

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025 A.D.

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING** 11:00 "The Body of Christ"  
"Jesus Loves Me"

**OPENING HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (LSB 821)

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13 (antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)*

**P** I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C** He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;  
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his  
people, Israel his inheritance.

**P** With upright heart he shepherded them  
and guided them with his skillful hand.

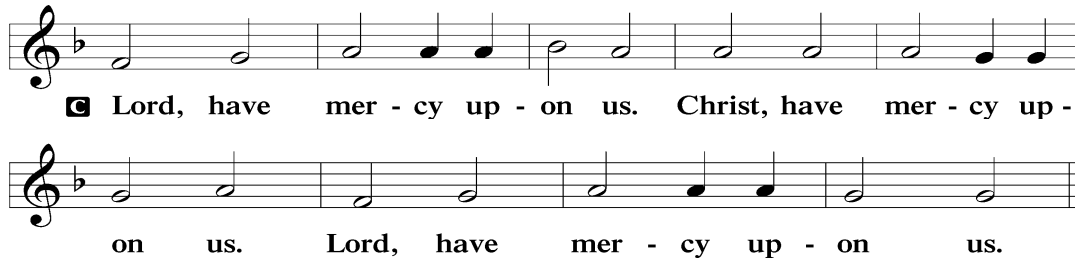
**C** But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;  
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I am the good shepherd.

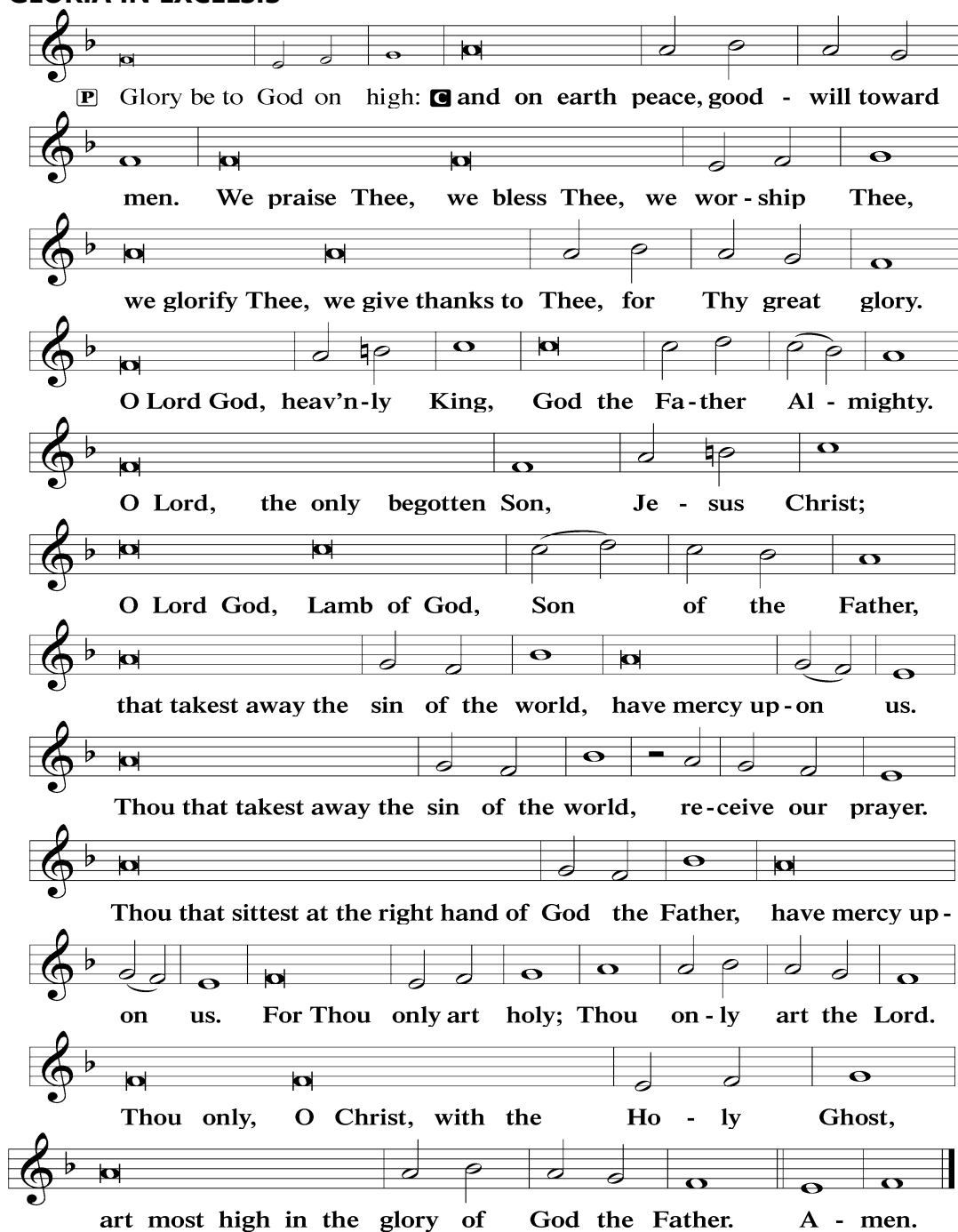
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### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is in a serif font, with some words in all caps and some in title case. The lyrics are: "Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men."

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## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 20:17–35*      (“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.”)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **ANTHEM**

“I Choose Love”

*(Thompson/Miller)*

Faith Choir

*This morning’s anthem was written for the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. It was the scene of a tragic and racially motivated assault that resulted in the deaths of nine African American Bible Study attendees. During the trial of the assailant Dylan Roof, surviving family members of the deceased chose to forgive the young man. The song is a testament to the power of peace and forgiveness in a world of pain, war and brokenness. Its message is, “We choose love; we choose healing and community. We never give up on our Lord, because the Good Shepherd will never give up on us.” The music ends on an unresolved chord, which signifies hope.....*

**EPISTLE**      *Revelation 7:9–17*      (The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

## ALLELUIA



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:22–30* (No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd’s hand.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

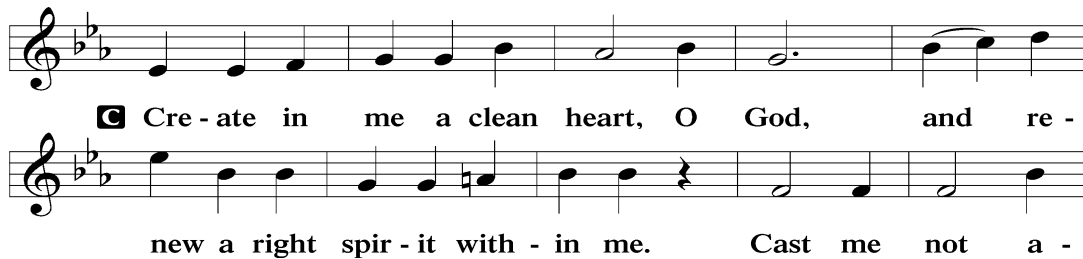
## BIBLE LESSON

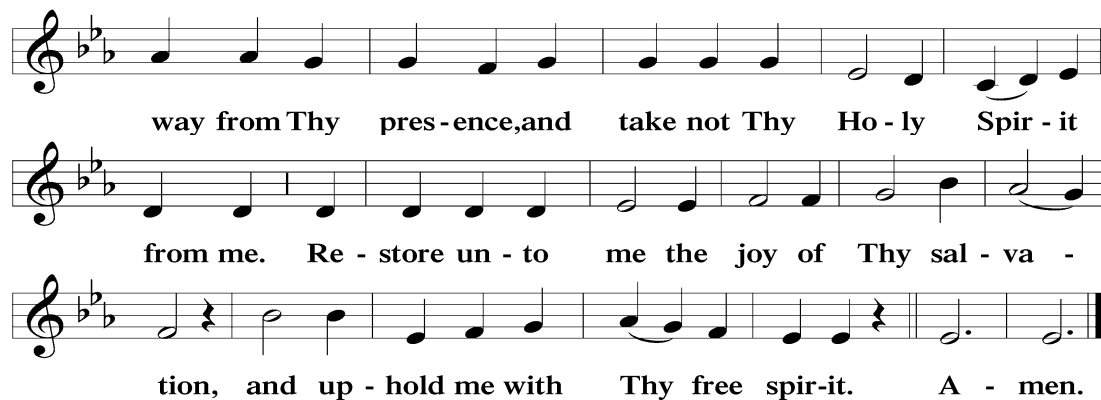
**SERMON HYMN** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LSB 709)

**SERMON** “Farewell and Godspeed” (Acts 20:17-35)  
*Pastor Sam Handschke*

**CREED** 8:30 am *Apostles’* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00 am *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

## OFFERTORY



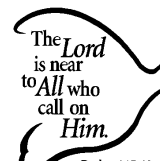


## OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Please stand)*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,



**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, Shepherd of souls, Your apostle Paul promised that fierce opposition and twisted speech would come against Your Church, even from within her own fold. Raise up faithful men to pastor Your flock through these threats, and grant that they would not shrink from proclaiming the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish

evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all the living, You shepherd Your saints through the gate of death, out of all tribulation, to the very throne room of heaven. Bless those who grieve [*for* \_\_\_\_\_], and give them eyes of faith to see the deaths they mourn in light of the resurrection of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, enthroned in heaven, You gather Your saints into the shelter of Your presence, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here, and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**11:00 am**

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

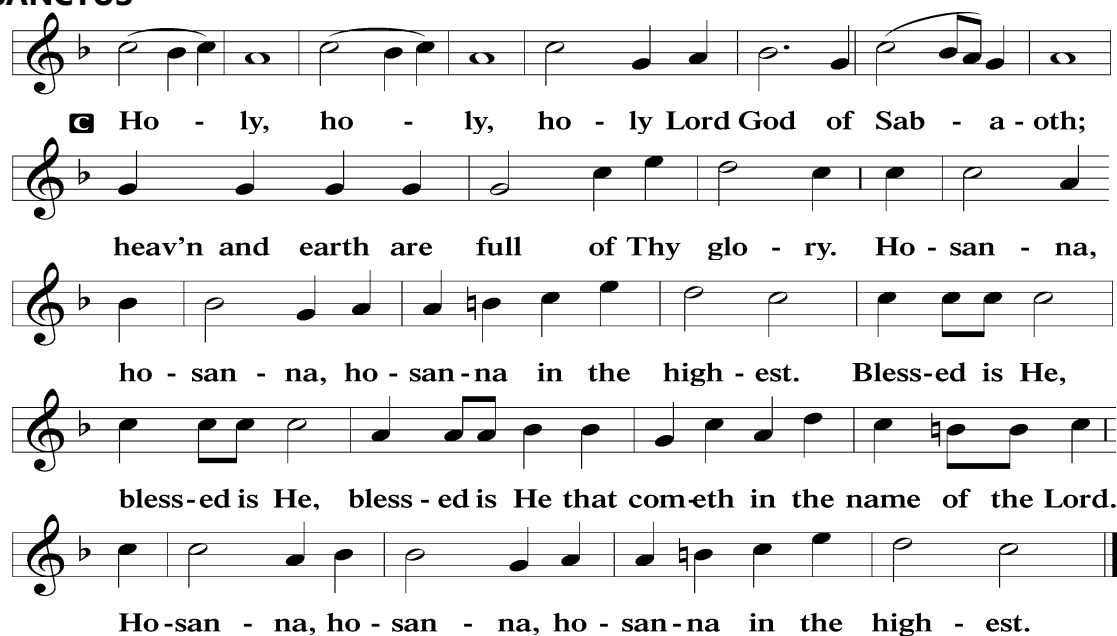
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore,



with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify  
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB 711)



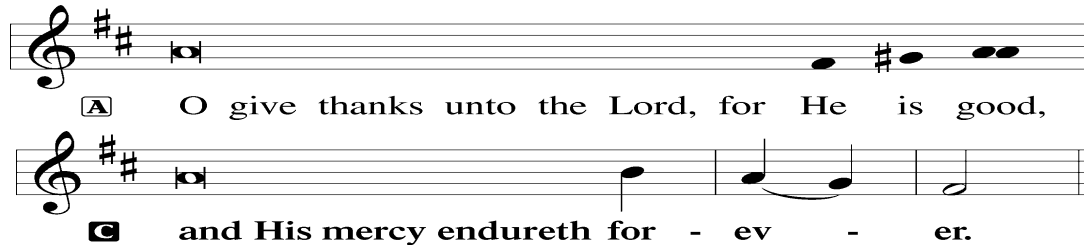
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## NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,  
a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and



## THANKSGIVING



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Bless we the Lord.

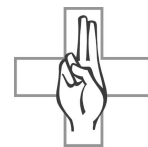
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24–26*



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**AS WE GATHER** Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so

familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday of Easter!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching this morning** is Rev. Samuel Handschke. Pastor & Susan Urbach are worshipping at Faith "East" in Sioux Falls this morning for Pastor Scott Sailer's retirement as District President. Pastor Urbach has an opportunity to share some thoughts as well. Pastor Sailer not only served as District President but also as pastor in Howard, Hot Springs, Sioux Falls and as a pastor on the staff of Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our



forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Apr. 30, Att. No service;** Offering \$0.00; **Sun., May 4, Att. 415;** General Fund \$23,584.77; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$440.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$3,210.00; Memorial in memory of Dorothy Bierwagen \$50.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$100.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

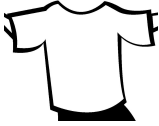
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**Thanks to “Do-Gooders”** – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank all of the people who sewed such beautiful pillowcases! You can see some of the pillowcases-turned-dresses on display in the narthex. All of the folks who work on these “Little Dresses” not only make up the kits for easy sewing, they also use their creativity to make something beautiful. These dresses will go to Mexico as part of the yearly mission trip and will be given to girls to add to their outfits. Thank you to everyone who helped at each step of this project.

**Little Dresses Project** The Faith Lutheran LWML is once again coordinating the Little Dresses project. Pillowcases will be turned into dresses as part of our global mission outreach. Contact LWML President Kristy Deal (605-280-7004) for more information. ***We do need volunteers to sew “little dresses” from the pillowcases, buttons and trim in the kits.*** These all need to be returned as soon as possible so they can be boxed and made ready for travel.



**Wanted: Tee-shirts for little boys for Mexico.**

The little girls get the pretty, sweet dresses made by the LWML and ladies of our congregation. The little boys need some new clothing as well.

**Please drop off tee-shirts in the box in the church narthex by May 19.**

**Newsletter Deadline** The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything that should be advertised that is coming up in June, please get it to Helen by Friday, May 16.



**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Did you know that even from the womb a child comes to know his or her mother's voice, nurturing their bond, providing comfort, and building trust? As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we also mark Good Shepherd Sunday on the church calendar. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, says "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Thank you, Lord for the gift of mothers who reflect the comfort, security, and love of our Good Shepherd, Jesus and for the incredible gift of hearing his voice in our churches and homes! Happy Mother's Day! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Main Street Living** "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - "Out of Bondage"** - A Christian approach to alcoholism.

**10:30 AM** - Rev. Shawn Ethridge, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN, presents a message titled "A Good Shepherd for Us." The sermon is based on John 10:22-30. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

# Faith Lutheran Youth



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

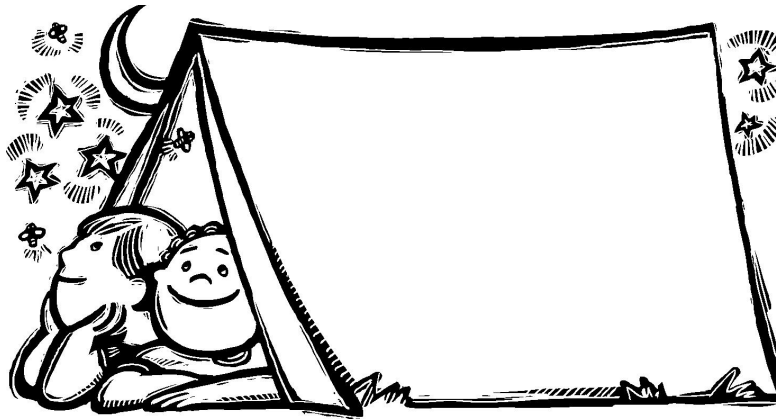


**Camp Minneboji** It's a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

**Circuit Bible Camp** Students who are finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.



## ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

### **Today: May 11 Mother's Day**

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study  
9:45 am Graduation Reception  
11:00 am Communion  
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.  
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow

### **Mon: May 12**

7:00 pm LWML

### **Tues: May 13**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
6:15 pm Board of Property Mgt.

### **Wed: May 14**

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism  
6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study  
6:30 pm Jesus Bible Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: May 15**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

### **Sat: May 17**

3-8 pm Roman Graduation Reception

### **Sun: May 18**

8:30 am Communion  
9:45 am Luke Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Stanley Co. HS Graduation  
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.  
2:00 pm Riggs High Graduation  
3:00 pm Board of Education

