

The Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 8:00 and 10:45 AM
Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 469
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Divine Service Setting One

Lutheran Service Book pg. 151

Introit

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

Congregation chants versus in **bold**

In Your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol You, O LORD, for You have | drawn Me up*
and have not let My foes rejoice | over Me.**

O LORD My God, I cried to | You for help,*
and You have | healed Me.

**O LORD, You have brought up My soul | from Sheol;*
You restored Me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | You His saints,*
and give thanks to His | holy name.

**For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

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

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise - *This is the Feast*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day

LSB 483

With High Delight Let Us Unite

The Sermon

“Opened to Us the Scriptures”

Text:

Luke 24:36-49

The Nicene Creed

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Shepherd of Tender Youth

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	4/4/24	6:30 p.m.	No Service
Sunday	4/7/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	72 40

FLOWERS are given in memory of Betty Gerloff.

BULLETINS are given in celebration of Judy Hanson’s birthday.

WE PRAY for Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Melissa Brunner (daughter of Estes Grober and niece of the Gerloffs), Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Dale Grudzina (friend of the Wangs), Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Michelle Johnson, Patricia Kattner (aunt of Amanda McGraw, sister of Pam Coerper), Marilyn Kolter, May Lindenberg, Barbara Linder, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Laurelle Rendon (cousin of Linda Goetz), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Sherri Syta, and Glen and Jeff Wolffersdorff (brothers of Donna Metzfeld).

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the Wang family whose brother-in-law, Bob Bales, passed away on April 1, 2024.

SERVICE CHANGE In order to allow more opportunities for our parish family to intermingle, our Pastor and our Board of Elders have planned for a single Sunday Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. This will begin on Memorial Day weekend and end after Labor Day weekend. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue.

SPRING CAMPUS CLEANUP Please plan to help clean up Our Father’s campus on **Saturday, April 20** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Items to bring: hedger, shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, etc. Tasks to perform: trim bushes, fill holes in the lawn, plant grass, spread mulch, pick up trash, etc. Bring your own gloves and energy! If you have any questions, please contact Jon Kurth at (414) 881-5596.

INVITE PASTOR TO DINNER If you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on a Thursday before church, the sign-up sheet with April and May dates is now up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK Our students witnessed God's marvelous handiwork on Monday as they donned their special protective glasses and viewed the solar eclipse. Although it was technically only a partial eclipse (about 90%), they will remember this for years to come. We praise God for the orderliness of His creation!

CHILDCARE FUNDRAISER The Childcare will host their annual Spring fundraiser to help finance updates and repairs to the facility and the classrooms! We are selling Pops Kettle Corn and Country Meats Beef Sticks! We welcome your participation in this fundraising event and appreciate your involvement! Fundraiser flyers can be found in the narthex of the church or in the school office for your convenience. If you have any questions please contact Amanda McGraw at (414) 282-9057 or via email amcgraw@ourfatherslutheran.org. Thank you.

TOUR THE HOLY LAND in Lent of 2025! Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour to the Holy Land next March. To see all the destinations **PLUS** an optional trip extension to Egypt, and for dates and registration info, go to registernow.ittworld.com and put in the tour code **Koch25** to get a downloadable brochure with all the information you need. Note that there is a discount if you register before May 17. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Koch at 414-795-9005.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	4/14	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	4/17	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	4/18	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	4/20	Spring Campus Cleanup	9:00-12:00 p.m.
Sunday	4/21	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*“Opened to Us the Scriptures”
April 14 through April 20, 2024*

The season of Easter is a natural time to review the flow of the Christian liturgy and some of its mystical meaning. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection. The liturgy leads you on a path to the Resurrection each week as it culminates in the great expression of the Resurrection, the Holy Communion. There you receive the fruit of the Resurrection. The liturgy begins with the invocation which recalls your own death and resurrection in Holy Baptism. Worship is a gathering of those who have been raised up with Christ. God gives the fruits of the Resurrection in worship to those whom He has marked with His own Name. Confession and absolution return you to Baptism, to your death and resurrection. These first parts of the service are only about two hundred years old. Before that time, the divine service began with the introit or entrance psalm which marked the entrance of the people into God's presence.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
Romans 8:31-32

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 23

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Shepherd of the sheep, be with us as we walk in the midst of this valley of death, quench our thirst with the life-giving, peaceful waters of Baptism, and feed us upon Your great feast in the presence of our enemies. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Samuel 9:1-6 (7-9) 10-24
Tuesday	1 Samuel 9:25-10:16
Wednesday	1 Samuel 10:17-27
Thursday	1 Samuel 11:1-15
Friday	1 Samuel 12:1 (2-13) 14-25
Saturday	John 10:11-18

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties

To Husbands

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. *1 Peter 3:7*

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. *Colossians 3:19*

Luther, On Psalm 23:1 (1535): A sheep must live entirely by its shepherd's help, protection, and care. As soon as it loses him, it is surrounded by all kinds of dangers and must perish, for it is quite unable to help itself. The reason? It is a poor, weak, simple little beast that can neither feed nor rule itself, nor find the right way, nor protect itself against any kind of danger or misfortune. Moreover, it is by nature timid, shy, and likely to go astray. When it does go a bit astray and leaves its shepherd, it is unable to find its way back to him; indeed, it merely runs farther away from him. . . . Still, however weak and small an animal a sheep may be, it nevertheless has this trait about it: it is very careful to stay near its shepherd, take comfort in his help and protection, and follow him however and wherever he may lead it. And if it can only so much as be near him, it worries about nothing, fears no one, and is secure and happy, for it lacks absolutely nothing. It also has this virtue—and this is to be marked well, because Christ praises it especially in His sheep (John 10:4)—that it very carefully and surely hears and knows its shepherd's voice, is guided by it, does not let itself be turned away from it, but follows it without swerving. . . . Just so it is in spiritual shepherding, that is, in Christendom. As little as a natural sheep can feed, direct, guide itself, or guard and protect itself against danger and misfortune—for it is a weak and quite defenseless little animal—just so little can we poor, weak, miserable people feed and guide ourselves spiritually, walk and remain on the right path, or by our own power protect ourselves against all evil and gain help and comfort for ourselves in anxiety and distress. . . . Let us, therefore, conclude freely: as little as a natural sheep can help itself in even the slightest degree but must simply depend on its shepherd for all benefits, just so little—and much less—can a man govern himself and find comfort, help, and counsel in himself in the things that pertain to

his salvation. He must depend on God, his Shepherd, for all of that. And God is a thousand times more willing and ready to do everything that is to be done for His sheep than is any faithful human shepherd. (*LW 25:311-312, St. Louis: Concordia, 1955*)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

"They'll Listen to My Voice"
April 21, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 475, 709, 711, 482, 684, 756, 477

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 482* "This Joyful Eastertide" (stanza 1)

READINGS

Acts 4:1-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel comes from the great chapter in John describing the Good Shepherd. The Introit for the day will contain Psalm 23 and two of the hymns will be versions of that psalm. So lost is the condition of sinful man that the Good Shepherd must lay down His life for sheep who love to wander. Through the Shepherd, the Father speaks tender words to the sheep. In turn, the Shepherd appoints that through the apostolic office of the pastor the voice of the Good Shepherd may still speak to His people. The reading from the Book of Acts points out that this apostolic office is the pure preaching of the Word. It is the power through which the Holy Spirit is active among the sheep. The Epistle reflects on the great love of the Shepherd through whom we are called the children of God.



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