

Zion Lutheran Church
April 14, 2024 10:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear
witness to God's love.*

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Next Sunday, April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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Introduction:

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Announcements:

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #361 The Day of Resurrection!

***Apostolic 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.**

***Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

***Hymn of Praise:** Page 204 in the front of the hymnal

***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.**

Choir:

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19 Pew Bible on page 113 in the New Testament

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 4

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 Pew Bible page 230 in the New Testament

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation:** page 151 in the front of hymnal Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

The Holy Gospel is from Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48** Pew Bible page 85 in the New Testament

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Don Idso

***Hymn of the Day:** ELW Hymn #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

***Apostles' Creed:** Page 105 in the front of the ELW

***Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

***Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

Offering Hymn: ELW Hymn #764 Have No Fear, Little Flock

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.**

***The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

***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:** ELW Hymn #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

***Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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We encourage you to sign the pew sheets when they are passed to you. The black folder is on the inside aisle. We use them for our record of communion, and numbers are reported the Synod office. They also alert us to visitors and new people attending, and you may use them to leave a message to the pastor.

Prayers of the People Colossians 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving”

Prayers for all impacted by the Coronavirus, and for their caretakers.

Prayers of Peace for Our Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Food Bank: There is always a need of nonperishable food such as peanut butter, cereals, mac and cheese, boxed mixes, canned fruit, veggies and soup. Also, sugar and flour. You can drop your donations directly at the Food Bank or into the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Open House: There is an Open House in honor of Karen Schock’s 80th Birthday on Saturday, April 20 at the YRI from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Zion Council Scholarship: The Zion Council Scholarship is available for graduating high school seniors. It is due May 1, 2024. Applications may be picked up at the church or are available on Zion’s website and mailed to the church.

Picture Directory: April will be church picture directory month. All pictures for the church directory should be submitted by April 28th to either Pastor Avis or Bill Miller. Someone will be available to take pictures on Sundays in April or you can text photos to Pastor Avis (406) 939-1421. Thank you for your participation.

Maundy Thursday Offering: The offering on Maundy Thursday designated to the Food Bank was \$388. Thank you for your generosity.

Spring Craft & Quilt Bazaar: ZLCW is having their Spring Craft & Quilt Bazaar on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come and support the bazaar in any way you can.

Youth Director: Youth and Education Committee has posted the position of part time Youth Director, 15-20 hours per month. Contact Megan Kubesh at 406-939-1006 for more information or pick up a job description and application from Job Service or the church office.

Live Streaming: Remember we have the live streaming of the Sunday 10 am service when you are out of town with vacation, sports, or other events. Please check it out.

Prayer Chain: Contact the church office at 406 377-3369 and leave a message or email churchlady@zionlutheran.us for prayer requests.

Up Coming Events:

- Confirmation continues on April 17, 24, May 1 & 8
- Pictures for Directory-Month of April
- Makoshika Wellness (Glendive’s Culinary Kids) April 5 & 19
- Sunday School April 7, 14 & 21 at 9:00 a.m.
- Newsletter Articles Due April 18
- ZLCW Craft & Quilt Bazaar April 27
- Baptisms April 21 & 26

Sunday April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship
7:00 p.m.	Scouts

Monday April 15, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Quilting
5:00 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes-Dave B & Bill M
7:00 p.m.	Scouts

Tuesday April 16, 2024

Wednesday April 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle
1:30 p.m.	Chancel Guild
4:00 p.m.	Confirmation

Thursday April 18, 2024

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study-YRI
7:00 p.m.	Worship

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Friday April 19, 2024

1:30 P.M.	Sarah Circle
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Makoshika Wellness (Glendive's Culinary Kids)

Saturday April 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Furniture Room-Kristie
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Open House at YRI for Karen Schock

Sunday April 21, 2024-

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship-Garpestad Baptism
7:00 p.m.	Scouts