shana.farrell@thedacare.org to learn more about this opportunity and upcoming trainings.

You are Invited! Visit Lay School

Come visit the ECSW Lay School of Ministry courses in the months of March and April! You are welcome to join us in-person at Saint Andrew in Wausau, Christ the King in Combined Locks OR virtually April 12-13. Check out one course or several courses each month for FREE.

Courses include: Old Testament, Intro to Theology, Faith and Spirituality, Liturgy and Life, Faith in Action, Experiencing the Bible with Fresh Ears AND Bible Stories Jesus Knew.

For more information about the courses go to ecswlayschool.org. To register or if you have any questions, please email layschool@ecsw.org the Wednesday before classes.

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.

THIS MONTH AT ZION

Sunday, April 14

Acts 3:12-19; Ps 4

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor Kathryn Schreitmueller

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Reader: Jon Meyer

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Monday, April 15

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 17

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Thursday, April 18

Lunch Social 11:30

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

Wednesday, April 24

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Thursday, April 25

Historical Central Neighborhood Book Club 6:30pm

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

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

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