



ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

“AmaZed by God, Energized by Jesus,
a Grateful Zoar Gathers, Grows and Gives”

2025 Easter Season Worship Folder


Saturday @ 6:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am and 11:00 am (Now – May 11th)

Sunday @ 10 am (May 18th – September 7th)

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To reduce waste and increase sustainability, we will be reusing this worship folder during the Lenten season. The readings are printed in the weekly insert, and the hymn titles and numbers are also printed on the weekly insert and displayed on the hymn boards. Music and lyrics for all hymns can be found in the Red ELW Hymnals in your pew. Please return this worship folder at the end of today's service – thank you!

A photograph of several hands of different skin tones reaching up and interlocking to form a heart shape against a light blue background.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

Beloved, welcome to Zoar!

We are glad you are here. Whether you are new, attend worship regularly, are just passing through, or haven't been here in years, you belong - you are wanted - you are loved, just as you are. You and all people are wonderfully made by God, created in goodness for goodness, and are a part of one vibrant Divine tapestry with all of creation.

At Zoar Lutheran Church, all are welcome, and all means all. We celebrate diversity and embrace people of all ethnicities, cultures, and colors, all gender identities and expressions, all sexual orientations, all abilities, all ages, and folks from all walks of life. We desire wellness, wholeness, and hopefulness for all people, and will not turn away from anyone in their time of need, whatever that looks like.

We are committed to advocating for justice, seeking equity, encouraging curiosity, and caring for the most vulnerable. We condemn racism, discrimination, and other forces, words, and actions that oppress, exclude, and harm. While we know that we still have a lot to learn, we endeavor to be accountable when we make mistakes. We will continue to grow in ways that help us take better care of each other and the planet.

With our whole hearts, we strive to share the abundant love of God, practice the unexpected and generous hospitality of Jesus, and be moved by the Holy Spirit toward meaningful change and a stronger relationship with our Creator, our neighbors, and all the earth.

No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here at Zoar!



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*Indicates an invitation to rise as you are able

Welcome and Prayer

***Gathering Hymn:** *see insert and/or hymn board*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

People: Amen.

Leader: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Leader: Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

People: make us one as you are one.

Leader: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

People: make us one as you are one.

Leader: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

People: make us one as you are one.

Leader: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

People: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Congregation may be seated.

Children’s Message (11:00 am) *Following the children’s message, all 3 year old - 4th graders are welcome to go downstairs for JAM time with **Miss Corryn**.*

First Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *see insert*

Second Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: *see insert*

Leader: The Gospel according to....

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the conclusion of the Gospel:

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day:** *see insert and/or hymn board*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Leader: Hear us , O God,

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with words of peace.

Congregation may be seated.

Announcements

Offering

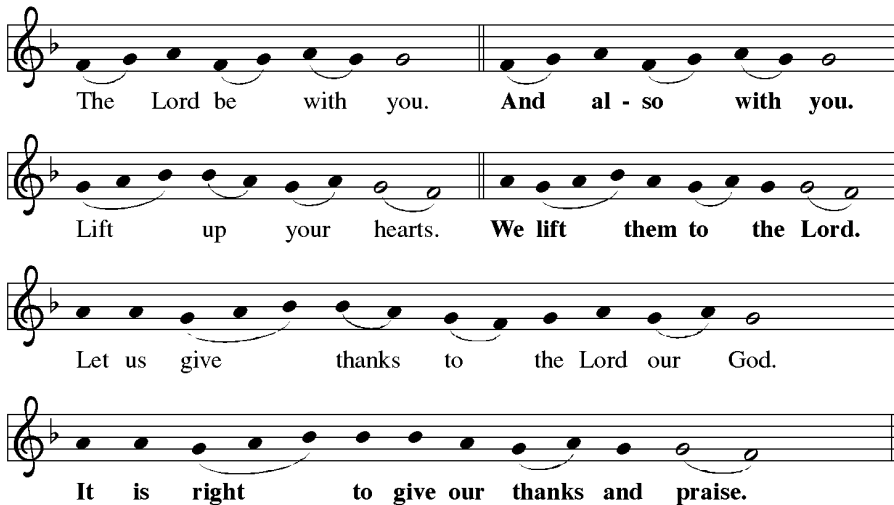
Tithes and offerings are collected at this time.

*Please sign and pass the pew pads during the offering and
indicate whether you are receiving communion today.*

Offering Prayer

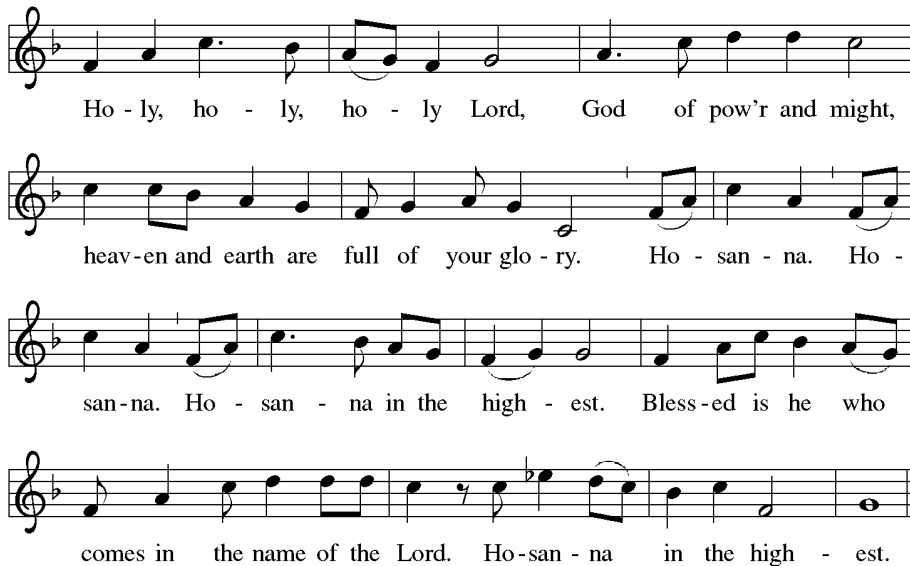
Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Leader: It is our duty and delight..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.**

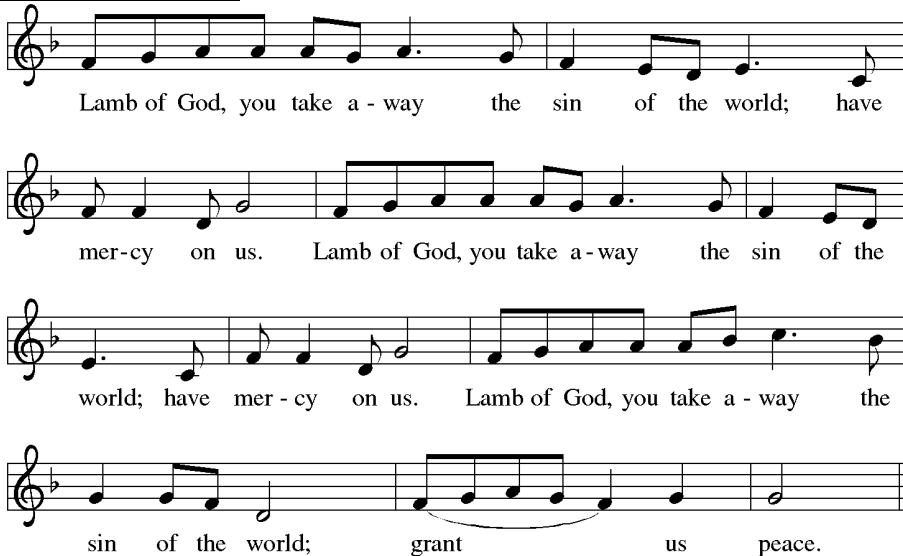
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Sharing of Communion

Please follow the guidance of the ushers, who will direct worshippers beginning with the back rows. Communion today will be served via intinction. As you come forward, you will receive a wafer (a gluten free option is available), then you will be invited to dip your wafer into the chalice (one side will contain red wine, the other light colored grape-juice). All who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to share communion. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to the table. People of any age who are not receiving Communion are always offered a blessing when coming forward during this part of the worship service. All are welcome, for Jesus invites us.

Music During Communion



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

Leader: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *see insert and/or hymn board*

Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 18th - Sept. 7th

Saturdays 6:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM *

***Live Stream:**  

**As you make plans
for the summer, we
hope that you join us
for worship!**





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