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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church offers many opportunities to enrich your spiritual lives from Saturday and Sunday worship, social ministry and fellowship in youth and women's groups. If this is your first visit, please sign the guest registers in the pews. Our mission statement includes this phrase: "Serving Christ through serving others". Our Saturday service is informal. If you have any prayer requests, please make us aware of them. We hope your worship experience is meaningful. Let us praise the Lord!

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Handbell Choir *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Organ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, You are the river of life,

You are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might You have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Glory to You for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to You for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to You for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from You. Empower our witness to Your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with You and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #619 (v 1-4)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **O God our shepherd, You know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by Your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in Your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Handbell Choir *As the Winter Days Grow Longer* arr. Organ

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

R: ⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to

their number those who were being saved.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

R: ¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 10:1-10**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When He has brought out all his own, He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very

truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #778

The Lord's My Shepherd

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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 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 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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #207

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #764

Have No Fear Little Flock

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:**
“Serving Christ through serving others.”

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Judy & Ken Bailey in honor of all April birthdays.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Reader	Jeff Slyman
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Greeters	Judy & Ken Bailey
Ushers	Deb & Bob Keppel

ATTENDANCE 4/22 - 23: 111

Offering: \$ 2,028.00

Building Fund: \$140.00

Sunday School 4/23

Adults: 13 Children: 8 Youth: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH / OESTERLEN SERVICES FOR YOUTH, INC.

was founded in 1903 as an orphanage by Ameilia Oesterlen. It currently is a mental health treatment and social service agency serving youth and their families. It is located in Springfield, Ohio. Please take an egg or two from the display in the back of the narthex. Many items are needed to help these kids and their families. The display will be available April 10-30 for bringing in items. Any questions, Call Judy Bailey (937-845-0380).

RELAY FOR LIFE of Miami County will be held **June 17, 10 am-11 pm** at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would love to have some more members. Our next team meeting will be **May 21, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. If you don't want to join the team, you can still help by: **Making a donation.** You can donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. When asked who you are supporting, select the team Holy Walkamolies For the Cure. Checks payable to American Cancer Society may be given to Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt. **Purchase a luminaria** in memory of a loved one, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone currently battling cancer.

These will be placed around the track during the event. Luminarias are \$10 each. For an order form see Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

Garage/Bake Sale on June 8-10. If you would like to donate garage sale items (no clothes) or baked goods, contact Debbie Rudisill or Erma Swanson

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, May 14th

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Sunday, May 21st

CHAIR REPLACEMENT: The Women of Zion are looking to replace the chairs in the Fellowship Hall. For \$25 you can purchase a foldable chair without arms (we need 120) or a stackable chair with arms (we need 30) for approximately \$70-\$80. We would like these to be purchased in time for our Congregational Meeting/Thanksgiving Dinner in November.

The chairs are on display in the narthex. Check them out! To purchase one, make a check payable to Women of Zion or put money in an envelope marked "Fellowship Hall replacement chairs" in the offering plate or turn it into the office.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, May 1	10:00 pm	Mission Quilts
	5:00-7:00 pm	TOPS
	6:00 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, May 2	8:00-9:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, May 3	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday, May 4	6:30-8:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop

Staff

Dale Schaefer, *Interim Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

