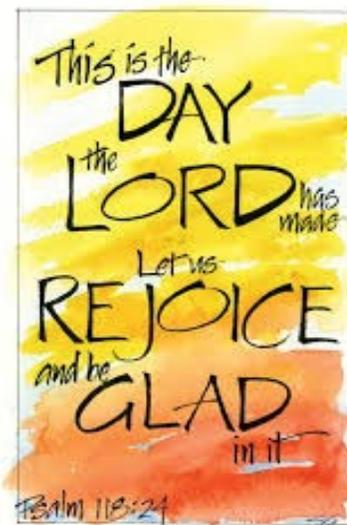


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(Easter IV) April 27-May 3, 2020

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SERVICE OF MATINS

Since we have been singing the Service of Matins for the past several Sundays, perhaps we should explore what makes this service unique. We can look at the Opening Versicles, Venite, and the Te Deum.

Matins is mainly a service of praise that is used in the morning. The Opening Versicles (pg. 219) are taken directly from Ps. 51 and Ps. 70. In Psalm 51 we call upon God to give us words of praise.

The Venite or “come” (pg. 220) consists of selected verses from Psalm 95 which is a perfect way to start the day. This is the traditional way for Christians to sing psalms and involves selecting a theme verse to be sung before and afterwards. This verse is called an “antiphon.” The pastor offers, “Blessed be God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” The antiphon for the Venite in response to the pastor is, “O come, let us worship Him.”

The Te Deum or “You, God” (pg. 223-225) is an early Christian hymn based on Scripture that was used in the liturgy since the fifth century.

“According to legend, it was composed by Ambrose and Augustine

when Bishop Ambrose baptized Augustine. Verses 1-3a praise God the Father. Verse 3b is a trinitarian doxology. Verses 4-7 praise Christ by declaring what He has done in a creed-like way. In fact, Luther spoke of the Te Deum as one of the three Christian creeds! Verses 8-9 are prayer versicles attached to the Te Deum in the Middle Ages. The Te Deum was traditionally sung at Matins on Sundays.”

~taken from Lutheranism 101: Worship (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2017, pg. 163

ASSIGNED VICAR/CALLS

Good Shepherd’s assigned vicar for the August 2020—July 2021 year is Timothy Steele II. Timothy and his wife Amy are members of Zion West in Omaha and parents of a young daughter.

Good Shepherd’s former vicar Albert Bader received his first call to St. John Lutheran Church in Ogallala, NE. Good Shepherd member, Mark Kranz, received his first call to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior Springs, MO.

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.



“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”

Luke 11:1

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**, at home following a hospitalization.
- **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.
- **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 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: I Peter 2: 11 — “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul — it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles: we belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK (May 4 — May 10):

People celebrating birthdays are:

Laureline Malecha

Jim Thompson

Kevin Meyer

Caleb Durr

Zac Erickson

Lance von Rentzell

Corban Bellows

Ruth Brisbois

Laura Buresh

Rose Poppe

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Terry & Deb Princ

LIFE MOMENT: The joy that comes from the risen Christ cannot be taken away (John 16: 22). This is not a feel-good happiness dependent on circumstances. It is a fruit of Christ's Spirit, the joy of our salvation in Christ that circumstances cannot change or diminish. Many of the life issues we deal with today are "joy robbers" and present opportunities to share the joy of the resurrection.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP QUIZ

1. Who is considered to be the "Father of Our Country"?
George Washington
Alexander Hamilton
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
Christopher Columbus
2. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
(same choices as above.)
3. What is the supreme law of the land?
The Executive Branch
The Constitution
The Honor System
The Bill of Rights
The Magna Carta

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION
WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
\$10,740.00

ATTENDANCE: N/A

OFFERING: \$8,355.00

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4. The notion of self-government is present in the first three words of the Constitution. What are the three words?
 - United we stand
 - Give me your
 - We the people
 - Congress shall make
 - You have the
5. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called . . .
 - Article One
 - The Bill of Rights
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The Federalist Papers
 - The Preamble
6. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
 - 1, 10, 27, 50, 142
7. What is one right or freedom NOT provided by the First Amendment?
 - Speech
 - Religion
 - Assembly
 - Pursuit of happiness
 - Petition the government
8. How many U. S. Senators are there and how long is a Senator's term?
 - 50 senators, 2 years
 - 50 senators, 6 years
 - 100 senators, 2 years.
 - 100 senators, 6 years
9. Why do some states have more representatives than other states?
 - States with more people have more representatives
 - States with more land have more representatives
 - Each state has the same number of representatives
 - Each state's number of representatives is random
10. What other position does the commander in chief of the military hold?
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Speaker of the House
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of Defense
11. If both the president and the vice president can no longer serve, who becomes president?
 - Attorney General
 - House Majority Leader
 - Speaker of the House
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of Defense



(Continued next week)