

**WORSHIP FOLDER** *with children and adult activities,*  
**MESSAGE** *“Being Shepherded Through Suffering”*  
**& ANNOUNCEMENTS** *for May 3, 2020*

**From the Pastor:**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I have done something different with the Divine Service. I have included activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

**For younger children**

Here is an exercise for children beginning to read. Pick a word or name, for example: Jesus, or for today’s theme: sheep, and have your child find and circle that word or name. If you save a copy for them and they know how to underline using the underlining command, they can do it on the computer. Otherwise let them use a printed version of the worship folder. Let them draw and color sheep, lambs and the Shepherd in the margins of the service folder.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders can mark the service with directional arrows which indicate the direction of the activity during the worship service. This was discussed in class. They can label the different parts of the service. They also are familiar with the questions throughout the service folder.

**For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther’s Small Catechism**

Here is an exercise that will strengthen their understandings of the teachings of the Bible. Have them mark, underline and/or identify where in the Catechism these teachings are found. For example: Where the resurrection of Jesus Christ is mentioned, one would mark it with the “2<sup>nd</sup> Article.” Or where the forgiveness of sin is mentioned, one would mark it with “3<sup>rd</sup> Article.” They can call me anytime if they have questions.

If any of this can be done from a copy on a computer, they can send it to me attached to an Email.

**Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a lamb, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Easter Imperatives: Follow!  
May 2 & 3, 2020

**As We Gather**

The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: “Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home.” Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words “I am the Good Shepherd” more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

**Order of Divine Service** *LSB 151*

**Opening Hymn** *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” LSB 710*

- 1       The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;  
          He makes me down to lie  
          In pastures green; He leadeth me  
          The quiet waters by.
  
- 2       My soul He doth restore again  
          And me to walk doth make  
          Within the paths of righteousness,  
          E’en for His own name’s sake.
  
- 3       Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,  
          Yet will I fear no ill;  
          For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
          And staff me comfort still.
  
- 4       My table Thou hast furnishèd  
          In presence of my foes;  
          My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
          And my cup overflows.
  
- 5       Goodness and mercy all my life  
          Shall surely follow me;  
          And in God’s house forevermore  
          My dwelling place shall be.

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*[Can you identify which Psalm is the basis for this hymn? Continue reading and when you find the answer, write it beside the title of this hymn and wherever else this psalm is used in the Divine Service.]*

*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 T 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.**

### **Declaration of Grace**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** *Ps. 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b (“Singing the Psalms” LSB xxvi Tone E)*



I am the good | shepherd.\*

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

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,\*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,\*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**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.

*[What is the Good Shepherd willing to do for us? And how do we respond? Write your answers beside the Introit. (Or you may underline the phrases which answers the questions.)]*

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.**

*[What is our request of God? Write your answer beside the Prayer of the Day or underline those requests mentioned.]*

**First Reading** Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*[How did the first Christians respond to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and His good news of the forgiveness of sin? Underline or write a summary of their actions beside the First Reading.]*

**Psalms** Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 1)(Tone E)



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\* I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*  
He leads me beside still | waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his | name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my | enemies; \*  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup | overflows.

<sup>6</sup>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.

*[What has made this Psalm the favorite psalm of many? Write your answer beside the Psalm or number in order all that this Good Shepherd has done and is doing for us.]*

**Epistle** 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*[Who are the wandering sheep? And what has the Good Shepherd done for them and for us? Underline the answers or write a summary beside the Epistle Lesson.]*

**Alleluia and Verse** LSB 156

C **Alleluia.**  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** John 10:1–10

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

*[Describe how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, being also the door for the sheepfold, gives us a sense of peace and security. Write your description next to the Holy Gospel reading or the verses of the hymn below.]*

**Hymn of the Day** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709*

- 1       The King of love my shepherd is,  
          Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
          And He is mine forever.
  
- 2       Where streams of living water flow,  
          My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
          With food celestial feedeth.
  
- 3       Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
          But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
          And home rejoicing brought me.
  
- 4       In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
          With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
          Thy cross before to guide me.
  
- 5       Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
          Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
          From Thy pure chalice floweth!
  
- 6       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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*[Now to the end of the Divine Service, write your thoughts and comments, marking and underlining phrases you wish to remember. In doing this, the message of the Good Shepherd will be “inwardly digested,” that is, taken to heart.]*

Sermon Based on 1 Peter 2:19–25

Title:  
“Being Shepherded Through Suffering”

Introduction:

I don't know where you are at in the scale of suffering during this coronavirus outbreak. Where do you lie between being inconvenienced or facing actual death? Even the mildest inconvenience is still suffering. And all suffering is a part of this fallen world.

We are experiencing the suffering that comes from disease and epidemics. There is the suffering that comes from war and violence. There is the suffering that comes from hatred and personal attacks from others. There is mental, physical, emotional and spiritual suffering. Suffering comes upon us in many different forms.

Because we are sinful, live in a sinful world and are objects of Satan's hatred, we will experience suffering till our dying day. There will be no end to suffering until Christ's returns. Even then for those who reject Christ, they will experience an unending suffering in Hell. But for those who fear, love and trust in the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, they will see an end to all sin, death, sorrow and suffering. Until then, we will need to be shepherded through these present and temporal days of suffering.

I. He gives us an example

One of the ways that Jesus shepherds us through this suffering is He gives us an example. He unjustly bore the wrath of God and punishment of our sins. He did no wrong. He did not sin. He did no evil that would agitate others to strike back.

He preached a message of love and forgiveness. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, made the lame walk, gave sight to the blind and raised loved ones from the dead. He was truly the nicest guy on earth.

Yet, He was treated like the worse of criminals. He was falsely accused of blasphemy. He was paraded through town as a common criminal. He was beaten, spite upon, ridiculed and made to wear a crown of thrones. And the ultimate act of injustice was when He was nailed to the cross.

Even there, He was not given any relief. His Father in heaven forsook Him. The crowds jeered Him. He was mocked and His clothing divided among His executioners.

No person on earth has suffered to the degree Christ suffered on the cross. No person in all of history or in the future will suffer such injustice. He who knew no sin was made sin for us.

Yet, in midst of this horrendous suffering, Jesus did not curse His Father or any of His fellow man. He did not strike back with fists. He spoke the truth and defended Himself in court without blasphemy God. He asked His Father in heaven to forgive those who nailed Him to



the cross. He saw to the needs of His mother while in agony. He spoke words of hope to a thief nailed on a cross to His right. He finished His work without sinning. And in fear, love and trust in His Father, He offered up His soul in death.

This is the example of patience through suffering. This is the way that you and I have been led by the Shepherd to endure suffering. This is the way to handle all types of suffering especially any suffering that comes our way for the sake of Jesus and His gospel.

## II. He heals our wounds

Now, when we look at ourselves and then at Jesus' example, we are wounded. While it may be inspirational the way Jesus handled suffering for our sake, it is still commanded of us to handle suffering in the same way Jesus did. We are not to just give it a good try. God commands us to fully handle suffering in the same way as Jesus. We are to be holy just as He was holy for us.

Here is where we are wounded. We have failed to follow the full example of Christ. We become impatient. We become irritable cursing even those who try to help us. We cry unfair, injustice, "I don't deserve this," when we truly do deserve to suffer for our sins. For it is in suffering that we see ourselves as weak creatures returning to the dust.

When we become mindful of God and see Jesus' example, we are wounded. We have sinned. We want to run away like Peter and weep over our failure to live up to what God commands. We are wound and our suffering is now the suffering which comes from a convicted conscience. It is here that our Good Shepherd shepherds us. He heals our wounds.

All that is mentioned above of what Christ endured, all that He went through was for the Father and for us. The unjust suffering of God's wrath was for us so that we would not have to suffer God's eternal wrath. The ridicule, the rejection by people both Jew and Gentile, being forsaken by His Father on the cross was for us. We will not be forsaken by the Father. And we will not suffer the rejection of others for all eternity. We will be reunited with fellow believers never to suffer hateful thought, words and deeds. We will be in a community of people who dearly love God and their neighbor.

Christ uses the forgiveness of the Father to shepherd us through times of suffering. He restores peace in our hearts cleaning our conscience of sin and guilt. He reaffirms that He will not leave our side but will continue to forgive us when we reject or strike back at the love and care He gives through others. He will not be intimidated by our fists and fits of anger. He will forgive and remain at our side leading us through this vale of tears to His mansion in heaven. He will deal and continue to control the evil and unjust suffering the world pours upon us. He will deliver us. It will be so.

## Conclusion:

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He will lead us through the valley of death. He will be at our

side so that we fear no evil. He will provide for us even when our enemies seem the strongest. He will safely get us to His home in heaven.

What we may have to face here on earth no one knows but the Lord. But He gives us confidence. He is our Good Shepherd. And as such, He is the Overseer of our souls. Therefore, we are safe in His presence.

T AMEN T

### 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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according**

to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all of His sheep. Help us to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and everyone in them. Together help us to follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness. Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Inspire us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer. Amen.**

**Offering** (*Mail to or drop off your offering at the church.*)

**Offering Hymn** "For the Fruits of His Creation" *LSB 894*

1 For the fruits of His creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.

- 2        In the just reward of labor,  
           God's will is done.  
 In the help we give our neighbor,  
           God's will is done.  
 In our worldwide task of caring  
 For the hungry and despairing,  
 In the harvests we are sharing,  
           God's will is done.
- 3        For the harvests of the Spirit,  
           Thanks be to God.  
 For the good we all inherit,  
           Thanks be to God.  
 For the wonders that astound us,  
 For the truths that still confound us,  
 Most of all, that love has found us,  
           Thanks be to God.

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**Offertory** *LSB 159*

- C    What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Lord's Prayer**

- 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.**

## Hymns

### “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” *LSB 666*

- 1        O little flock, fear not the foe  
          Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
          Dread not his rage and pow’r.  
          And though your courage sometimes faints,  
          His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints  
          Lasts but a little hour.
- 2        Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
          To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
          Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
          Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
          His Gideon shall for you arise,  
          Uphold you and His Word.
- 3        As true as God’s own Word is true,  
          Not earth nor hell’s satanic crew  
          Against us shall prevail.  
          Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
          God is with us and we with God—  
          Our vict’ry cannot fail.
- 4        Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
          Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
          Fight for us once again!  
          So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
          A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
          Forevermore. Amen.

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### “Have No Fear, Little Flock” *LSB 735*

- 1        Have no fear, little flock;  
          Have no fear, little flock,  
          For the Father has chosen  
          To give you the Kingdom;  
          Have no fear, little flock!
- 2        Have good cheer, little flock;  
          Have good cheer, little flock,  
          For the Father will keep you  
          In His love forever;  
          Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” **LSB 685**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,

There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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**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 T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *LSB 711*

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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[childcareplus@ctitech.com](mailto:childcareplus@ctitech.com)

### Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

### Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

**“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”**

**May 2 & 3, 2020**

**+WORSHIP+**

► **IN DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** Debbie Prehn is recovering from her surgery and doing fine. Her address is 400 W. Franklin, Apt. 1006, Taylorville, IL 62568

► **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the Carl Castle family as his mother, Delores, was called to her heavenly home 4/28

**THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, Teresa Burdick and Debbi Prehn.

**NON-MEMBER CONCERNS:** Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso's sister, Brenda, Barb Beck's brother-in-law's sister; Patti Esswein's daughter; Norvella Arkebauer's mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller's nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck's brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian's grandson,. Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

**MILITARY MEMBERS:** Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misiorek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

**MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY:** Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller's 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein's sons, Gene & Billy Esswein: Ken Gatton's grandson, Josh; Barb McMahan's son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller's grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;

**CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address**–Peter Knope, 1376 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

**THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME:** Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Marie Fouts, Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

**LEARN/REVIEW** the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.

► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio, KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfue), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfue), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfue).

**This week on KFUE.org**, hear the good news of our resurrected Christ in daily chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, begin studying the Gospel of Mark on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into our Lutheran confessions on Concord Matters (5/5 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org).

## **LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

*(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: "Lutheran Hour on WTIM." It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)*

WLUJ 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

*(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUJ. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)*

**WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES** – “*Worship Anew*” on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m. ► Also on Direct TV Channel 377 TCT @ 10:30 a.m.

**LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO** at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

**GO TO** [cidlcms.org](http://cidlcms.org) and check out *The GatePost*. There is a special addition for Holy Week including something for the children

## **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 4*

John 10:1-10: On this day, we remember with gratitude the gift of our risen Good Shepherd. King David, as a Psalmist, penned the words praising God for “tending” him through every detail of life. What details need attending in your life and the lives of those around you who need the Word of the Good Shepherd? Can you paint a picture of a sheep and a Shepherd, a person loving something precious to them, and share the truth that this is how God loves them? That’s the privilege we have in sharing the Good Shepherd and His love.

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Easter IV** – Abortion views a little one’s weakness as reason to exclude her. Assisted suicide sees a patient’s need as an occasion for discarding him. The first Christians welcomed their weak and needy as opportunities for community (Acts 2:44-45). They learned from Jesus that a neighbor who lacked meant an invitation to lean in and share life. Are we too far gone to engage in the same with the least of these?

**TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES** - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159

Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

## **HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE**

**Give to Disaster Relief:** Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#)

[Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)

**Call 888-930-4438** To make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

**Mail** On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.)

**Make check payable and mail to:**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

► **CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:** *Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry located at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville. Hours are Tuesday morning 8:30 - 10:00, Thursday nights 5:30-7:00 and Saturday mornings 8:30- 9:30.)*

Since November 13, 1984, the TMA Food Pantry has been “Feeding Hunger with Heart.” With an annual operating budget that nears \$40,000, hundreds of people in Taylorville receive nutritional food assistance. Corporate donors arranged through Feeding America, like Kroger, Aldi and Walmart, and local retailer CVS and wholesaler Ron’s Produce routinely donate food product to our pantry.

Donations of volunteer time and money are always welcomed! In addition, the following items are routinely given out and could be used as a shopping list or guide for a non-perishable food drive:

- Boxed dinners like Hamburger Helper
- Canned dinner like Spaghetti O’s
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup (Tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, other)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Jiffy corn mix
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pork & Beans
- Pudding
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Snack items
- Tuna
- Garden vegetables and fruit

Through a partnership with the Senior Citizens of Christian County, round-trip transportation to the Food Pantry is available on the second and fourth Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. from Hershey Tower and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from Park Glen and Senior Village Apartments at 8:45 a.m. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. Those 60 years of age and above ride free, those under 60 are requested to make a donation of \$2 per round trip. Riders are asked to call ahead to the Senior Center at 217-824-4263 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday (for Thursday’s shuttle) and by 4:00 p.m. Friday (for Saturday’s shuttle).

For more information about the TMA Food Pantry, please contact Amy at 217-820-5174.

► **OFFERINGS: April 25 & 26, 2020: \$2,370** (*Mail or drop off your offering at the church office.*)

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

March Income: \$11,492.90

March Expense: \$13,952.97

Year to date receipts thru March: \$45,583.42

Year to date expense thru March: \$51,587.99

Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$6,004.57

*If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews.*

*You may mail your offering to , drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)*

**PRESCHOOL NEWS** – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school

year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online

@trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148. TIMES March 2020 Newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

### ► **Mid-Week Stewardship Thought**

#### **God Has Made Us His Stewards**

As God's stewards, our first assignment was given to us in Genesis 1:28: *"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' "* God delegated us as His representatives to rule the earth in His place. We have been given dominion over God's creation. Because God has retained His ownership of all things, we are stewards who are responsible and accountable to God. God is the owner; we are the stewards or managers.

**1 Peter 2:21** – **"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."** Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like – to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

**Prayer:** Lord, I thank You for the awesome and challenging privilege You have been given me to be a steward of Your creation. To think that the God of creation is giving me this opportunity is very humbling and exciting. Grant me the faith that I need so all I do honors you. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

**+LIFE TOGETHER+**

### ► **May 3, 2020 – May 10, 2020**

*(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close until further notice.)*

## PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

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**From Pastor:** Dr. Schurb does a great job. Take a look at this.

May 4—June 12, 2020

### **A Daily Walk through Paul's Missionary Journeys** A Daily Video–Based or Podcasted Bible Study

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This synchronous Bible study will be delivered to your inbox or preferred podcast player every day, Monday through Friday, during the duration of the study for you to join in. From everyone at Concordia Publishing House, we pray that this study is a blessing for you during this difficult time.

**Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb** served as professor of theology at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, before becoming the assistant to the LCMS president. He earned a degree in systematic theology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a PhD in history from The Ohio State University. He currently serves on the Central Illinois District staff for evangelism, missions, and stewardship.

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### **THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE**

#### **► The Camp CILCA Lowdown**

May, 2020

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Hog Roast, May 24<sup>th</sup>: The Hog Roast will go forward on May 24<sup>th</sup> as planned! If government restrictions allow, you are invited dine at CILCA on delicious smoked pork sandwiches and all the trimmings. If not, carry-outs will be available for individuals or families. Either way, show your support for Outdoor Ministry at this annual event!

SUMMER 2020: The summer program is moving forward and still accepting registrations! Of course, much depends upon the possible extension of government restrictions. CILCA will take every possible precaution to keep campers safe. Sign up today to spend some quality time in God's creation!

*Another Generations Camp will be held June 19-20.*

**Find out more on-line at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)**

**Email [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) / Call 217-487-7497**

**Part-Time Cook/Kitchen Assistant:** CILCA is still in need of a part-time cook to help with Outdoor Education and the Summer Camp program. 10-30 hours per week. \$12-\$14 per hour. Contact the camp office to apply.

**Summer Camp Registrations** are available on the table in the narthex and online

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(► Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at

[www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org) You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew.]