

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12 (ESV)

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24 (ESV)

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the

world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

John 10:11-18 (ESV)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."



April 21, 2024
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Zion Lutheran Church
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather ~ *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep.* The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service Setting Three	181
OPENING HYMN “ <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> ”	700
SERMON HYMN “ <i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> ”	709
SERMON “ <i>Evidence</i> ”	1 John 3:18-24
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “ <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name</i> ”	549
“ <i>I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table</i> ”	618
“ <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> ”	588
CLOSING HYMN “ <i>The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want</i> ”	710

Pastor	Larry Warsinski	Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
Elders	Dale Rohde and Paul Bohn	Altar Guild	Volunteer needed
Ushers	Dave Hutfilz and Dave Little		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance – 61 Needed for *The Lord’s Work* at Zion \$3,934 Received for *the Lord’s Work* \$3,872 includes \$1350 parsonage rent; Capital Improvements \$170; God’s Helping Hands \$130.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: April 21-Jonathan Berger, Dave Berger, Jim McQuiston, Marsha Pretzer; April 23- Shirley Fraser (her 88th, Sierra Hanson; April 26- Dick Gofton (his 96th), Thomas Hollingsworth, Katie McCoy, Mark Richardson.

This week’s memory verse ~ “Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” John 14:19

There will be a voters’ meeting April 28 following the worship service at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the worship service. All confirmed members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend this meeting as we will be voting to place a pastoral call.

St. Peter Lutheran Church is hosting a series of **GriefShare** beginning June 4th. 4 through August 27 from 10:30 am to noon. This is a grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. You’ll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Led by Deaconess Shirley, session topics include what’s normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries. For more information, contact Deaconess Shirley. Visit www.griefshare.org/groups/235053 or call the church office (989.642.8188) to register.

The Hemlock Lions Club is having a scrap metal drive for the month of April. Clean up your scrap metal and bring it to the dumpster behind the Richland Township Fire department 1099 N Hemlock Rd. Funds raised will be used to support community of Hemlock.

Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation. We continue our review of Section One, The Ten Commandments.

The Fourth Commandment ~ Honor your father and your mother.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.
What does this mean? We should fear love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.