

Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Being the Body of Christ

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9:00 am

4th Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

ZSJ Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

GATHERING SONG

Eye of the Storm

Refrain: In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
And in the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm

1. When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet
Between the black skies, and my red eyes, I can barely see
When I realize I've been sold out by my friends and my family
I can feel the rain reminding me. **Refrain**
2. When my hopes and dreams are far from me,
and I'm runnin' out of faith.
I see the future I picture slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain
and heartache are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name. **Refrain**
3. And when they let me go and I just don't know
How I'm gonna make ends meet.
I did my best now, I'm scared to death
that we might lose everything
And when a sickness takes my child away,
And there's nothing I can do.
My only hope is to trust You. I trust your Lord. **Refrain (2x)**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *(verses, Praise Team: refrain, all)*

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

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo - ry. *Refrain*
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

⁴² The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For 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.”

²³ When 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. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God speak, would you pour down like rain— wash-ing my eyes
5
— to see — Your maj - es-ty — to be still and know that you're in this place, please let me stay
— and rest — in your ho - li - ness Word of God speak. —

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to St John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all

his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY *Shelter Me (all, refrain, verses Praise Team)*



O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

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Stand

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.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

2. You prepare a table right before me in the presence of my enemy.
And though the arrow flies, and the terror of night is at my door,
I'll trust you Lord. **Refrain**

3. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
You are on my side. (2x) **Refrain**

Stand

OFFERTORY *Christ is the Same*

Refrain

Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.
Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -
fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more; Christ is the same.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.' The second staff continues with 'Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -' and the third staff concludes with 'fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more; Christ is the same.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

BLESSING (*2x, praise team, then all; SS children are welcome to join*)

The Lord bless you, and keep you.
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen, Amen, Amen

SENDING SONG *This is Amazing Grace*

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Refrain: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

2. Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings. **Refrain**

3. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy, worthy, worthy. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit

POSTLUDE

Stewardship

...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us

Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...Alice G

Greeters/ Fellowship...Jake & Kimberly W & family

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time...

April 19...93 LSV...27 SS...30

And Our Possessions...

April 19...\$3,352.00 SS...\$260.00

...signs of your gracious love