



Third Sunday of Easter

April 13th & 14th, 2024

The Season

Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. The reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).!

The Sunday

The resurrection gives believers a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

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 potions 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: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)
Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Joe Herther (10:30 am Sunday)



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Tune: Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684 Text and tune: Public domain In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 172

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.







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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Acts 3:11–20

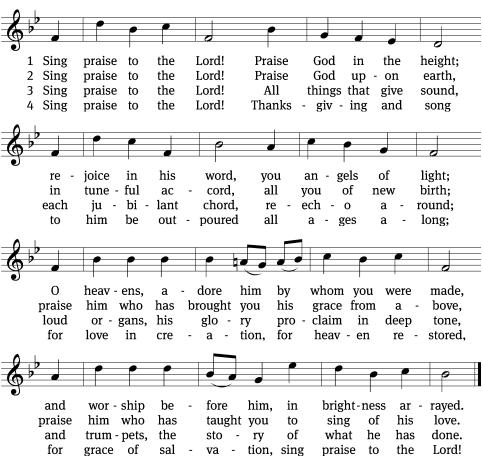
Peter healed a lame beggar and used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about Jesus.

"While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. "When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. "You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. "Syou killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Second Reading

1 John 1:5-2:2

John summarizes the meaningful message that God is light.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

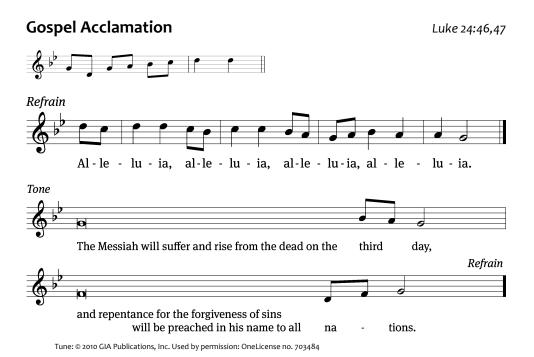
⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



Gospel Luke 24:36–49

The risen Savior gives us peace and a mission.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

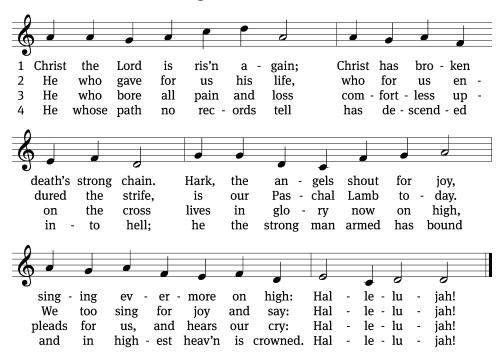
Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

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- 5 He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.

 Hallelujah!
- 6 Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!

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Sermon

Acts 3:11-20 Times of Refreshment Come from the Lord

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

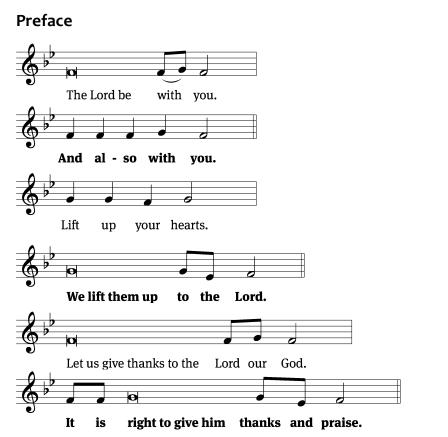
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The Sacrament

Stand



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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:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.**



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Distribution

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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- 1 Come, you faith ful, raise the strain of tri um phant glad ness!
- 2 See the spring of souls to day: Christ has burst his pris on,
- 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
- 4 For to day a mong his own Christ appeared, be stowing
- 5 Al le lu ia! Now we cry to our King im mor tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to iov from sad - ness. and from three days' sleep in death as sun has ris - en; a with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its iov to ren - der; bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing. who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar-aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh-ters, all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true comes to af - fec - tion Nei - ther could the gates of death the tomb's dark por - tal nor Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain tri - um - phant glad - ness! of



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters. from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing. wel-come un - wea - ried strains Ie - sus' in res - ur - rec - tion! nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him a mor - tal. as God has brought his iov from sad-ness! Is - ra - el in - to

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754 Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547 Text and tune: Public domain 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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

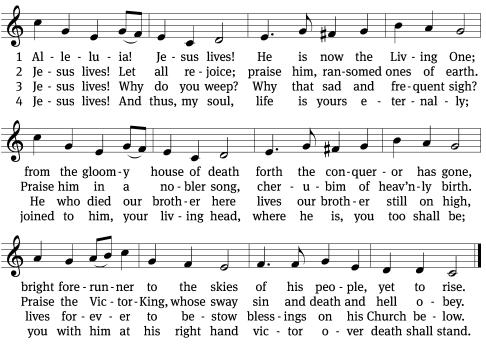
Blessing

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.



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Announcements

Annual Flower Sale: It's that time of year again for one of our PTO's biggest fundraisers, the annual flower sale. New this year, there are a select variety of vegetables being offered! Order forms are available at the back of church, so please pick one up on your way out. Please note that the order forms are double sided to accommodate all of the options. Please turn your orders in at the school and give them to the Church/School Secretary, Jana Baumann, or place them in the PTO mailbox located in the school office. Order are due by **MONDAY, APRIL 15th, 2024.** Checks should be made payable to St. Lucas PTO. Please feel free to contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 if you should have any question.

Mr. Mark Hesse's Call Response

Dear St. Lucas Family,

I am humbled and honored to be a part of the Lord's work, helping and training his children. As part of each call deliberation, I reflect on where God would best utilize the gifts he's given me. As he so often does, God has placed two good paths before me. While the opportunities in Manitowoc are appealing, I see that I am still needed here in Kewaskum. After prayerful consideration, I have decided to decline my call to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

I always appreciate your support and prayers. Thank you all for your encouragement during my call deliberation. I am blessed to continue serving at St. Lucas and remaining a part of God's ministry here.

Please join me in praying for Manitowoc Lutheran High School, that the right candidate joins their team and helps them expand God's kingdom as well. I enjoy getting the chance to talk to other schools and remind myself that we are all on the same team, working to spread the good news throughout the world.

In Christ, Mark A. Hesse

Taste of Missions: Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at <u>tasteofmissions.com</u>.

Seminary Scurry: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Seminary Scurry will be on Saturday, April 20th, 2024. The Scurry is a 5K run/walk with a cookout lunch provided after the 5K. Check in is from 9am-10am, the Kids Dash begins at 10 am, and the 5K begins at 10:30 am. Registration for adults is \$20, and students K-12th grade are free. Register online by April 14th at wisluthsem.org under NEWS & EVENTS.

Upcoming Concerts at KML: All are invited to attend the upcoming band and choir concerts at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. (All concerts are available live at kmlhs.org/stream for those unable to attend in person.)

- Jazz & Echoes Concert: Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 PM
- **Percussion Concert:** Saturday, May 11, 6:30 PM
- Spring Concert: Saturday, May 18, 6:30 PM

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee Presents - Sola Scriptura:

Saturday, April 27 at 4 p.m. ~ Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Brookfield Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Troy

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, under the direction of Levi Nagel, will present their annual spring concert entitled *Sola Scriptura*. It will highlight sacred texts that are direct quotes from

God's Word and will feature piano, organ, brass, strings, and the 48-voice Lutheran Chorale. We hope you will join us for this monumental concert as we sing the Word of God.

A freewill offering will be collected. For more information and to make an online donation, visit <u>LutheranChorale.org</u>.

Lutheran Memorial Park Spring Cleanup: Please remove all Fall and Winter decorations by April 15th. The grounds crew will begin spring cleanup at the Cemetery. Any Fall or Winter items that are salvageable will be removed and placed next to the shed for the next couple weeks. Then they will be discarded. There is list of Rules and Regulations as it relates to what is allowed on the Cemetery, posted at the entrance to the Cemetery as well as on the side of the shed. These guidelines are enforced by the Cemetery Board, Sexton, and Grounds Staff. We thank everyone for beautifying the Cemetery, and for our grounds maintenance staff who keep it looking it's very best. And a reminder there is no water or trash cans at the Cemeteries.

KML Spring Play

Join us for Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of the play *While the Lights Were Out** by Jack Sharkey on **Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 PM**. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5 each.

*While the Lights Were Out is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.

KMLES Spring Band Concert

Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online (<u>kmlhs.org/stream</u>) as the KML Elementary School Bands glorify God through music on **Tuesday**, **April 23**, **at 6:30 PM**. We hope you can join us!

WELS Night at the Brewers: Back and better than ever, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on **Friday, July 12** to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Let's pack the stands with WELS connections!

Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating categories. Ticket prices are \$23 (Field Outfield Box), \$17 (Loge Outfield Box) and \$10 (Terrace Infield). Individual tickets are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at **brewers.com/wels**.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Rosann Millonzi – 4/14 Bernice Stange – 4/14 Lindsey Landvatter – 4/15 Harry Krueger – 4/20

CALENDAR

Readings for April 14th - April 21st



Sunday

Exodus 32:15-35 Luke 6:39-49

Worship w/Communion 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

Monday

Exodus 33:1-23 Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday

Exodus 34:1-28 Luke 7:18-35

Bible Study - 6:30 pm Ace Team Meeting -7 pm

Wednesday

Exodus 34:29-35:21 Exodus 35:22-38:20 Luke 7:36-50

Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm

Thursday

Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22, 23, 27-31 Luke 8:1-21

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am Ladies Guild - 6:30 pm

Friday

Exodus 39:32-40:16 Luke 8:22-39

Saturday

Exodus 40:17-38 Leviticus 1:1-7:38 Luke 8:40-56

Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday

Leviticus 8:1-13,30-36 Luke 9:1-17

Worship 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am **Worship 10:30 am**

Ushers for 4/20 & 4/21

Sat. 4/20 6 pm - Beyer

Sun. 4/21 8 am - Zuehlke Sun. 4/21 10:30 am - Wolter

Ushers for 4/27 & 4/28

Sat. 4/27 6 pm - Kempf

Sun. 4/28 8 am - Stoltz

Sun. 4/28 10:30 am - Strack

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