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The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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## Divine Service - Setting One

**Prelude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" setting by Martha Sobaje  
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### Confession and Absolution

**Hymn 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

sts. 1, 3, 7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall.  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.

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#### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 23; 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 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

**C He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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

**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.

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

**Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy*

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

# This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

Sit

**First Reading** Acts 4:1–12

Peter and John Before the Council

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Women's Choir** "I'll Walk With God" Webster/Brodzky/Ernst

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**Epistle** 1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel *John 10:11-18*

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

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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."

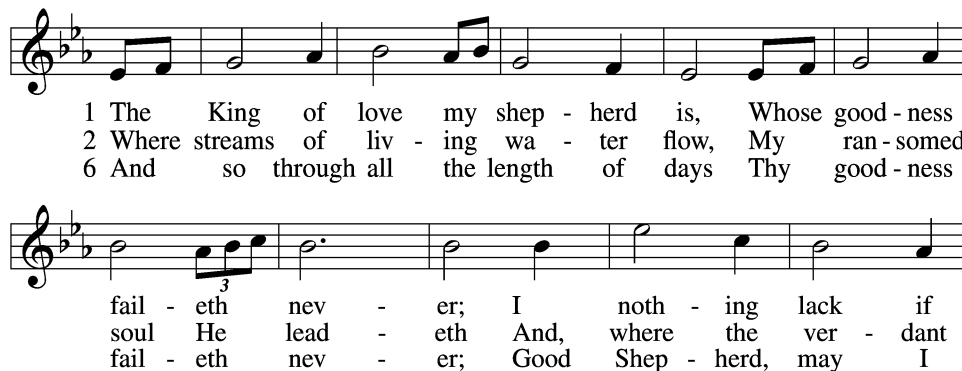
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## Hymn 709 **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

sts. 1-2, 6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
6 And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness  
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come.

Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and  
gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf  
and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** ...with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

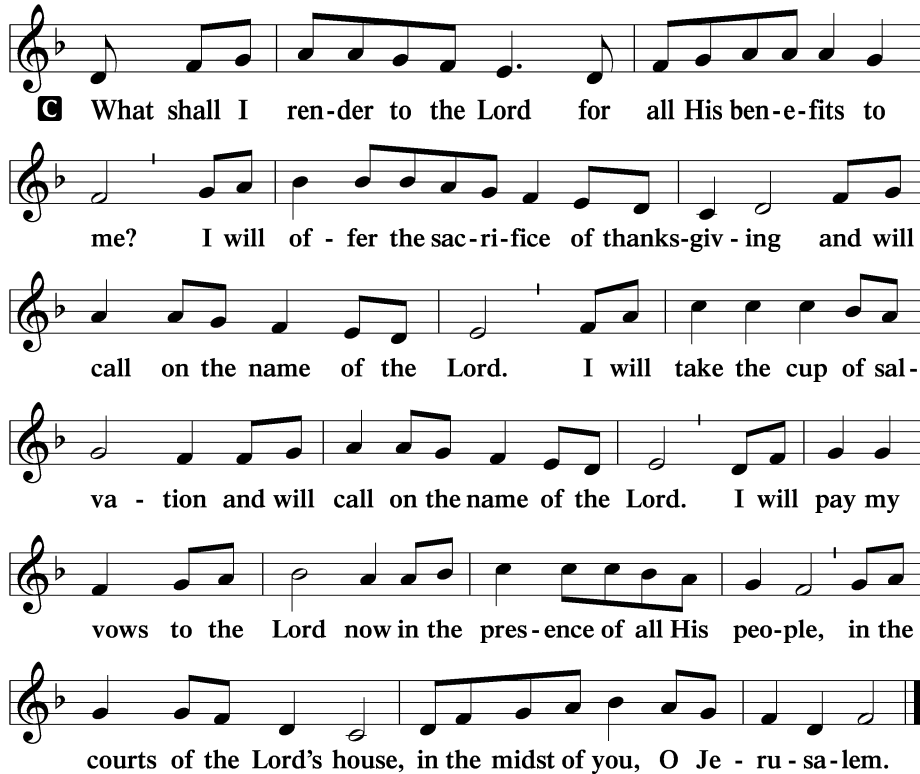
*Sit*

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*Stand*

**Offertory**

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface**

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

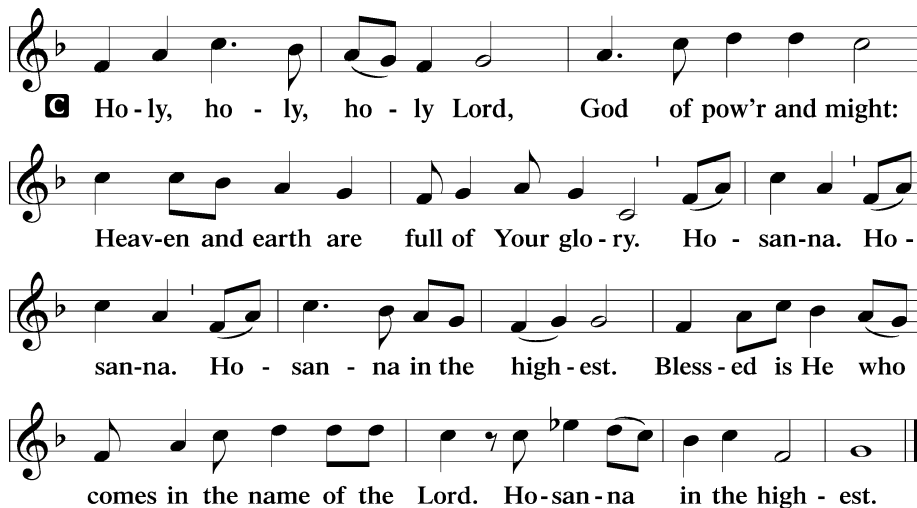


- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord

LSB 163

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei *Lamb of God*

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

## Distribution

### Hymn 749 There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.  
 And if you lack for knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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### Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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## Hymn 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 How cold my warmest thought!  
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
 And may the music of Thy name  
 Refresh my soul in death!

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Stand

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## 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 in 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.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**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.

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# Hymn 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Postlude: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

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### THIS WEEK at TMLC

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 PM	SAI Meeting
		FLC Event
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 AM	May Newsletter & Calendar Deadline
	6:00 PM	Church Council
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:00 PM	Confirmation (last one)
	5:30 PM	Hand Bells
	6:30 PM	Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Trivia Night (7:00 PM Event Begins)

**Witness Statement** John 10:11-18: Jesus taught His disciples and, by extension, we as His people, that He is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. What can stop the witness of those who no longer fear death? Every enemy has been vanquished by the Good Shepherd. What Good News this is for our comfort and all of the sheep not yet in the fold. So, boldly share the Good News that there is a very Good Shepherd in the Risen Jesus Christ who came for the sake of all of the sheep.



**God sets a table before us and anoints us  
with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows  
(Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship!**

9:00 a.m. worship services with Holy Communion  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study

### **SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Brian J. Nygaard
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Shawn Deedrick
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Katie Hurst
<b>Reader:</b>	Bill Eich
<b>Organist:</b>	Suzanne Hale
<b>Special Music:</b>	Women's Choir



**Altar Flowers:** The beautiful flowers adorning the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God, by Bill & Pam Eich, in memory of their daughter Melissa Ann Eich.

**Trivia Night "Through the Decades"** on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7:00 pm  
Doors open at 6:00 pm for Table Decorating  
To sign up call the office at (219) 769-5376

For anyone wanting to attend the Trivia Night — John Heidbreder has **free seats** at his table. Please sign up on the main bulletin board or see John.

**Field Trip** — On May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM, we are going as a congregation to **The Shrine of Christ's Passion** in St. John. Club Cars are available for those not wanting to walk the whole grounds. Please sign up and mark if you need a car.

### **SISTERS IN CHRIST ACTIVITIES**

- ☀ Shipshewana Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please sign up!
- ☀ We are going out to eat! Join us on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Asparagus in Merrillville. Please sign up if you can attend. See Celeste for more information.

### **Interested in helping with an Outreach Event for Food Bank of Northwest Indiana**

Contact Dr. Brian E. Thompson, 219-616-1655, [betdvm@comcast.net](mailto:betdvm@comcast.net)



### **Mowing Season is HERE!**

Please sign up to mow around the perimeter of the church.  
If you have any questions, see Mike Shultz.

## Are you GRADUATING this year ?

We would like to know! Please send us your Graduation Information (High School, Military, College, or Career certification) and future plans to [tmlamore@att.net](mailto:tmlamore@att.net) for acknowledgement **on June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you!



Adventure awaits you this summer at Camp Lutherhaven! Race your friends in a kayak, make a craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry night sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven the only question is 'What one will I try today?' There are programs for all ages: youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone!

Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org) or call for more information at 260.636.7101.

Save the Date for **VBS**—June 24-28 See Dave Milan for questions

### WAYS TO GIVE AT TRINITY MEMORIAL

Mail/Drop-Off: You can mail or drop-off your Offerings at Trinity Memorial.

Our address is 7950 Marshall Street, Merrillville, IN 46410.

Our Office hours are 8:30 AM—4:30 PM (Monday –Friday)

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Contact Cheryl Wilson at (219) 644-9823 or church office at (219) 769-5376.

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“Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (Matt. 26:26-28)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayer.” (Acts 2:42) “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (1 Cor. 11:28-29)

In keeping with the doctrine and practice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we practice a Close Communion. That is, we normally offer Holy Communion only to those with whom we have Altar Fellowship. Therefore, we invite those members of other LCMS congregations and those who are in table fellowship with the LCMS to the Lord's Tables.

Members of other congregations along with those who are unconfirmed, are invited to mediate on God's Word during this time or you may also come to the railing (with arms crossed over your chest in the shape of an X) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

If you have further questions, please speak with the pastor or freely take from our information rack, “A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper”, and/or “A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion”.

**Please Note:** The center cups of the individual tray contain denatured white wine for those who wish to refrain from alcohol. Gluten Free wafers are available, please notify Pastor before communing.