

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Easter III) April 20-26, 2020

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THE DIVINE SERVICE; STORY OF SALVATION:

When God instituted the Passover for His people Israel, He called it a "memorial day" (Exodus 12: 14). By reenacting the meal of bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and roast lamb, the Israelites were to remember how God redeemed their forefathers from Egyptian slavery. The youngest child was to ask his father to explain the feast by retelling the story of the exodus.

We have seen that all the major feasts of the Old Testament were remembrances of God's saving deeds in history. The Israelites were not just to "remember" these events by thinking about them; they were also to tell the stories and carry out the rites that made these ancient acts of salvation *their* salvation.

So, also, when Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper and said, "Do this in remembrance of Me," He didn't mean simply that we should think about Him when we eat bread and drink wine. But in the Lord's Supper, we truly eat His flesh, given for us, and drink His blood, shed for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. In His Supper, we celebrate His death and resurrection until He comes again in glory.

This miraculous "remembrance" of ancient deeds is made possible through God's mighty Word. In the Divine Service, God's Word proclaims and reenacts everything Jesus did for us. In certain places, this is explicit: the Creed and the Proper Prefaces, for example, tell the story plainly. The lectionary readings and the seasons of the Church Year take us through Christ's life step by step.

But as the Divine Service takes us from Jesus' teaching and preaching to the Supper He instituted on the night of His crucifixion, it also takes us through His life every Sunday. We sing the Christmas song of the angels in the Gloria in Excelsis and join the crowds on Palm Sunday singing, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." The Divine Service is the story of salvation in miniature.

~taken from Lutheranism 101: Worship (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2017, pg. 78-79.

MAIN STREET LIVING

If you cannot access our services on KNNA or Facebook or UTube, watch a 30 minute LCMS service on Main Street Living KLKN, channel 8 on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.

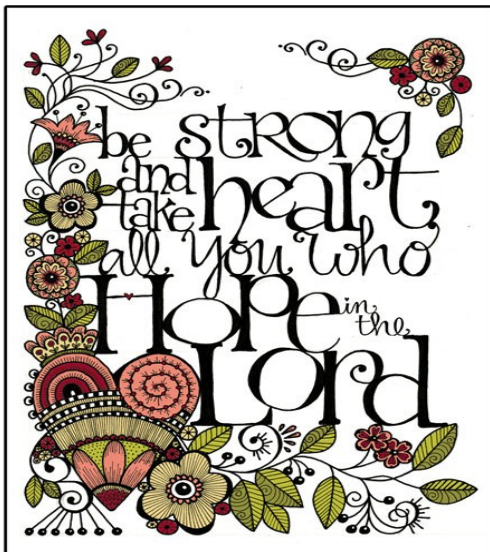
NEEDING ASSISTANCE?

If you are needing someone to deliver groceries, run errands, provide transportation to a doctor's appt., or needing a pastor to bring the Lord's Supper, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 and we will do what we can to fill this need. If you are able to come to the church building and receive communion, please call to make an appointment with one of the pastors.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with the above tasks. You are appreciated.

PROJECT FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT

On Good Shepherd's facebook page is a coloring sheet that can be printed. Students are invited to color the sheet, write an encouraging message on the back of the sheet, and send or bring it to the church. The pastors and vicar will then distribute these messages to our elderly and/or shut-in members as they make visits to let them know that we are thinking of them. Thank you for helping us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

- **All** who are battling the coronavirus and the families of those who have died from the virus, families who are struggling with issues of childcare, lost income, postponed events, etc.
- **Ron & Janet Amack**, with severe memory issues (Janet) and medical issues (Ron)
- **Norma Muth**, just started new round of chemotherapy.
- **David Montgomery**, friend of Bob Van Valkenburg, battling cancer.
- **Sheldon Wolff, age 15**, waiting for a double lung transplant.
- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues.
- **Three nephews of Joe Velasquez (Mike, Michael and David)**, who are in need of healing.
- **Robert Zook**, recovering from heart surgery.
- **Jan Poppe**, sister-in-law of Pastor Poppe, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Marge Kelly**, recovering at The Legacy
- **Jerry**, the uncle of the daughter-in-law of Terry Princ, hospitalized with the Covid-19 virus at age 80.
- **The family of Myron Myers**, brother of Luverne Myers, who was taken to his eternal home recently.
- **The family of Margaret Seagren**, grandmother of Jerika Perrin, and all who mourn the loss of loved ones in these times when we cannot gather as families to support one another.
- **The family of Michelle Leising**, mourning the loss of her mother.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: *"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice."* The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Following the Shepherd means life; following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow him!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK (April 26 — May 3):

People celebrating birthdays are:

Jenny Higgins	Eric Klutz
Kristin Wegner	Andrew Wood
Allison Fredrick	Dick Large
Everette Beed	Georgene Duer
Anna Eisenmann	Chelsea Meyer
Cindi Olson	Eric Beed
Kelsey Mick	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Rick & Paula Erickson (40 Years)
Charles & Nancy Fleck
Greg & Julie Potter
Bryan & Sandy Prenosil
Dan & Erica Alexander
Brandon & Renee Jackson
Rich & Lorelee Novak
Mark & Amy Fitzsimmons
Terry & Deb Princ

LIFE MOMENT: The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10: 11-16). Herein lies our assurance that our Shepherd does not abandon His sheep. He loves them too much. He paid too much for them to forsake them. We live our lives, not in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of the Good Shepherd.



CALL DAY SERVICES

This year's Call Day service at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will be a joint service for all assignments and calls on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 7 pm. You can stream the Concordia Theological Seminary call service online at callday.ctsfw.edu. Good Shepherd has submitted the necessary paperwork for a vicar for the August 2020 — July 2021 year and we will find out at this time who our incoming vicar will be.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have included Good Shepherd and our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers. We appreciate also your words of encouragement and financial support in these strange and difficult times.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
\$10,740.00

ATTENDANCE: N/A

OFFERING: N/A
PAY PAL FOR MARCH:
\$4,391.41
VANCO FOR MARCH:
\$2,710.00