

Sunday Worship
April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing

Arr. Keesecker

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #379

Now the Green Blade Rises

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

P: Christ has risen, Alleluia

C: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones
Arranger: Hal Hopson

The Day of Resurrection!

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. 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

R: ¹ The LORD ¹ is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

R: ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear

no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

R: ¹⁹It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures 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 good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. 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, having died to 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 Red Hymnal 151



HOLY GOSPEL

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

C: **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. 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. 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #778

The Lord's My Shepherd

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.

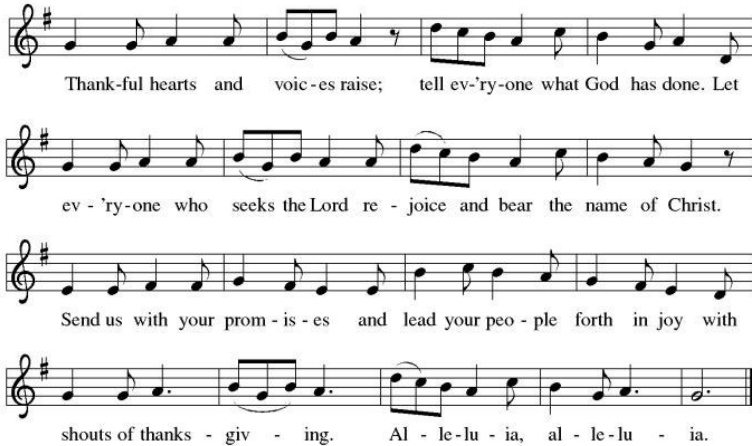
PRAYERS (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

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

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voi-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

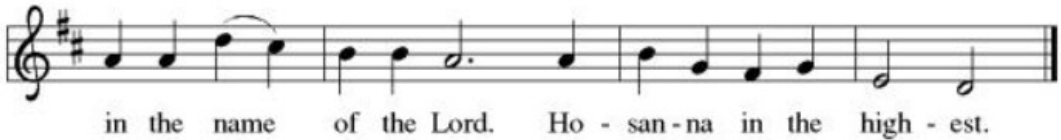
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: Blessed are you...
...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: With your holy ones...now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN Purple hymnal #939

Touch that Soothes and Heals

DISMISSAL

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing

Arr. Held

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Ken & Judy Bailey in celebration of Judy's birthday.*

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

In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Campbell Ewing

Pastor

Jaren Summers

Communion Assist

Doug Jacobs

Reader

Debbie Weprin

Ushers

John & Dianne LeGros

Greeters

Cindy & Mitch Tayse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the narthex. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a signup sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Seeds of Hope*

On any given day in Ohio there are over 16,000 children in foster care and over 124,000 children in kinship care. Seeds of Hope was born out of the need to support and encourage the families that care for these children. Over the past 4 years, Seeds of Hope in Troy has filled over 1,000 need requests from foster, kinship and adoptive families in Troy, Miami County and the surrounding counties.

Zion is collecting the items listed below. On the table are pink slips of paper listing the needed items. Take one to remind you when you go shopping. They will be taken to Seeds of Hope in Troy. Please drop off your donations in the narthex by **Sunday April 26th**. Needed: All sizes of diapers, Girls and boys training pant, Baby wipes, New or lightly used baby/toddler clothes, Walmart gift cards.

WOMEN OF ZION TEA PARTY- Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm.

Join us for our inaugural tea party. Come and enjoy scones, tea sandwiches and desserts with delicious teas. Hats and gloves are optional but fun! Please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

A sign-up poster is available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** if you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Bob for the garage key.

SHREDDING EVENT RETURNS - Saturday, May 2nd 11:00am - 2:00 pm

Thrivent is once again sponsoring a free community shredding event in our parking lot. Donations will go to our youth fund. Hunter Parks with Hearts Hot Dogs will be providing lunch. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Needy Basket. Limit of 5 boxes of paper per vehicle. We need a few volunteers to help unload vehicles. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY REDEDICATION is May 17th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

The cemetery is located at 723 South Hyatt Street beside the Catholic church. The first Lutheran church stood on this site and those who rest there carried the faith forward from its earliest day. We gather to honor their lives, preserve their memory, and celebrate the heritage entrusted to us across two centuries.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: FUN, FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

This summer, Jessica Dorn and a dedicated team are planning a series of events designed to bring people together in Christian fellowship. After a very successful first year—where youth and families enjoyed activities like rock painting, a paper airplane tournament, and a visit to Boonshoft—they're excited to build on that momentum. Even more fun and meaningful events are already in the works for this summer. If you have ideas or activities you'd love to see included, please reach out to Jessica Dorn. Be sure to watch for upcoming announcements with event dates and details!

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY

Are you planning a vacation this summer? Heading out of Tipp City for a while? Wherever your travels take you, your discipleship and growth in faith don't have to pause. At Zion, we've gathered a variety of resources to help you stay connected and spiritually nourished—whether you're at home or away. On our website, you'll find podcasts, Bible study tools, recommended bookshops, and more to encourage you along the way. Simply visit ziontippcity.org and click on the "Spiritual Resources" tab to explore.

COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, June 27, Zion Lutheran Church will host a Community Ice Cream Social in our parking lot from 2:30–4:30 PM as part of our 200th anniversary celebration. There will be something for everyone—an ice cream truck, bounce houses, games, crafts, a balloon artist, and more! Best of all, this event is open to the entire Tipp City community and beyond. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers—everyone is welcome. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and celebration. It's a party you won't want to miss!

STAY CONNECTED

Check out everything Zion has to offer online! Simply scan the Linktree QR code below to access our website, social media, and more—all in one convenient place.



GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY

Zion Lutheran Church offers a simple and secure way to give online through Tithe.ly, a trusted platform used by churches across the country. To make a gift, just scan the QR code below.



ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS July 25th at 7:05

Mark your calendars. More information and a sign up sheet will be coming next weekend.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, April 26

Storypoint Outreach

Monday, April 27

10:30 am
3:30 pm

Mission Quilts
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensi-

bly)

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 am
8:00 pm

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Wednesday, April 29

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*