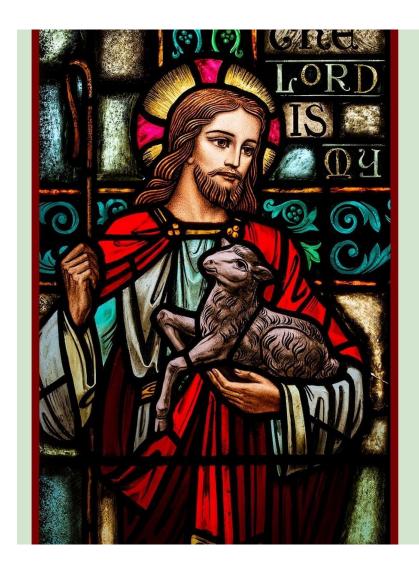
Fourth Sunday of Easter Divine Service, Setting Four April 25, 2021



I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

JOHN 10:14

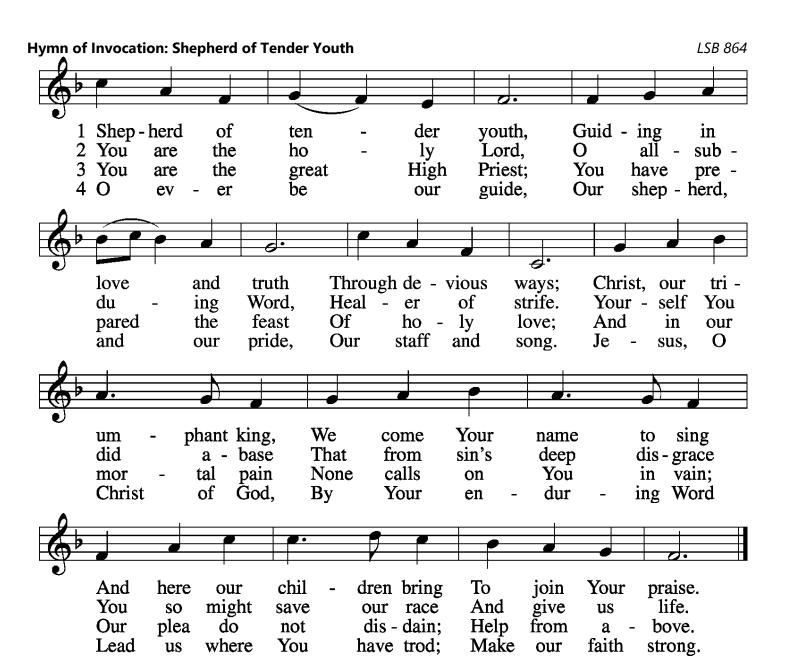


Regarding the Lord's Supper – Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand



So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Invocation LSB 203

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- 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.

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 6)

- P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
- P 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,
- **P** 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;
- **P** you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- **P** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



In To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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. Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 4:1–12

¹ As 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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 3:16–24

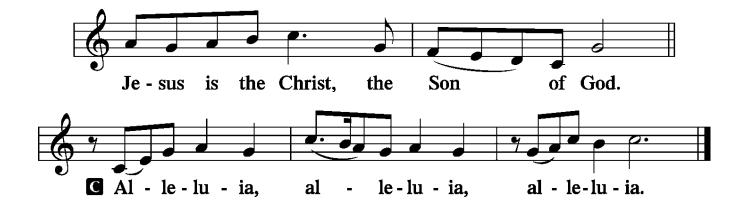
¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand





Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹I 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."

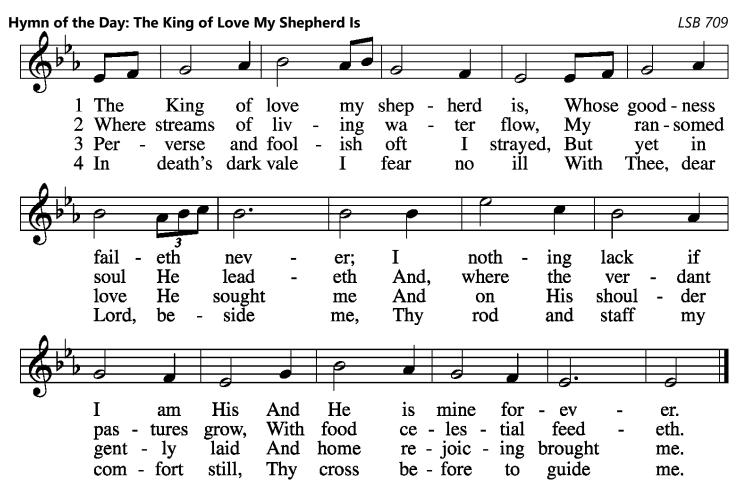
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

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 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.



- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

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 with them into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, as You breathed new life into the world through the resurrection of Your Son, so now by Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into Your Church that, freed by His Gospel, we may always confess the name of Jesus Christ, the only name given among men by which we must be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us *[especially ______]*. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

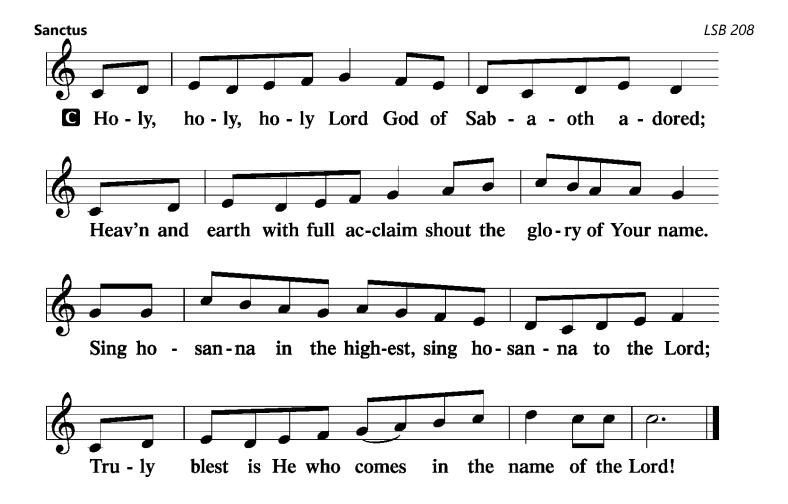
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Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might

not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

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

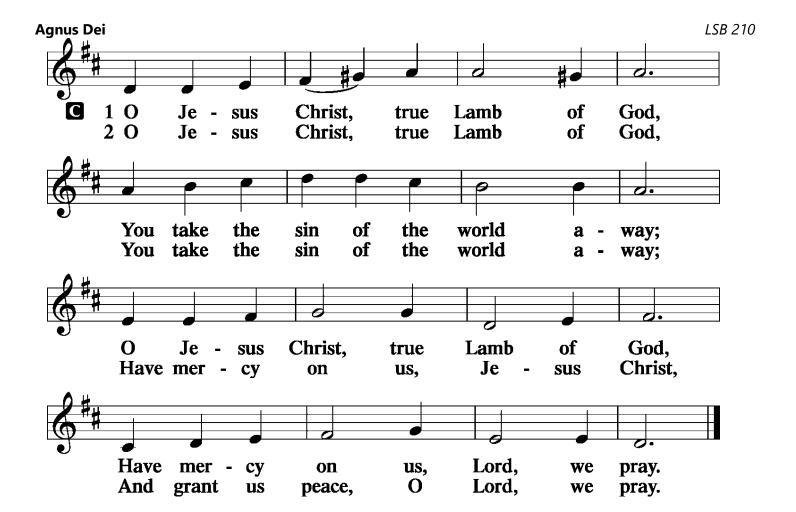
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 ⅓ 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 → 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 LSB 209

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



Distribution



LSB 549



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al tar call;
- 3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da vid Lord did call,
- 5 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get The worm-wood and the gall,



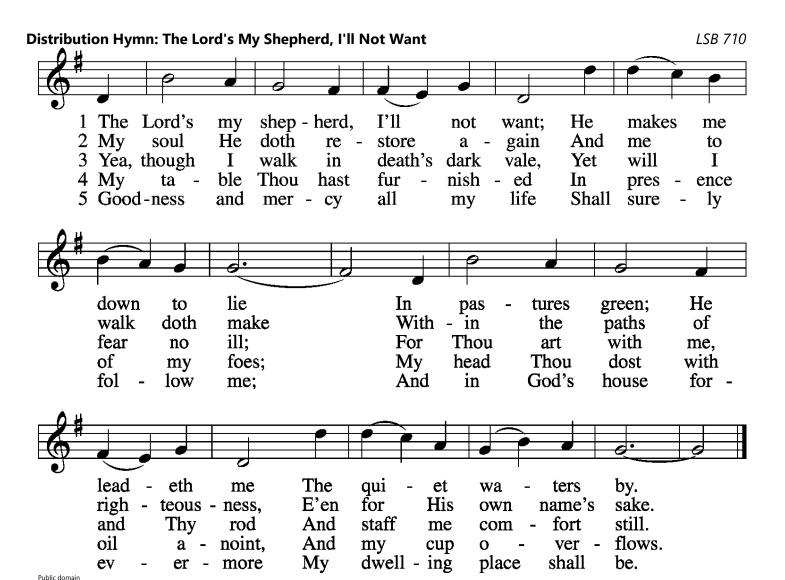
di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the rov - al Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all. spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth roy - al of all. the di - a - dem And crown Him Lord Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him The Lord of all. Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 [To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 [We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

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Stand



Post-Communion Collect

A 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 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.

Amen.

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- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 212

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **☑** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Postlude

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Announcements

<u>"Cinco de Mayo" Luncheon</u> – We will have a wonderful Mexican luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 2nd. All are welcome. Come for the Word of God, stay for the tacos!

Special Celebrations? If anyone has a special celebration or event and they would like to observe it during the fellowship time after worship, please talk to Donna Barkley.

<u>Wednesday Warriors</u> – There's a new group that's starting to meet on Wednesday mornings to do general upkeep and mild maintenance around the church. If you have the time and the desire to help out and spend time with your fellow Christians, please talk to Tony Cuchlinski (561-317-2084).

<u>Youth Confirmation</u> – For May 2, REVIEW Catechetical Helps and Bible Passages on page 183-184. READ AHEAD Chapter 25, pages 185-187.

Memory Verse Challenge for This Week: 1 Corinthians 15:57 – But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8.

<u>Membership Database Update</u> – CTK would like to have the correct contact information for our members and regular visitors. Please complete the Contact Card and put it in the box that is on the usher's table.

Prayer List – Ruth; Charlie; Beverly; Rusty; Roma; Gloria; Mireya; Scott; Kathy; Kathy; Kelly; Angela; Susan; John; Blaine; Lois; Wally; Marjorie; Darlene; Randy; Barbara; the wife of Jonathan.

<u>1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY</u>... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 1 Corinthians. You can listen at your convenience at <u>thewordendures.org</u>, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Serving Today:

Elder – Dave B.
Ushers – Jerry H., Rudy K.
Organist – Shelley R.
Altar Guild – Shelley R.
Camera – Kathy Y.
Tellers – Angela F.

Serving Next Week:

Elder – Charlie T. Ushers – Tony C., Clair S. Organ – Stan S. Altar Guild – Angela F. Camera – Lisa T. Tellers – Jim L., Mike P.

Upcoming Calendar

9am	Sunday School and Bible Class.
10am	Worship
11:30am	Youth Confirmation
4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Colossians 4.
6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study
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GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

FAITH Lutheran Church in Parrish, FL is sponsoring GriefShare, a program featuring Biblical, Christ-centered teaching focused on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminars include information from nationally respected grief experts, and real-life stories of individuals; followed by a small group discussion. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions have been to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have already returned to their daily routines. Too often, people, including Christians, tend to suppress their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Please do not allow fear of what others might think, keep you from what could help you.

CONFIDENTIALITY is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may or may not be recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your own loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief, and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life, and in renewing your hope for the future.

The next program will begin on Monday, May 3, 2021 and conclude on August 9, 2021. The weekly sessions will be held on Mondays at 6:30 PM at Faith Lutheran Church which is located at 9608 US Hwy 301 North in Parrish, FL.

If you know someone that has lost a spouse, close friend or relative recently that could benefit from attending this program, please ask them to please contact the church office between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Monday through Friday at 941-776-1395. The cost for attending this program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the workbook, videos, etc. If that cost presents a personal hardship, please just let them know.