Historic Zion Lutheran Church Divine service for the fourth sunday of easter

9:00 am Sunday, April 21, 2024

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who sincerely repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

 \pm = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ₽ *Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **Amen!**

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

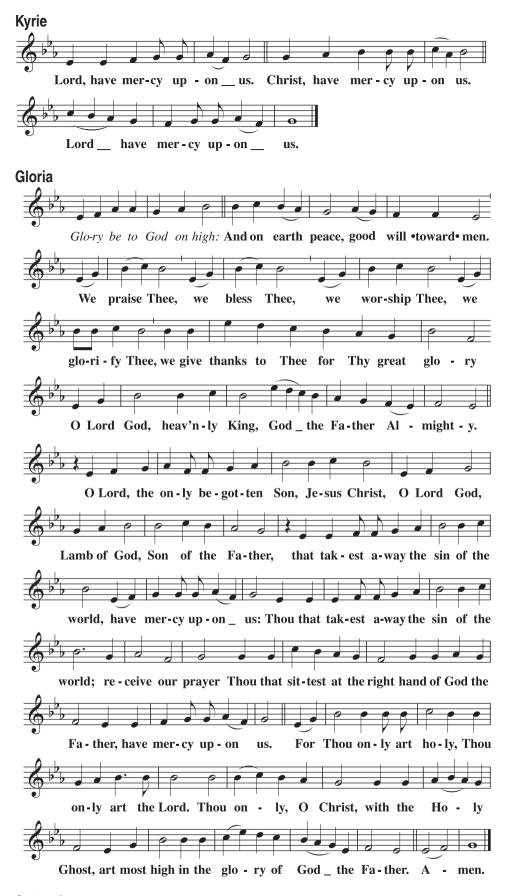
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel]

O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day Psalm 23 RED Hymn 662



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +





Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[Bow] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life \maltese of the world to come. Amen!

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

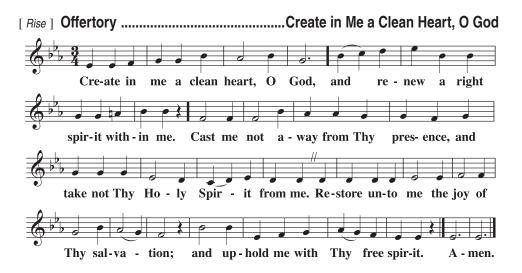
Hymn of the Day The King of Love Burgundy Hymn 709

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

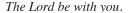
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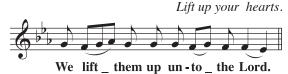
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+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface



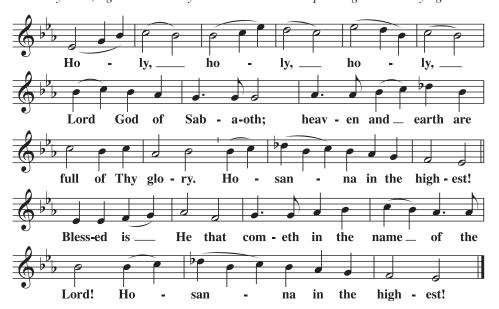


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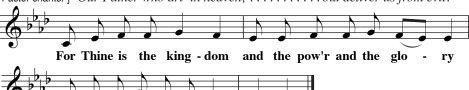
Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:



[Remain Standing] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.



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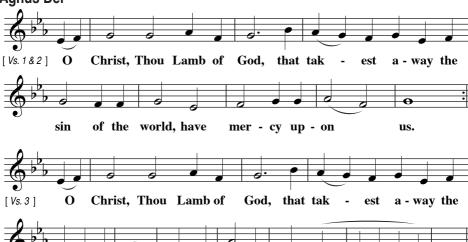
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Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!







[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns The Lord's My Shepherd Burgundy Hymn 710

Thy

The Day of Resurrection Burgundy Hymn 478 [Rise for stanza 4.]

men.

peace. A

Eucharistic Benediction

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



servant, de–

sin of the world, grant us

- servant, de-part— in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word.
- 2. For mine__ eyes have seen Thy Salvation,

which Thou hast pre- pared__ be—_ fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.



4. Glo—ry___ be to the Father, and to___ the ___ Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.

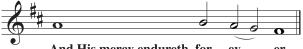


5. As it ___ was in the beginning, is

now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for – ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.





Benediction

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.





During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn O Little Flock Burgundy Hymn 666

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Epistle is 1 John 3:16-24

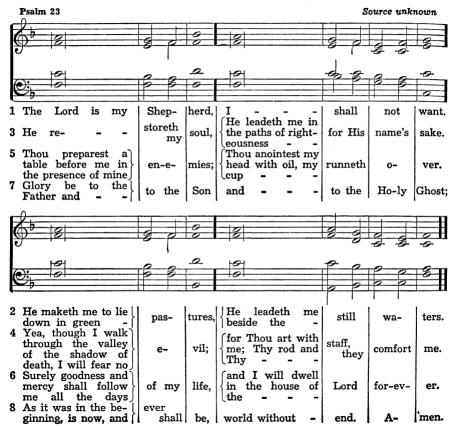
By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Gospel is John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."



Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

TLH662 Dominus Regit Me

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The Lord is my | Shep-_ | herd; \parallel I | shall_ | not_ | want. \parallel He maketh me to lie down in green | pas-_ | tures, \parallel He leadeth me beside the | still_ | wa-_ | ters.

He re- | •storeth• my | soul, || He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness | for his | name's__ | sake. || Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no | e-_ | vil; || for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy | staff they | com- fort | me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine | en- e- | mies; || Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup | run- neth | o-__ | ver. || Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my | life, || and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord__ | for- ev- | er.

Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son || and | to the | Ho- ly | Ghost; || As it was in the beginning, is now, and | •ever• shall | be, || world without | end__. | A-__ | men.

LSB473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free Martin H. Franzmann Text: © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House; Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net #100012381.

- Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap: Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2. Let all our lives now celebrate The feast; let malice die. Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie. Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
- 3. Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father's living Word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

LSB709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry W. Baker

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

- 2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

LSB710 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Psalms of David in Meeter

- 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
- 2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
- 4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

LSB478 The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus

- 1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, The passover of gladness, The passover of God. From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
- 2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
 And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
- 3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin, Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend; For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

△4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son, All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!

Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

LSB666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Jacob Fabricius

- O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow; Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints, His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
- 2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
 To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
 Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
 His Gideon shall for you arise,
 Uphold you and His Word.
- 3. As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew Against us shall prevail.

 Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
 God is with us and we with God—Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
 Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
 Fight for us once again!
 So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
 A mighty chorus to Thy praise
 Forevermore. Amen.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Salvation through Faith in Christ Alone

[If the papists] really knew God the Father and Christ, His Son, they themselves would have to join us in concluding from such knowledge: "We believe that we cannot be saved in any other way than through the one Mediator, Christ, who was sent by the Father to bear and to pay for the sins of the world, as is set forth incisively and powerfully in St. Paul's discussion and conclusion. For to know the Father means to know God's plan for us; it means to know the purpose for which He sent His Son: to redeem us from sin, since the Law could not help us (Rom. 8:2-3)." If they knew and believed this, then they would have to go on to conclude that the establishing of endowments and cloisters for the purpose of rendering satisfaction for and canceling sin is wrong and has to be the devil's lying. ... And, what is even more unchristian, we monks made bold to help others get to heaven in this way; for we assumed that we needed our works not only for ourselves but sold or presented them to the dying as a supererogatory merit. We comforted the dying with what we had done, and we bade them depart this life in reliance on it. ...

Now how can one reconcile this with faith in Christ? Christ says: "Through Me, not through yourselves or through any other name in heaven or on earth, you are to be saved." True, they do say that Christ is the Savior and that He shed His blood for us. But at the same time they champion their trumpery by claiming that our works and life should also be valid for the expiation of sin and the attainment of forgiveness. ... What is this but a mere dream, yes, a loathesome blindness ...? They want to be called Christians, and with their mouths they confess the Creed — that Christ died for our sins, etc. — but with their deeds they teach and live contrary to this. Luther's Works, 24:325-6.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Ezra LeShon Raidyn James Jacielle My'Tazia Angela Zane

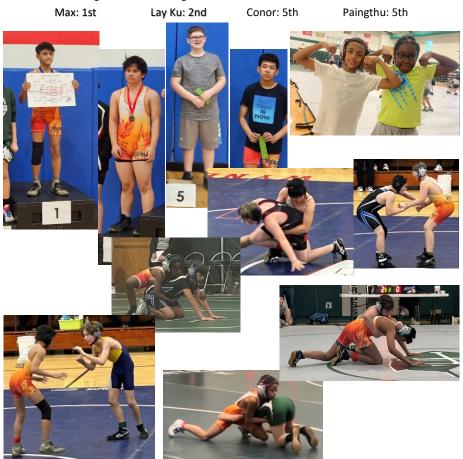
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Wrestling Ended with a Win!

Shout out to our Phoenix Wrestlers Senica, Wayde, Conor, Paingthu, Max, and Lay Ku! Each of our middle school wrestlers placed in their weight classes at the LSAA Tournament! Our 2 JV wrestlers had a great time learning the basics and celebrated some wins!



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine. he said. "It is finished." and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. —John 19:28-30

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. for he has risen, as he said. —Matthew 28:5-6

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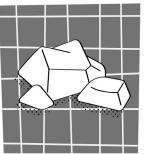
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