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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Blended Service



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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!

**Welcome!** We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you are here to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to stand or sit.

**TIME OF LEARNING:** Review Songs

**Welcome**

**Opening Song**

*worship and music by*  
**Laurie Klein**

**1** I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
**5** wor-ship You, O my soul, re-joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear:  
**12** May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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*(Stand)*

**Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.

Eternal God, you are our Rock, you are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works you have prepared for us in advance. As we meet today, we ask that you would provide wisdom, guidance and direction. Remind us that you are our loving ally, you are our fortress, you are our tower of strength and you are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**Confession and Absolution:**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(please ponder your sins)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

**Introit** (*read responsively*)

*Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

(sit)

**SONG:**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

4 Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your  
D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G G C/G  
prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to

**CHORUS**

8 D Dsus D C G C D C/D G C  
save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross

12 D C G C D Em7  
my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

15 Am7 D G  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Old Testament Reading** (*this is the basis of today's sermon*)

*Psalm 23*

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

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will 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;  
my cup overflows.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand for the Alleluia and Gospel reading)*

Song: "Allelu"

Chorus

Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu, for the Lord is risen, it is true; Everybody sing Allelu!

Verse 1

God said He would send His Son, Allelu! Allelu!

And salvation would be won. Alleluia!

Chorus

Verse 2

On the hard wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!

suffered and He died for us, Alleluia!

Chorus

Verse 3

Now we too can live anew, Allelu! Allelu!

Live in Him need all we do, Alleluia!

Chorus

**Holy Gospel**

*John 10:1–10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(sit)*

**Song: “The Apostle’s Creed”**

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

I believe He was born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under  
Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again  
from the dead, ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of God. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body and  
the life everlasting. Amen!

**Children’s Message**

**Song**

## Thy Word

Words and Music by  
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

### CHORUS

$\text{♩} = 70$  F C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F



Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F *Fine*



Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

### VERSE

C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$  C



1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -

2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12 B $\flat$ /F F C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$  C



side me. Noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me

wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You

16 C/D D Csus C *D.C. al Fine*



to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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## SERMON "Familiarity in the Face of Change" Psalm 23

*Ushers bring Offering to the Altar*

*(Stand)*

**Offering Response Song:**

**Song: "We Give Thee Thanks"**

For all thy goodness, Lord, we give Thee thanks.  
Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet:  
For each new day we greet, we give Thee thanks.

**Prayer of the Church**

P: In our prayers today....

**Song: "When You Pray"**

At the close of the day when you kneel to pray, will you remember me?  
I need help every day, this is why I pray, will you remember me?

When you pray, will you pray for me, for I need His love and His care.  
When you pray, will you pray for me, will you whisper my name in your prayer.

When I pray, I will pray for you, for you need His love and His care.  
When I pray, I will pray for you, I will whisper your name in my prayer.

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

**Song: “Hallowed Be Thy Name”**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth. Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name. Just as we forgive our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.

Lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from evil. Hallowed be Thy name.

Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; Hallowed be Thy name. Forever and forever more. Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name. Hallowed be Thy name.

**Consecration of Communion Elements**

*(sit)*

**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ’s true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord’s Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice “Closed Communion.”

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Johnson or the Elder before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

**First Communion Song:**

**Communion Song**

Words by  
 Luke 22: 19-20 by Barry McGuire

Music By  
 Barry McGuire

**VERSE**

Gmaj7 A/G Dmaj7 G D Em F#m G A7 *Last time to Coda*

1. Take this bread I give to you, and as you do, re - mem - ber  
 2. Take this cup I fill for you, and as you do, re - mem - ber  
 3. Take this love I've giv - en you, and as you do, re - mem - ber

**CHORUS 1 & 2**

D Bm F#m/A G D

Me. This bread is My bod - y bro - ken just for you.  
 Me. This cup is the new cov' - nant I'm mak in' with you.

G D Em A G A7 D

Take it, (take it) eat it, (eat it) each time you do; Re - mem - ber Me, re -  
 Take it, (take it) drink it, (drink it) each time you do; Re - mem - ber Me, re -

G A7 D D Coda G A7 D G A7 D

**ENDING**

- mem - ber Me. Me, re - mem - ber Me, re - mem - ber Me.  
 - mem - ber Me.

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Second Communion Song:

Lamb Of God

Words and Music by  
 Twila Paris

VERSE

♩ = 52      % C      G      C      G/B      Am Fmaj7      C/E

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your  
 Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned Him as He  
 I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your

4 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of  
 side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

CHORUS

(1) | 2, 3

9 C G C Am F G/F C/E C G/B Am Fmaj7 C/E

Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of

14 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

OUTRO

(1) | 2

19 C G C/G Gsus C G F C G F C

*D.S.*

I was so Christ, the Lamb of God.

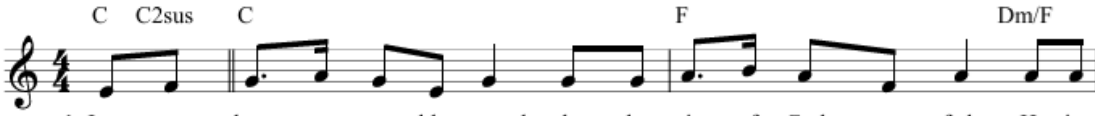
Third Communion Song:

**Come And Dine**

Words by  
C. C. Widmeyer

Music by  
C. C. Widmeyer and S. H. Bolton

**VERSE**



1. Je - sus has a ta - ble spread where the saints of God are fed, He in -  
2. The dis - ci - ples came to land, thus o - bey - ing Christ's com - mand, for the  
3. Soon the Lamb will take His bride to be ev - er at His side, all the



vites His cho - sen peo - ple "Come and dine;" With His man - na He doth feed and sup -  
Mas - ter called un - to them, "Come and dine;" There they found their hearts' de - sire, bread and  
host of Heav - en will as - sem - bled be; O 'twill be a glo - rious sight, all the



plies our ev - 'ry need: O 'tis sweet to sup with Je - sus all the time! "Come and  
fish up - on the fire; Thus He sat - is - fies the hun - gry ev - 'ry time.  
saints in spot - less white; And with Je - sus they will feast e - ter - nal - ly.

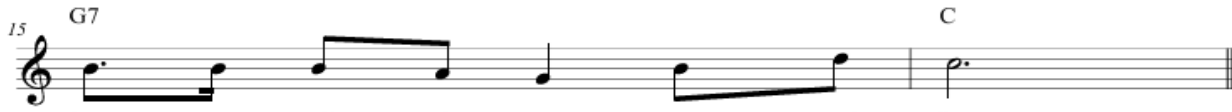
**CHORUS**



dine," the Mas - ter call - eth, "Come and dine;" You may feast at Je - sus' ta - ble all the  
(O come and dine;)



time; He who fed the mul - ti - tude, turned the wa - ter in - to wine, to the  
(O come and dine;).



hun - gry call - eth now, "Come and dine."

**Post Communion Collect**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(sit)*

**Closing Song: : “Do Lord! : Psalm 27”**

Refrain: Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me! Look away beyond the blue.

Verse 1: You’re my light and my salvation, I won’t be afraid! You’re the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made. Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade, for I move in the strength of the Lord.

Refrain

Verse 2: Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear! Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near. One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure is to live in the house of the Lord.

Refrain

Verse 3: You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife; You’ll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height. Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night, so I’ll sing to the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Verse 4: Glory be to God the Father and to God the son; Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One. As it was in the beginning, till our race is won we can live in the light of the Lord.

Refrain

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