

Easter 4 (April 21st, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Stand

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

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.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

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.

Sit

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** 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 into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** 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,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** 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,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** 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 including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
Lynn and Lori Matthews
Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)
Eldora Fuelling
Cheryl Caffee
Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)
Jim Thieme
Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall
Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)
Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)
Keith and Suzy Scherer

Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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 ✠ 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 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

**549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
864 Shepherd of Tender Youth**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

- 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 in 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.

C Amen.

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Adam Thiel

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS : Unavailable- will be included next Sunday.

***NOTE:** Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.*



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL - “SAUCES”: During the months of March and April we will be collecting “Sauces” for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Thank you for all your donations.

SPI school is now accepting bids for the 2024-2025 school custodian position. Please submit bids to Mr. Becker, the school trustee, or a School Board member. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND: There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

Voter’s Assembly Meeting: is Sunday April 28th after the church service. Church officers, if you have any reports/notes, for the Voter’s Assembly Meeting please give them to Amber Shaffer by Friday April 26th. You can email them, leave in the mail slot on deacons’ desk, or leave on desk in the church office in the basement. Thank you!

LWML: The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 27 at St John Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. Registration: 8:45AM Speaker: 9:00 AM - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In gathering: Food Items for

Compassionate Ministries food pantry. Examples include: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, beans (canned or dried), canned vegetables and fruit, tomato products, noodles, canned tuna, Jello, mustard, canned chili, Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, pudding, cake mixes, soup, ketchup, salad dressing, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, and paper towels.

Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at lwmlindiana.org or in The Good News.

Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can send two voting delegates.

SAVE THESE LWML DATES:

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

Zion Lutheran- Friedheim: We would like to invite you to Friedheim's Spring Choir Concert and Hymn Sing to be held at Friedheim on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. It will feature the adult choir and the Joyful Voices Children's Choir. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center.

CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades 8-12 are welcome! We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to: clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed. For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or athletics@clhscadets.com. For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email nkoehler@clhscadets.com.

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church- Ossian Dan's Fish Fry Saturday April 27th, 4:30pm-7:00pm at Lighted Gardens 10794 N State Road 1 Ossian, Indiana. Dine In or Carry Out Available. Dine In Menu: Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert, and Drink. Tickets: Adults, \$14.00 pre-sale thru April 21st/ \$15.00 at the door. Children ages 5-10, Dine In Only, \$7.00 pre-sale/ \$8.00 at the door, Children age 4 and under are Free. Contact: Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526/ clouison@ymail.com or Pat Meyer 260-227-0400/ spmeyer82@gmail.com
Proceeds to benefit: Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today, Back Pack Program, & Bethlehem Lutheran Church Project Fund.

New Hope Lutheran Church- Ossian, Indiana: You are invited to the Installation of the Rev. Raymond T. Doubrava II as Pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church 8824 North State Road 1 Ossian, Indiana 46777 on Sunday April 28th, 2024, at 2:00pm. Light reception following.

The SPI Spring Musical is Friday April 26th at 6:30pm.

Save the Date: The SPI Booster Club is planning a Rummage Sale for Friday June 7th, 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday June 8th, 8:00am-NOON, to be held in the SPI gymnasium. Spring cleaning is/will be starting; as you bag up items not needed around your house, instead of taking them to Goodwill, please consider donating to the Booster Clubs's Rummage Sale. There will be a bin/box located in the basement of church for donations. Items that will be accepted: Gently Used Clothing, Shoes, Books, Toys, Household Goods, Decorator Items, Vintage/Antique items, and Crafts. Items **NOT** accepted: Mattresses, T.V.'s, VHS tapes, VHS/DVD Player, Clothing with stains/ holes, and Computers and other similar Electronics. Any questions can be directed to Amber Shaffer. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF April 21st, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Voter's Assembly

Monroeville Lions Club: All You Can Eat Sunday Breakfast Buffet & Bake Sale April 21st 8:30am-12:30pm at the American Legion Post 420 Monroeville, Indiana. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Applesauce, Tropical Fruit, Coffee, Milk, Juice. Cost is 7 & Older- \$10, 6 & under - Free. Booster Seats available. Benefiting: Bench for Walking Trail. For More Information, please contact (260)-414-0210. Thank You!

Martini Lutheran- New Haven: Mission Rally on Wednesday May 8th, 2024, 7-8:15pm at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Gary Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central, a farmstead in Western Iowa that is the heart of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missions. Come hear stories of our Synod's Missions & Missionaries & their work around the world. The Lord is using our missionaries as His tools to teach & preach the Gospel message for the salvation of souls in multiple languages in many countries & islands. A free will donation will be gathered to benefit Mission Central. Light refreshments will be served following the Rally. Come early & enjoy a mini organ concert presented by Vicar Matt Machemer. Please join us!

Reminder: Hopefully everyone has had a chance to read through the April newsletter; I just want to remind you to complete the Update Contact Information form to the best of your ability. I would like to have them turned in by Friday May 17th, 2024. Thank you to those who have already turned theirs in! If you haven't received the newsletter, please contact me, so I can get one to you. ~ Amber Shaffer