

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Ill/Hospitalized: **Carol Chardonneau**
Cheryl Morris -released

✠ Birthdays: **Judy Cole** – 80 on April 20th
Janet Baldauf – 93 on April 24th

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Youth Room)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
Endowment Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Church Council 7:00 p.m. (Church Conference)

Wednesday: LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Building Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m. -Mixed Choir sings
Sunday Morning Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Stephen Starke*
Liturgist: *Rev. Richard E. Mundt/Rev. Martin J. Hagenow*
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*
Choir: *Cherub Choir*
Acolytes: *Olivia McQueen (5:00pm)*
Lucas Hagenow (9:30am)
Videographer: *Landon Sherry*

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20 & 21, 2024

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Introit *Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.*

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

The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.*

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

Collect of the Day

P 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.

G Amen.

First Reading *Acts 4:1-12*

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did

you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle *1 John 3:16-24*

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

Holy Gospel *John 10:11-18*

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1

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FIRST READING

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

G Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

G Glory to You, O Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G Hear our prayer.

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