

April 14, 2024



*I AM the  
Good  
Shepherd*

*John 10:11*



**MT. ZION**

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# Good Shepherd Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *O Lord Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever as Your sheep. Guide us this day and always in peace and hope. Finally, bring us all at last to our eternal home earned for us by Your shed blood. Amen.*

## Today's Order of Service

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 463** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

**1** *Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!*

**2** *For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!*

**3** *Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia! When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!*

**4** *Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen!

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav-enly 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. 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.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Psalms,  
 Hymns,  
 &  
 Spiritual  
 Songs



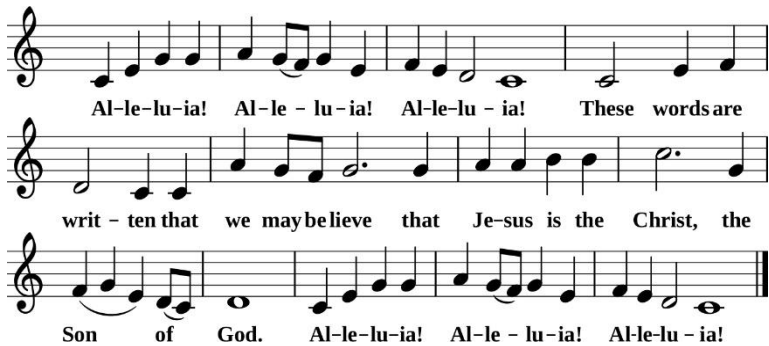
## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 23*

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** 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.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

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.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are  
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## The Apostles' Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will 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, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn 740 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

*1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

*2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.*

*3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.*

### The Sermon: *John 10:11-16*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> 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.

### **Theme: MY GOOD SHEPHERD...**

...bought me, keeps me, knows me, and leads me.

## The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O  
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-  
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

## Hymn 710 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

**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.*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

*(788:1):* **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

- C** 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 Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.  
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest



## Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.*

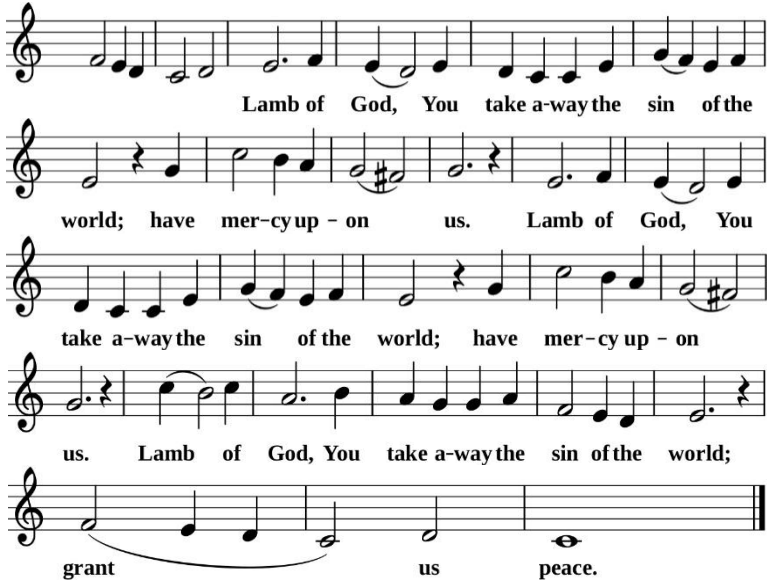
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God

*The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.*



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

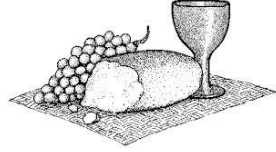
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



## Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

  
 Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what  
  
 He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and  
  
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;  
  
 sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
  
 Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple  
  
 forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;  
  
 sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-  
  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**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.

**G** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 588 *Jesus Loves Me*

**1** *Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong: They are weak, but He is strong.*

**Refrain:**

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**2** *Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. [Refrain]*



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## *Worship at Mt. Zion*

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

**A LIFT MEETING (Ladies In Fellowship Together)** is scheduled for next Sunday, April 21, following the service. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

**UPDATE FROM THE PROPERTY SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Commissioned at the 2024 Q1 voters meeting, the Property Search Committee meets every two weeks via online video call. We are actively searching for a new building/property for our congregation and future school (and also meeting with potential realtors to sell our current building). Anyone interested in helping with the search is invited to consider joining the committee. Anyone who finds a potentially suitable building (for sale or lease), is invited to please submit the following form and the committee will investigate: [shorter.me/gxWXm](https://shorter.me/gxWXm)

**SUMMARY OF LAST SUNDAY'S Q2 VOTERS MEETING:** Opened with prayer at 11:27am... In attendance: Pastor Tom Naumann, Randy Wittorp, Ben Mueller, Carl Ryan, Dave Troyan, Nicholas Jakel, Jeremiah Rosen, Mason Dzakowic, Matt Fobear, Peter Voelzke, James Voelzke... Excused: James Lucas and Jesse Wilke... Q1 2024 minutes read and approved... **2024 Q2 Reports:** Pastor's report read and accepted... MMC to accept Kyle Rankin, and Peter, Rhonda, James, and Gabrielle Voelzke into communicant membership... MMC to accept Peter and James Voelzke as voters... MMC to transfer David and Sandra Baker to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX... Reports from Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Bd. of Trustees, Bd. of Christian Education, Property Search Committee, and Tech Committee all read and accepted... No reports given from Outreach or Constitution committees... **Old Business:** None... **New Business:** MMC to move Sunday, October 20, 10am service to Saturday, October 19 at 4pm... MMC to task Treasurer with opening a money market or high yield saving account with Huntington Bank to hold the Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Fund... President Wittorp created new Compensation Committee for 2024 tasked with developing a compensation framework for Mt. Zion's called workers, and appointed to it Danielle Wittorp, Dave Troyan, Mason Dzakowic, James Lucas, and Carl Ryan... MMC to accept calendar presented... MMC to call Matt Fobear (6/23), Ben Mueller (7/14), and Dave Troyan (7/21) to conduct layservices while Pastor is in Wisconsin for CLC Convention and Africa for Mission Trip... Q3 meeting set for July 28... Meeting adjourned with doxology at 1:36pm... Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeremiah Rosen, Mt. Zion Secretary.

**MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Thu. 4/18</b>	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
<b>Sun. 4/21</b>	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	LIFT Meeting (Ladies in Fellowship Together)
<b>Tue. 4/30</b>	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
<b>Tue. 5/14</b>	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
<b>Sat. 5/18</b>	9am	Church Clean-up Workday

**SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Jesse Wilke    Church Cleaning: Fobears

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Last Sunday Attendance = 41    Bible Class/Sunday School = 22

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$33,386.58	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$36,538.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,559.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$3,654.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$115,677.00	

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. <> **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Kuwait. The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby girl in April. <> We continue to search for a **new building** for church and future school.

**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God, Onalaska, WI, **is still considering the call** to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler **is still considering the limited call** from Grace Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Winter Haven, FL **has received the call** to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Blair Sydow **has received a one year call** to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity. <> The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening, and **issued this call:** Seminary graduate Paul Agenten to St. Peter's of Iron River, MI and Calvary Marquette, MI