

***Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!***  
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*Rooted in Faith      \*      Growing in Spirit      \*      Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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**4th Sunday in Easter      10:45 am      April 22, 2018**

## **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 sister or brother in need.*

## **GATHERING**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Presentation of Prayer Pillows to four year olds.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **OPENING SONG      "This is the Day"**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and celebrate.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice. I will rejoice and celebrate.

He goes before me. He goes before me.  
He walks beside me. He walks beside me.  
He lives within me. He's the lover of my soul.  
He's my defender. He's my defender.  
He's my provider. He's my provider.  
His overflowing mercies are brand new evr'yday.

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### **OPENING PRAYER** *(please stand)*

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with Him and renew your gift of life within us. You redeem us in the blood of Christ and give us new birth in the Spirit. We thank you, and we pray that as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, that you would increase our awareness of these blessings and increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Him. Help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of eternal life with you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.** *(please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“In One Accord”  
Zion Adult Choir**

**Tunney\Schrader**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**WORD**

**PSALM Psalm 23**

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

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

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though 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.**

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

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

**FIRST READING**

**1 John 3:16-24**

**Pew Bible NT p. 260**

*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.*

**ALLELUIA (please stand) “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.  
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Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

The holy gospel according to John the 10th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 10:11-18**

**Pew Bible NT p. 107**

*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.*

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Marcia**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**“The Power Of Your Love”**

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I’ve found in You.  
And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see  
In me will be stripped away, by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You.  
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds  
In my life, in living every day in the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
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**APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand)*

**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.** *(please be seated)*

**OFFERING**

*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.*

**OFFERING SONG**                      **"No Greater Love"**

There's no greater love than Jesus, there's no greater love than He gives.  
There's no greater love that frees us so deep within.

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**OFFERING PRAYER** *(please stand)*

Let us pray. Great Shepherd of the sheep, we are your flock, and we bring to you gifts and offerings from our hearts and lives. Be our Shepherd always, and send us forth, that we might bring to other sheep the message of your love. **Amen**

**MEAL**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.  
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

**DISTRIBUTION SONG**                   **“He Knows My Name”**

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.  
Before even time began, my life was in His hands.  
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.  
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

He knows my name, He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.  
And hears me when I call, and hears me when I call.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(please stand)*

Let us pray. O God, we thank you that you have fed us with the gift of your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Savior. May his body and blood strengthen and unite us as one flock under one shepherd as he guides us all our days, even to the gates of heaven; through the same Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.  
Walk in the light;  
testify to the resurrection of Christ;  
forgive the sins of all,  
and live at peace with one another.

**We will. Alleluia!**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING SONG**                   **“My Redeemer Lives”**

I know He rescued my soul,  
His blood has covered my sin,  
I believe, I believe.

My shame He's taken away,  
My pain is healed in His name.  
I believe, I believe.  
I'll raise a banner,  
My Lord has conquered the grave.

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,  
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You lift my burden, I'll rise with You:  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your Kingdom come.

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,  
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