

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC Jill Sousek, piano

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

HYMN #789 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Welcoming All,  
Growing,  
and Sharing God's Love.*



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## COMMUNION WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life,  
from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with  
strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our  
journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our  
hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy  
Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

HYMN #385 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

# W O R D

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## FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

## SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* vs 1-4

## APOSTLES’ CREED

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...Hear us, O God, / **Your mercy is great.**

*The petitions conclude:* ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **Amen**

## C O M M U N I O N

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