

Zion Lutheran Church
April 21, 2024 10:00 am
Fourth 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.*

Congregation of the Montana Synod, E.L.C.A.

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Next Sunday, April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

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Introduction:

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Announcements:

Installation of Church Council:

***Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #451 We are Baptized in Christ Jesus

Holy Baptism: Baptism of Gracie Hope Garpestad, daughter of Gunner and Kayla Garpestad.

Page 227 in the front of the hymnal

***Hymn of Praise:** ELW # 449 We Know That Christ is Raised

***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.**

Choir:

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12 Pew Bible on page 114 in the New Testament

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 Pew Bible page 230 in the New Testament

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

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 John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 10:11-18** Pew Bible page 98 in the New Testament

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Avis Anderson, Retired

***Hymn of the Day:** ELW Hymn #462 Now We Join in Celebration

***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 #388 Be Not Afraid, 2 times through

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 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:** Page 207 in the front of the ELW

***Words of Institution:**

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

***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 Hymn: ELW Hymn #532 Gather Us In
ELW Hymn #744 Lord, Be Glorified

***Communion Blessing:**

***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:** ELW Hymn #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

***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.

Baptism: Gracie Hope Garpestad is being baptized into membership today. Parents, Gunner and Kayla Garpestad, are joining by Affirmation of Baptism. Please welcome them to Zion.

Baptism: Ryer Trangmoe Kragt is being baptized Friday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Parents are Joe & Brooke Kragt. Please welcome them to Zion.

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.

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.

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 24, May 1 & 8
- Pictures for Directory-Month of April
- Sunday School May 5 & 12 at 9:00 a.m.
- Confirmation on May 12
- Graduate Recognition May 19
- Baptism April 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Potluck May 12 following the worship service

Sunday April 21, 2024

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Baptism

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Monday April 22, 2024

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Brian H

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday April 23, 2024

Wednesday April 24, 2024

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle

4:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday April 25, 2024

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI

7:00 p.m. Worship

Friday April 26, 2024

7:00 p.m. Baptism

Saturday April 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Furniture Room-Sheryl & Barb

Sunday April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Scouts