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Third Sunday of Easter



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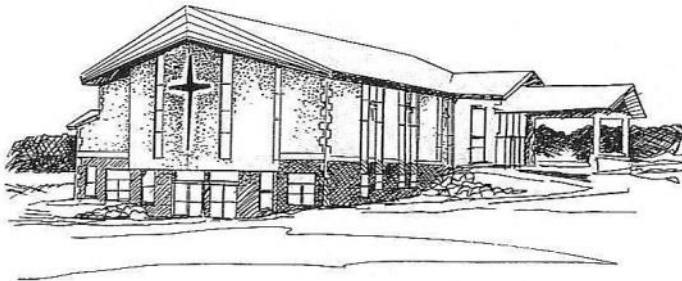
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

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April 23, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 149)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.
Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 32-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them...³² “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³³ So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

*The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool under your feet.’*

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

Refrain

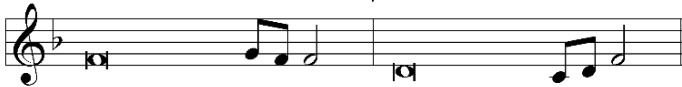


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸ because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

HYMN (CW 166)

The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: LANCASHIRE (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

¹³ Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked them. They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹ But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³ When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹ Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” ³³ They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING

*During the collection of the offering, please sign and pass
the Friendship Register. Thank you.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may perceive Christ, who expounded the Scriptures and revealed himself in the breaking of the bread; and that we may rejoice in the gifts of his salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the God of all compassion, whose Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures, would enlighten this congregation [*and its school*] with the resurrection light that never fades, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all parents, that God would continue to pour out his Spirit upon them to catechize their children faithfully in his Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer and cry to God, that he would hear them and answer with grace sufficient for all their needs; and for the sick, the wounded and the dying, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we would know Christ and his compassion through the breaking of the bread; and that our hearts and mouths would be opened to receive forgiveness through the body and blood of Christ, who suffered for us and has entered his glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, have mercy on us when we are foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken about your Son. Pour out your Spirit on us through the preaching of the Gospel, that the Scriptures might be opened to us; 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



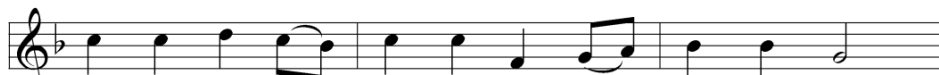
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at this right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 167)

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound Un - to him by
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn Un - to dust, whence
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
 hope for - ev - er; Faith's strong hand the rock has found,
 I am tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern
 be en - shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view



Rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, Though the night of
 Shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en? Shall I fear, or
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven death now
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my Sav - ior
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this flesh I



death be fraught Still with many an anx - ious thought.
 could the head Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
 can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 to a - bide In his glo - ry, at his side.
 then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: *D. M. Luthers . . . Geistliche Lieder und Psalmen*, Berlin, 1653, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4-5.

Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 309)

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
 Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
 In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

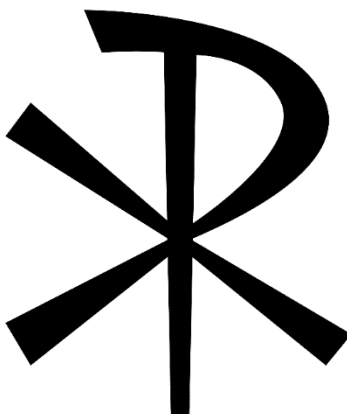
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN (CW 346)

In You Is Gladness
(see page 22)



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1 In you is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness,
2 If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers,



Je - sus, Sun - shine of my heart. By you are
Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and



giv - en The gifts of heav - en; You the true
bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can change



Re - deem - er are. Our souls are wak - ing; Our bonds
them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of



are break - ing. Who trusts you sure - ly Has built se -
his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -
joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -



ia! Our hearts are pin - ing To see your shin - ing,
ia! We shout for glad - ness, Win o - ver sad - ness,



Dy - ing or liv - ing To you are cling - ing
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him



Now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 2 Peter, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Heaven and Hell, Upstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Book of Jonah, Downstairs

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class, Downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45)

Matthew, DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

**Today: Open Forum Meeting:
Lunch Provided 11:30 am
Meeting to follow**



Today is our quarterly open forum meeting. It will primarily focus on the first draft of our Strategic Ministry Plan. Copies were emailed on April 20 and are available today. Groups will present their recommendations along with a brief explanation. Responses and recommendations are asked of the congregation so the strategic planning group can refine their plan.

- **Complete set of Strategic Ministry Plan Reports (cream colored packet)**
 - **Condensed Strategic Ministry Plan – First Draft (white packet)**
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Mystery Dinner April 29, 6:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Opportunity What's the Mystery Dinner, you ask? Guests will be served a delicious 3-course meal, but the mystery is you won't be told what you are ordering. You will only be given clues to what the menu items are and the utensils you will be ordering off the menu for each course. You will make your best guess of what the clues lead you to think the menu items might be when you place your order for each course. There will be a free will donation to help offset the costs. Please sign up on the reservation sheet as you enter church by April 23. Get ready for an evening of delicious food, some unexpected choices, and lots of laughs.

**By Grace Alone! By Faith Alone!
By Scripture Alone!**

Three concepts that are vital to every Christian and especially to Lutheran Christians. They are the teachings of the Bible but were hidden behind so much tradition and history until Martin Luther rediscovered them. Our new study, *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, helps us explore why they are still so important. The study will use segments of the Luther film. Watch, discuss, and apply how God used Martin Luther to return us all to God's grace, the importance of faith in Christ, and the authority of the Bible.



**New teen class topic starting today – meets downstairs.
Sunday's April 23 – May 14: 9:20 am – 10:15 am
All high school-age students are invited – snacks provided.**

Sunday April 23: Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Jim Miller (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Jack Holzman, Kayden Zech, Kourtney Zech, Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: The Myhre Family
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

11:30 am: Quarterly Open Forum. Lunch provided.

Sunday April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: Paul and Cindy Crary
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
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Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Jenna Gay (4/23), Bonnie Gotzion (4/23), Lori Kalscheuer (4/25), Benjamin Kerl (4/25), Tyler Pond (4/25), Alton Uebersetzig (4/26), Sammi Nelson (4/27), Pam Timm (4/27), Steve Tobison (4/27) and Kim Bauer (4/29) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Matthew & Shannon Garrett (4/24) who celebrate their anniversary on Monday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, Steve Tobison, Erica Willitz and Malachi Willitz who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking Ahead:

- **Today April 23:** Quarterly Open Forum, 11:30 am upstairs. Lunch provided.
- **April 29:** Mystery Dinner, 6:00 pm
- **May 7: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am**
- **May 9 & 10:** Carpet installation
- **May 11:** Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner at Rodeside Grill, 6:00 pm
- **May 21:** Last day of teen class and Sunday school for the school year. Sunday School students sing both services.
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive at church, 12:00 – 5:00 pm, *lower level*

Offerings April 1 - 8:

- General Fund: \$9,597.50
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$1,000
- Carpet Installation (Wishlist): \$1,000



Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(April 1 - 8: In the totals listed above, \$2,583 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)

Current Wish List Items:

Carpet Installation \$12,000: The church has purchased new carpeting for the upstairs of the building and the stairs. The carpet will be installed on May 9 & 10. Any contributions marked “Wish List – Carpet Installation” will be used to cover this expense.

Projectors in the sanctuary \$25,000: The current projectors in the sanctuary are no longer serviceable. They both have limited projection capabilities and the color quality is poor. It is our goal to replace them so we can better utilize them during worship services and for viewing video such as the WELS Connection. Contributions marked “Wish List – Projectors” will directly fund purchasing two new ones.

Contributions received as of 3/31/22:

Carpet Installation: \$2,172

AV Projectors: \$2,592

