



**April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able
Congregation responses are in bold*

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

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead:
That we might walk in the newness of life!

Because He Lives:
We, too, shall live to the praise of God's glory!

Nothing, not even death, can ever separate us from the embrace of
God's love:

**God has given us His love as a gift, which is ours through
Christ our Lord.**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

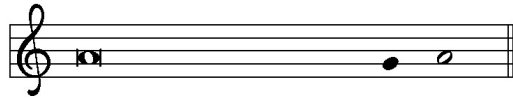
We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

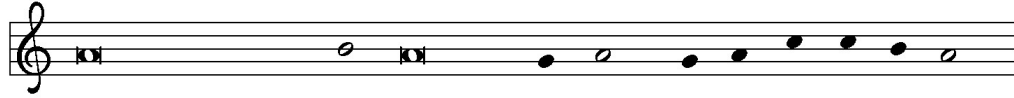
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

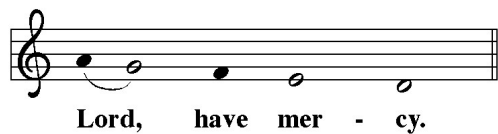


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

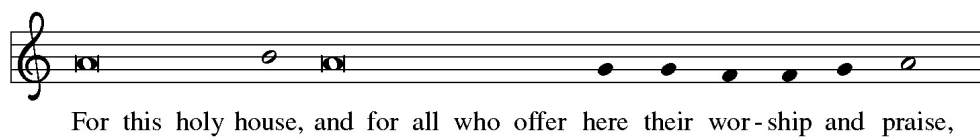


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

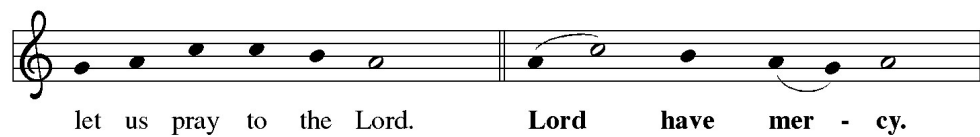
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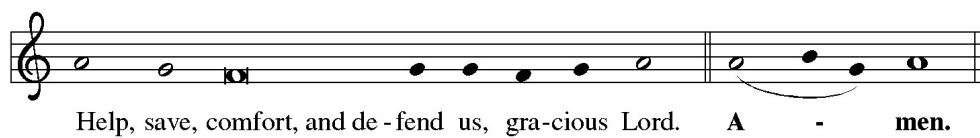
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

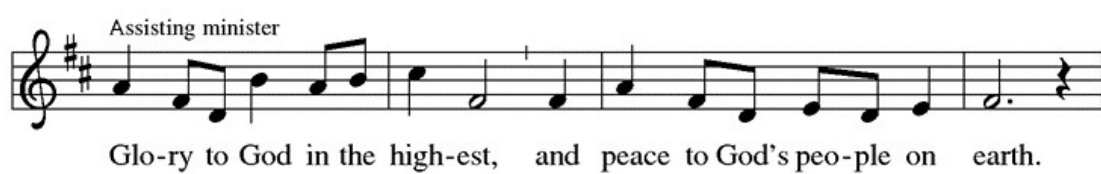


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

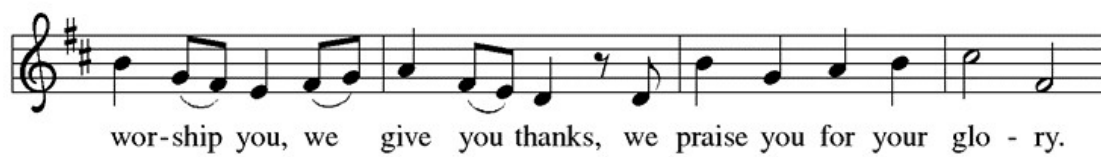


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

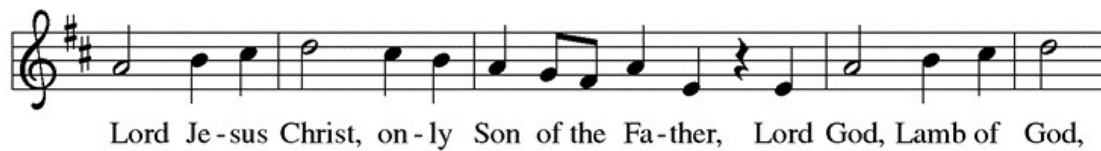
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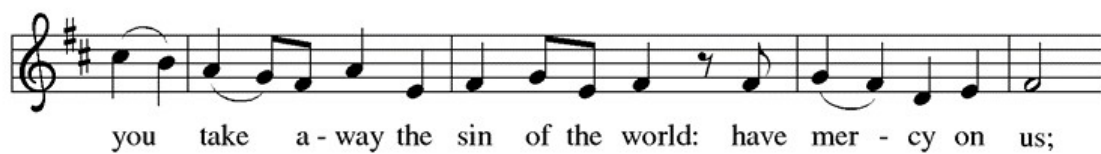
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

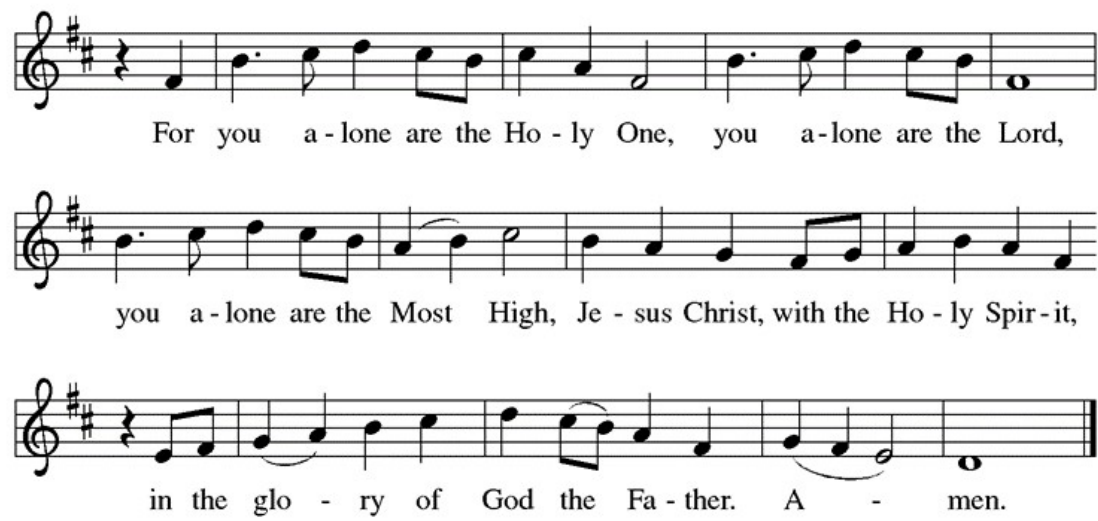


you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated


A reading from Acts:

(Acts 4:5-12, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 92)

The reading concludes with:
 Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
 (Read responsively
 the indented lines)

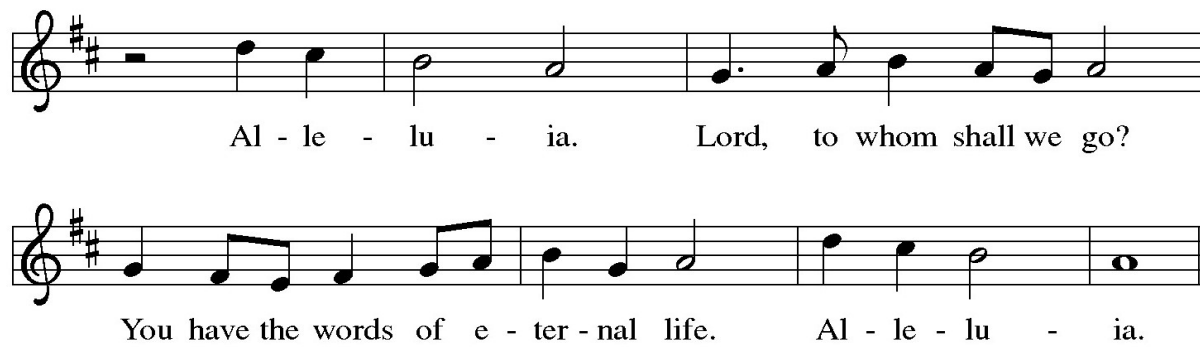
<p>Psalm 23 Paraphrased by Pastor William</p>	<p>Photo by Katzenfee50 at Pixabay.com</p>
<p>Oh Lord, you are my protector. You provide my every need. You bring me to rest in the plushiest of meadows. You provide a cool refreshing brook. You allow me to pause and rest, then send me forward in the right direction. Though death and danger surround me, you are beside me, comforting me. You provide an abundant feast, for my body, heart and soul. You lift my tired body and being. You fill me with your grace and love. I'm at home with you, now and forever. Amen.</p>	

A reading from 1 John:

(1 John 3:16-24, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 188)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second line contains the melody for the next two phrases: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.". The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with rests for the lyrics.

The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 10:11-18, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 79)

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

You may be seated

The following person, who desires to join us as a disciple of Christ at this congregation, is invited to come forward: **Susan Kaschak**

As disciples of Christ we commit to; recognize and admit that it is our "privilege and duty to make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacrament; live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran Church; and support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the ELCA through contributions of our time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards of what God entrusts to our care. Sibling in Christ, you have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ Jesus through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New disciple: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another, and particularly this new disciple, in your life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray: We thank you, Lord, for this new disciple of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one in you. Hear our prayer for the sake of your church.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with this sibling in Christ.

Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. We give thanks and praise to God for you and promise to walk along with you as we proclaim the Good News to all the world.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

AM: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bless this week's marriages and help us support their life together,
Vicki & Clarence Givler and Mel and Chris Whalen

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Johanna Henderson, Lou Milavickas, Weston Milek and Beth Heller

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

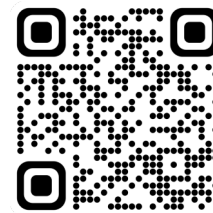
The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

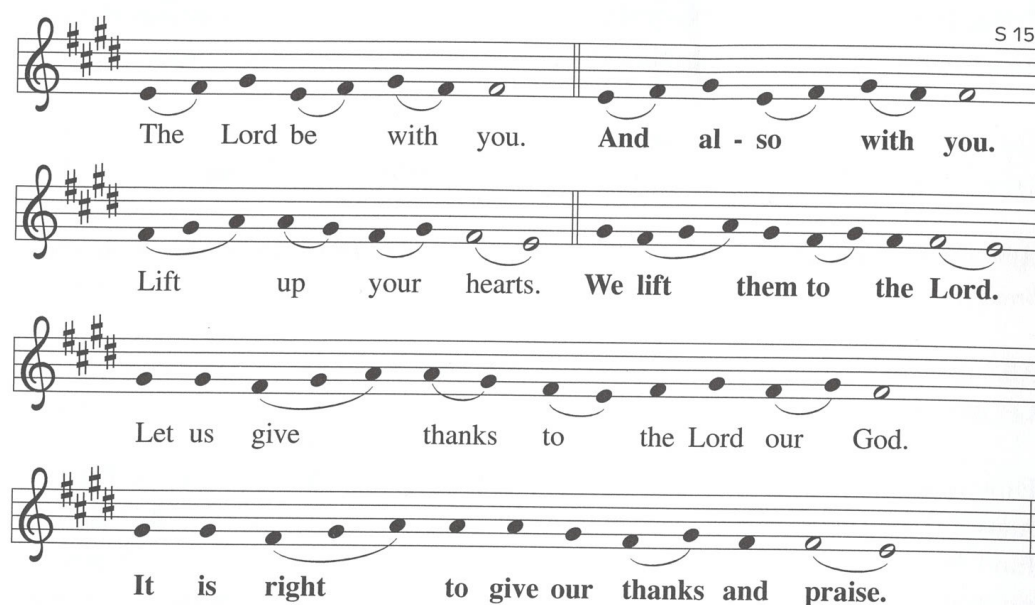
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OR Scan QR code for mobile giving



AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too. Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

By: Jessie S. Irvine
and Marilyn Arison

Please stand as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

AM: Let us pray,
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.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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AM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Thine is the Glory

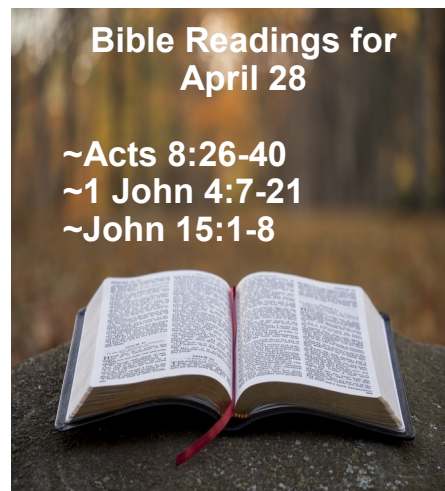
By: George Fredrick Handel
 and Anna Laura Page

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Linda Weidenbach
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes & Ray LePelley
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Harriet Bowers
Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Ruth Reinoehl
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers by: Carol Rossbach in loving memory of parents Jim and Betty Kribbs

April 28, 2023 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
Acolyte: Ava Medina
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: Paul Bagocius and
Chris Thompson
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Lisa Frock
Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Nick Cignetti
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
*Flowers in celebration of spring and a
very special birthday!*



John 10:11-18

Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



Stewardship in the Gospel

Jesus says he is the good shepherd; a shepherd who not only takes care of the sheep in his own fold, but wants all the other sheep to be in his fold so he can take care of them too. Wow, that's a God who really cares about everybody – he's talking about people, not sheep, you know.

Stewardship in our Community

Our community could use more leaders who really care about it. And since our leaders represent us (look and act like us) maybe our community could use more people that care about it. Wouldn't that be something if we acted more like Jesus; caring about all people.

Stewardship in practice

How are you doing at being a follower of Jesus? Are you striving to be like Jesus? Are you searching for people to love and share Jesus' grace? Are you trying to be Jesus to your neighbor? Are you striving to be more like Jesus so people will want to be part of his flock? What are you doing for Jesus' sake?

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

John 10:11-18
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus claims to be the good shepherd. He goes on to explain that while a hired-hand shepherd cares for and protects the sheep of his flock, Jesus wants to care for and protect all sheep – even those not part of his flock. Indeed, he desires those other sheep to be part of his flock. Jesus wants all sheep (people) to belong to his fold. Christianity is not an exclusive club for select people; it is for all people – even those you might not want to sit next to in church.



Equal Exchange and Shared Goods Combine Forces for Earth Day!



With every Equal Exchange purchase, receive a grocery shopping bag!

MAY 2, 2024

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

PRAY WITH AMERICA

The Worship Space open all day for silent prayers.
Prayer cards provided!!

Please join the reception for Vicki Givler's 6 years of dedicated service!

thank you for your service

After Worship Service
Sunday, May 5, 2024

JOIN US FOR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

Today, 10:15 - 11:15 am

The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church Continued.....



**Bible Discussion
Every Thursday**
7am - Offsite
9am - Zoom
12pm - Zion Library

Contact office for info

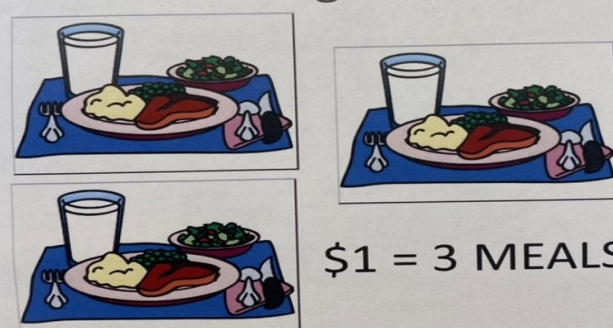
**Let's dig
in together**

**The Zion
Food Pantry
is collecting
plastic bags!**

**Help us and
the planet at
the same
time!!**



Stark Hunger Walk



\$1 = 3 MEALS



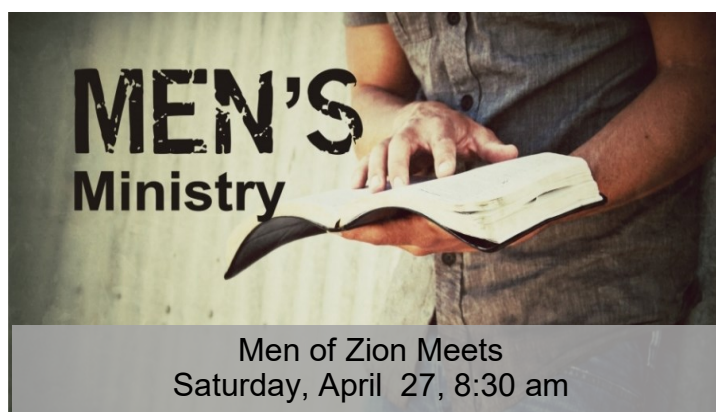
**Property Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm**

**Please support Team Zion and help us end
hunger in our community.**

**Collection deadline May 5th.
\$1 = 3 meals, fill a bag for \$5**

**Bags available in Coffee Bar Area.
ONLY \$5.00!!!**

Help us try and reach our goal of 2000 Meals



**MEN'S
Ministry**

**Men of Zion Meets
Saturday, April 27, 8:30 am**



Mark your calendars for the Stark Hunger Walk
Sunday, May 5. Info on bulletin board in hallway
All proceeds benefit the Stark County Regional
Foodbank!

Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Pray **without
Ceasing**

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Contact Jayne Schrader
Prayer@Zion-NC.com