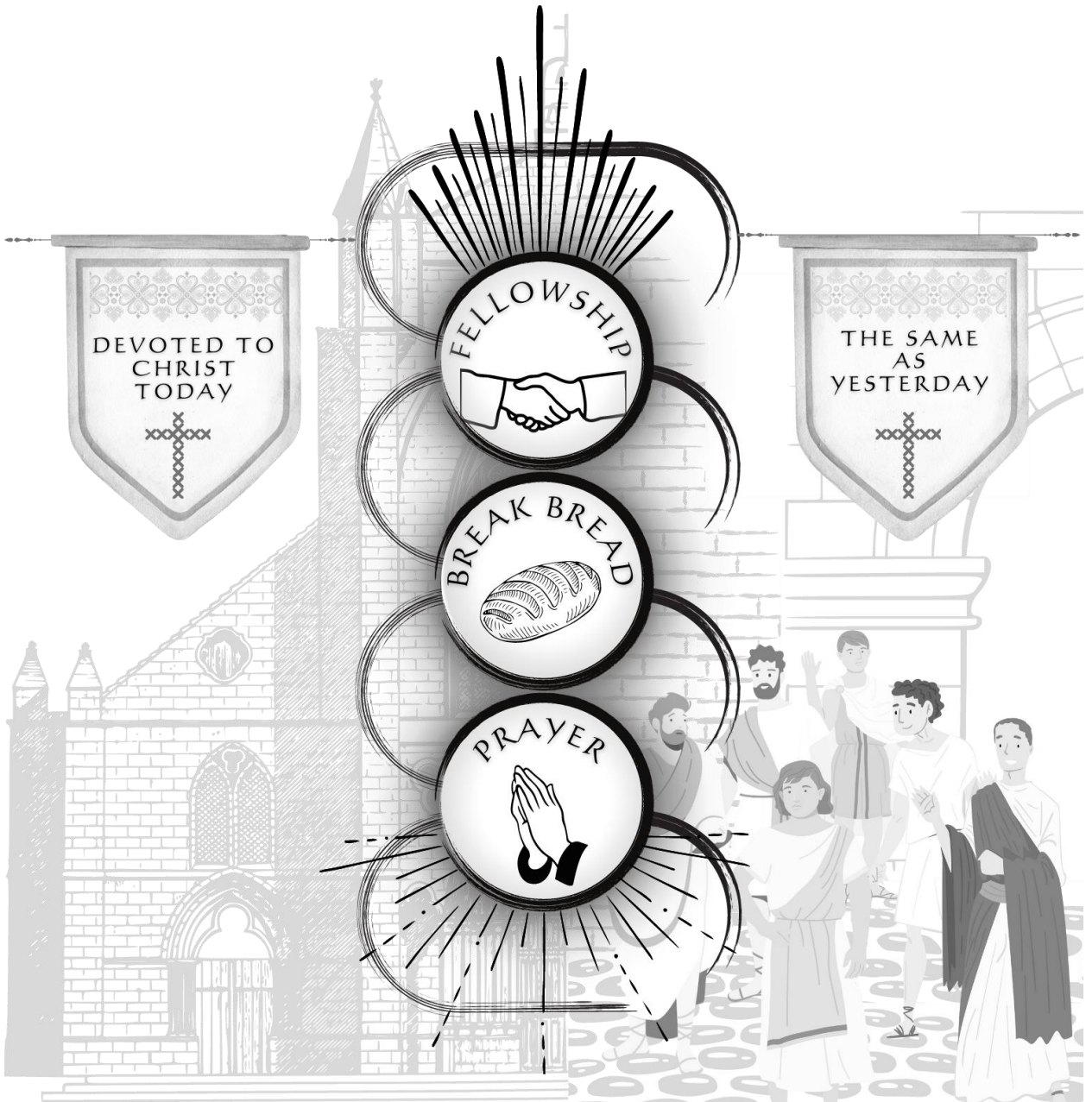


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Second Sunday of Easter

April 29th and 30th, 2023

The Season

This season of Easter is a 50- day-long celebration of the fact that we have a Savior who rose from the grave. We believe this life-changing truth. Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means for us.

The Sunday

Jesus chose the shepherd to illustrate how he cares for us. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from that roaring lion, Satan. Jesus is leading us into the green pasture of eternal life. For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that he lives to be our Good Shepherd.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the portions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am)

Steve Wolter (10:30 am)

This Joyful Eastertide

CW 449
Stand for stanza 3



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

earth. 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.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Shepherd Me, O God

Psalm 23B

The minister sings the verses

The congregation sings the refrain

Refrain

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verse

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace. *Refrain*

Verse

2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you

lead me by path-ways of right-eous-ness and truth, my
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name. *Refrain*

Verse

3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your
rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope. *Refrain*

Verse

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of ha-tred,
crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Verse

5 Sure - ly your kind-ness and mer - cy fol - low me
all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my
God for - ev - er - more. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd;

I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1–10

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Sermon

*Children may come
forward to the front pew*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

Sermon

Acts 2:42-47 – *The Church Devotes Itself to Christ*

Stand

1. *In Worship*
2. *In Fellowship*

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

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The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.' The third staff continues with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -'. The fourth staff continues with 'na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The sixth staff concludes with 'na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

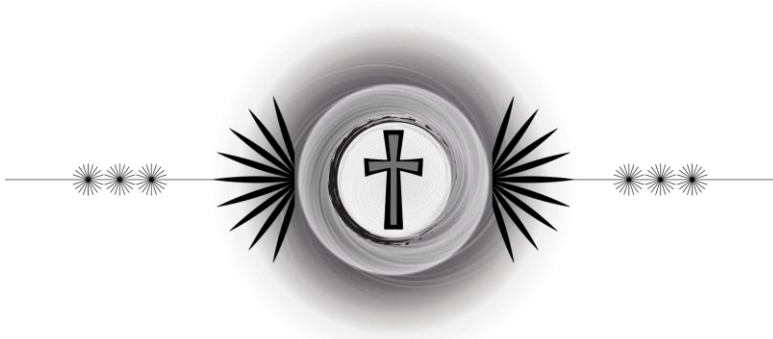


Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.



Distribution

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear
3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through-out the
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,
earth no rest is found, and false-hood's spir -
slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;
the guile and rage of Satan stay.
Oh, may your mercy never cease;
give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 A trusty weapon is your Word,
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
that we may seek no other guide.
- 7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

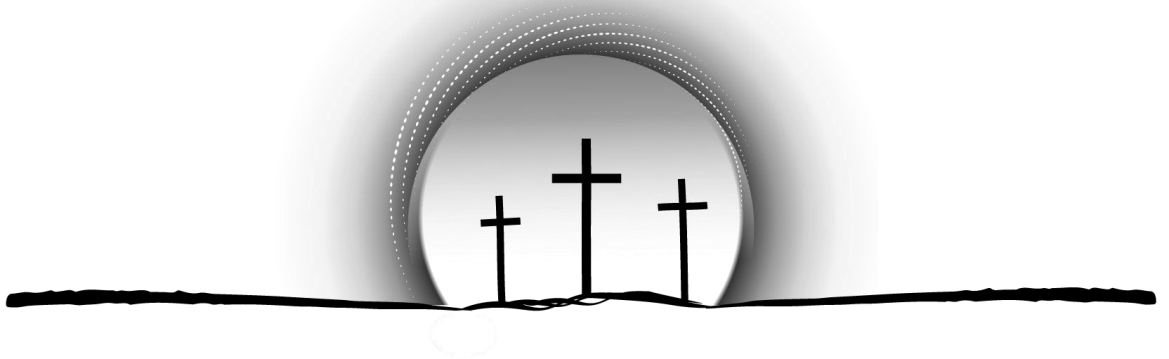
Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.



Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -

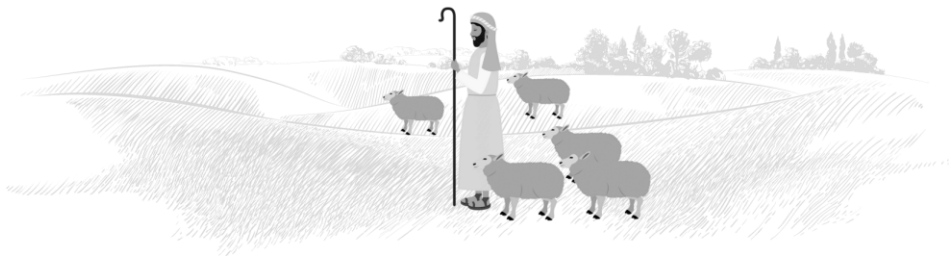


safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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Announcements

Mark Hesse's Call Response:

Dear St. Lucas Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement as I deliberated between my calls at Memorial and St. Lucas. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the Lord, let alone two good opportunities. However, at this time it is clear that I am still needed at St. Lucas, so after prayer and deliberation, I have decided to decline this call to Memorial Lutheran Church and School.

Join me in praying that God continues to bless and keep the congregation of Memorial as they carry out his work in Williamston, MI. I look forward to the blessings God has in store for St. Lucas and the continued work we can do together. "May [the Lord] give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed," (Psalm 20:4).

In Christ,

Mark A. Hesse

Jennifer Trimmer's Call Response:

Dear members of St. Lucas and St. John's St. James,

A few weeks ago, the members of St. Johns St. James extended a call to me to teach special education and principal release. After many conversations and prayers I have decided to return the call and remain at St. Lucas. I feel that there is still work for me to do here. The calling process seems to be made even more challenging in recent times where we seem to have less teachers than the needs that are seen. The Lord knows the plans he has for all of us and I will continue to keep St Johns St James in my prayers as you continue the search to fill your teaching needs.

In His Service,

Jennifer Trimmer

Camp Phillip Day Camp – Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls

Sign up now for Pilgrim's Camp Phillip Day Camp, for students going into grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp is just \$50 per camper for five days of fun! You can register using this QR code:

Spots are filling fast; we hope you can join us! You can see what Camp Phillip offers at their facilities in Wautoma on their website at www.campphillip.com. The beauty of day camp is that they "bottle up the essence of Camp Phillip's summer camp program and bring it to our church as an alternative week-long program."



Support KML Theatre: If you own a business or your place of work would be interested in supporting KML's theatre program through advertising their business logo on the screens at the performances of *The Crucible*, please view and share the letter at kmlhs.org/crucible-ad. Questions? Contact Mrs. Luba Rohrback (262.685.7515; lyubov.rohrback@kmlhs.org).

KML Spring Play: *The Crucible*

Join us for Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of the classic play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller on Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door at KML beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5 each.

Lutheran Memorial Park: It's time for spring clean-up at the cemeteries. Just a reminder that all Christmas Decorations should be removed no later than April 15th. Please take your refuse with you as there are no containers at the Cemeteries. Anything placed outside of the designated planting area will be removed and placed next to the shed for a short time and then disposed of. The "Responsibilities of Family and Friends of the Deceased" as it relates to Lutheran Memorial Park is posted at the entrance area and on the shed at the cemetery. Thank you for helping to keep our cemeteries looking beautiful. Memorials to Lutheran Memorial Park are appreciated in helping maintain Cemeteries.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

Birthdays:

Jen Kertscher – 5/1

Sandy Shambeau – 5/1

Rosa Rudzitis – 5/2

Jean Vorpahl – 5/3

Matthew Kempf – 5/4

Megan Dreher – 5/5

Anniversaries:

Steven & Susan Backhaus – 5/3

Calendar

Readings for April 30th – May 7th, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
30	01	02
<i>Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36</i> <i>Luke 9:1-17</i>	<i>Leviticus 9:1-24</i> <i>Luke 9:18-36</i>	<i>Leviticus 10:1-20</i> <i>Leviticus 11:1-15:33</i> <i>Luke 9:37-62</i>
*Worship w/Communion 8am Sunday School & Bible Hour 9:15am *Worship w/Communion 10:30am		Bible hour 6:30pm
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03	04	05
<i>Leviticus 16:1-24</i> <i>Luke 10:1-22</i>	<i>Leviticus 17:1-16</i> <i>Luke 10:23-42</i>	<i>Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8</i> <i>Luke 11:1-13</i>
Public School Catechism 3:30 pm	Bible hour 10am	School Chapel Service 7:45am
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	USHERS
06	07	
<i>Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37</i> <i>Luke 11:14-36</i>	<i>Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27</i> <i>Luke 11:37-54</i>	
*Worship 6pm Confirmation Examination	*Worship 8am Sunday School & Bible Hour 9:15am *Worship 10:30am Confirmation 1 pm	Saturday 4/29: Peters 6pm Sunday 4/30: Stolz 8am Wolter 10:30am Saturday 5/6: Beyer 6pm Sunday 5/7: Schacht 8am Strack 10:30am

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