

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Ashley Sauer in celebration of Hannah's 2nd birthday. Happy Birthday Hannah!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My Sheep Hear My Voice, and I Know Them

May 12, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus the Good Shepherd is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP (7:30 am) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711
(10:00 am) "He Hung upon a Cross" Sunday School Ages 2-Kindergarten

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? *John 14:1-2*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
People: each of us has turned to his own way.
Pastor: But the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
People: so we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Silence for reflection and examination

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:
People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 20:17–35*

(I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the whole counsel of God.)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 23* (The Lord is my shepherd; I shall never want.)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ 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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

EPISTLE *Revelation 7:9–17* (The Lamb will be their Shepherd.)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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SOLO “Hallelujah” (Cohen/Lyrics Kelly Mooney) Karen Hassey

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” LSB 710

SERMON “Better than the Club” John 10:22-30

CREED Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(*Credo’s can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING “Sheep May Safely Graze” (J.S. Bach) Organ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21*

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” LSB 740

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 LSB 195

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” LSB 711

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Father, we thank You for having fed us on the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation, and we pray You to open our hearts to the work of Your Spirit, that we trust in Christ, our Good Shepherd, hear and follow the voice of His Word, serve You in willing obedience, and dwell in Your house forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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POSTLUDE

IN HIS SERVICE

Elder/Helper Early – Pat Crum
 Late – Gary Fawcett, Glenn Finger

Ushers Early – Bob Merz, Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto
 Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ken Holdmann, Ray Hutts, Joyce Litchfield

Greeters Early – Carol Johnson
 Late – Debbie Holewinski

Readers Early – Vicki Holewinski
 Late – Jan Toivonen

Acolytes Early – Gaige Marien
 Late – Russell Klein

Media Operators
 Early – Mike Rieck
 Late – Shele Fawcett

Altar Care – Marianne Braun, Carol Johnson

Nursery - Education Hour – Laura Lorenz
 Late Service –

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 13 | |
| Tuesday | 14 | 9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 15 | 10:30 am Martha Board
11:30 am Martha Meeting
5:30 pm Confirmation – 8 th Grade Only |
| Thursday | 16 | 9:00 am Bible Study |
| Friday | 17 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 18 | 7:00 am Men’s Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 19 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship - Confirmation |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 86, Communion: 82, Late: 120, Sunday Bible Study: 21, Sunday School: 22,
Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study: 6, Tuesday Bible Study: 14

ACTUAL to DATE (as of March 31, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 94,405.85 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 73,324.91 |
| BALANCE | \$ 21,080.94 |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

12 – Gaige Marien, Jay Shifra, John Jozwowski **13** – Barb Patterson **15** – Hannah Brady, Jan Thomas
17 – Carol Pluedeman, Chad Smith, Dan Marien, Kristine Pokrandt, Terry Lyon
18 – Gerald Baerenwald, Sue Schmidt, Walter Matthis

Anniversaries:

17 – Rick & Candace Behnke



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SCRIP sold on
Sunday between services

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Bob Blaul, Anthony Gifford, Robert & Miriam Johnston, Sean Lorenz Family,
Zachary Otto Family, Chuck & Lois Schlueter, Cindy Voss*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Vacation Bible School 2019 - It is time to register for Splash Canyon! Children, ages 3 (potty trained) to age 12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun, July 29th-August 2nd, 9 am to noon. We will have a Camp Luther Fun Day on Wednesday, July 31st, from 9 am to 3 pm. Go to www.oursavioreagleriver.org to register.

VBS Volunteers Needed - Please let Marlene Rieck know if you would like to serve on our VBS team. There are many ways you can help with this great outreach event!

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Nursery Director Needed - We are seeking a seasonal nursery director. This person would be our paid director for the summer only and would fulfill the responsibilities in our job description found in the narthex. Thank you for prayerfully considering this position!

The Martha Society will be hosting ***Mission Possible*** fundraiser event at the Eagle River VFW/American Legion Saturday, June 1 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are for sale at the Welcome Center for \$10.

Thank you so much! We appreciate everything you did to help us make our card party a success. Your door prize donations, delicious salads and desserts, and most of all your participation in this fund-raising event. As they always say, "We could not have done it without you!"

Lent Mission Project Update - THANK YOU for your offerings of \$1,071.50 for Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Bethesda provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with home, career, education and faith resources to live full and empowered lives. Thank you for sharing Jesus with your gifts of love!