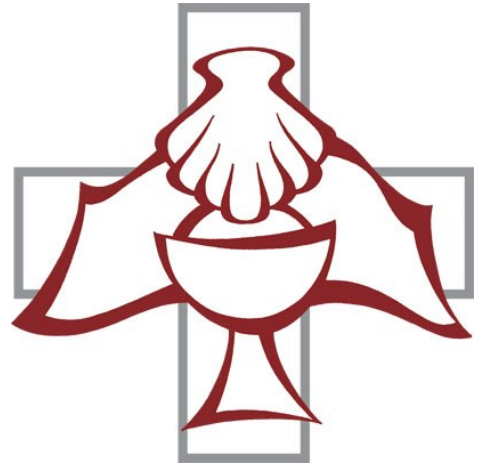


Good Shepherd News & Notes

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 5, 2024

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LITURGY BRINGS ORDER TO OUR DISORDER

by Leah Broman

Psalm 119 petitions the Lord, "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me" (Psalm 119: 133 KJV).

We need this prayer. The world presents many opportunities that shift our attention, invert our priorities, and lead us into disorder and sin. Even within the broad spectrum of American Christianity, much of the music, lyrics and common jargon can elicit disorder: from the focus on the individual instead of Jesus which may be found in some contemporary Christian music, to the empty platitudes in "religious" greeting cards, to the common "deeds before creeds" Christian mentality, to name just a few.

While God's ways are always orderly, in this sinful earthly life worldly and even avowedly Christian influences can bring disorder to our lives. As we daily battle the devil, the world and our flesh, the church ought to aid in spiritual and temporal living, not create more chaos.

One of the potent ways the church can resist disorder and chaos is through the liturgy. The liturgy roots people in God's Word. Doing so, it equips us for life and vocation: it teaches us how to pray, catechizes us to attest to our faith, instructs us in the faith, and brings God's Word to mind throughout our days.

LITURGY ROOTS US IN GOD'S WORD

The Lutheran liturgy is first and foremost scriptural. This underpinning in and of itself imbues order. The scriptural foundation can be observed in the Hymn of Praise, which is based on the song of the heavenly hosts in Luke 2: 14 and John's proclamation of Jesus as the Lamb of God in John 1: 29. The Salutation imitates the greetings in the Lord given by Boaz (Ruth 2: 4), Paul (II Thess. 3: 16) and others. Psalm 51 is the basis for the Offertory. Simeon's song in Luke 2: 29-32 provides us with the Nunc Dimittis. Setting Three in *Lutheran Service Book* contains more than 30 Scripture references. Throughout the liturgy, the pastor and congregation proclaim God's Word to God and to each other in a structured, orderly way.

The words of the liturgy also bring comfort, as they are based on God's unchanging Word. Bringing comfort to the saints is one of the fivefold use of Scripture, alongside doctrine, refutation, encouragement to good works, and decrying ungodly ways of life. [1] Just as God does not change, neither does His Word. This immutable nature of Scripture brings comfort and peace in an ever-changing world of disorder. Through the scripturally based liturgy we hear the words and promises of God, and we are comforted, even as the world buffets us. (see page 2)

[1]See Adam C. Koontz, "Speak as the Oracles of God: Rheinhold Pieper's Classical Lutheran Homiletic," *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 85, no.1 (January 2021): 26.

~ posted at <http://witness.lcms.org> ~

KNNA & ISSUES, ETC

One of the primary programs on KNNA—LP 95.7 The Cross is Issues, Etc. Broadcast live Monday through Friday from 3-5 pm , Issues, Etc. offers a wide variety of topics, features, and guests. Many current events in the world of theology are covered here as well as timeless theology drawn from Holy Scripture and Lutheran Confessions. You might even hear our very own Matt Phillips, as he is an occasional guest in the area of medieval church history. If you are not able to receive KNNA on your radio at 95.7FM, you can also listen on the internet at www.thecross957.org. Thanks for listening!



MAY MISSION PROJECT: APPLE OF HIS EYE MISSION SOCIETY

Rev. Jordan Peiser will be preaching and leading Bible study on Sunday, May 5th to introduce one of Good Shepherd's newest mission projects. In order to witness effectively and lovingly, it is important for non-Jewish people to understand the foundation of what Jewish people believe today. Rev. Peiser will help us to understand this process and will tell us about how the mission society works to show a person how Jesus fits the Old Testament prophecies and is the Jewish Messiah. Everyone is invited to come to services and Bible study to hear about this opportunity for ministry to God's chosen people.

"LUTHERANISM IN A POST-CHRISTIAN AMERICA"

Registration is now open for Luther Classical College's annual Christian Culture Conference. The dates for the conference are Tuesday and Wednesday, **June 4th and 5th**. It will be located at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1240 S. Missouri Ave., Casper, WY 82609. Presentations are as follows:

"Wokism and Post-Christian America"

"The Lutheran Family: Past and Future"

"Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America"

"The Role of Luther Classical College in Post-Christian America"

"Campus Free Speech is not Enough"

"Tyranny's Assault on the Family: Church and State in Post-Christian America"

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer

Dr. Allan Carlson

Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer

Dr. Ryan MacPherson

Dr. Scott Yenor

Rev. David Ramirez

For more information or to register, please go to <https://www.lutherclassical.org>.

LINCOLN MARATHON

The Lincoln Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run on Sunday, May 5th. Runners will be at Nebraska Parkway and 27th St. between 7:40 am and 9:45 am. Your route to church may need to be altered depending on where you live. To check the route and estimated times at the checkpoints, google: Lincoln Marathon.

ACELC CONFERENCE

You are invited to register for the ACELC Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Check the ACELC (Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches) website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (2)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (5)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (4)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (3)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (2)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (6)
- **Grady Schutz**, great-nephew of Linda Clark, having medical issues (4)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (2)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (5)
- **Karen**, daughter of Barb Kumm, dealing with health issues (5)
- **Barb**, a friend of Shelley Kurtzer, Barb Proescholdt, and Loraine Harnett, in treatment for cancer (4)
- **Brianna Merriman**, great-granddaughter of Rich & Lorelee Novak, dealing with health and adjustment issues. (4)
- **Georgia Deubler**, recovering from shoulder surgery (3)
- **Jim & Peggy Cather**, dealing with health issues (4)
- **Rita**, mother of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from surgery (4)
- **Marilyn Meyer**, for a successful medical procedure (2)
- **Shirley Kalina**, experiencing health issues (3)
- **Cherie Travis**, dealing with heart issues (1)
- **Delores Hellwege**, friend of Karen Kammann, with health concerns (2)
- **Rachel Wells**, sister of Hannah Swor, with ongoing health issues (1)

- **Sarah Stepp**, thanksgiving that issues regarding Rx insurance are resolved. Pray that her new prescription would be effective for her EOE. Pray also that her celiac disease would continue to be responsive to just a gluten-free diet (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the baptism of Ellie Rhyse Mackey**, daughter of **Chris & Carla Mackey**, on Wednesday, May 1st (1)
- **For those affected by the tornados** in Elkhorn, Waverly and other portions of the Midwest (2)



OWLS—FUN & FELLOWSHIP

That is: Older, Wiser Lutheran Seniors. The OWLS fun & fellowship group will meet this **Friday, May 3rd at 2 pm**. Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share. Last month we learned how to play Hand and Foot and also played Pitch and Mexican Trains. Please feel free to join in the fun and enjoy some great fellowship. The more the merrier. For more information please contact Marilyn Meyer or Linda Reigle.

FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

Come to the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd on **Sunday, May 5th at 2 pm** for a Family Board Game Day. Bring your favorite game and prepare to show others how to play it.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– I Tim. 2: 5-6 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.” To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so because we are ransomed. We belong to God: that’s the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 5 thru May 11)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Sophie Kaldahl	Caleb Durr
Lance von Rentzell	Ruth Brisbois
Todd Bohlender	Rose Poppe
Anthony Dlouhy	Ellie Mackey

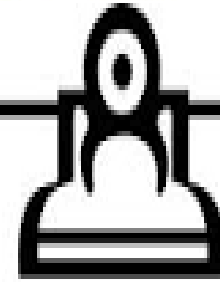
Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
Brent & Cherie Travis

LIFE MOMENT

With St. Peter and the Apostle, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3: 15). This means no one else has the right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24: 47) for every sinner and every sin — abortion and assisted suicide included.

OUTDOOR CLEANUP; MULCH APPLICATION

On Saturday, May 4th beginning at 9 am Good Shepherd members will be sprucing up the outdoor property. Volunteers, please bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, pruners, gloves and green thumbs. Mulch will be provided. All assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
APRIL 28, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED, APRIL 24 85
THURS: MATINS: 33
SUN., APRIL 28: 240

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 5,306.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030. We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 & April 121 2024
We have received
\$ 30,913.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — April 21,
2024:
\$ 24,411.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., May 5): 8 am:
10:30 am:
(Wed., May 8):

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., May 5): Mark Reinke
(Wed., May 8): Mark Reinke

USHERS: (Sun., May 5) 8 am: Higgins, Brodbeck, Indgjers
10:30 am: Novaks, Princes
(Wed., May 8): Civic, RJ Huff, Von Busches (A & A)

ACOLYTES: (Sun., May 5): 8 am: Zach Von Busch
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
Wed., May 8): Kyler Cover

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., May 5): Brileigh Twarling
(Wed., May 8): YuNa Kort

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., May 5): Marilyn Meyer
(Wed., May 8): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., May 5): Sheila Turek
(Wed., May 8): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., May 5): Marilyn Meyer, Corie Christiansen

POSITION OPENING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is looking for a full time Congregational Administrative Assistant. Wide range of tasks including weekly bulletins and newsletters, scheduling visits for the pastors, answering phones and a variety of other tasks as assigned. Will work closely with the pastors in the administration of the congregation. Candidates need to be friendly, outgoing, and able to show discretion. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, database software and Google products required. Pay is \$15.40 per hour. Please submit a resume' or ask questions to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3825 Wildbriar Ln., Lincoln, NE 68516 or email to info @goodshepherd-lincoln.org.

CANDIDATE PLACEMENTS

Candidate placements also occurred at CTSFW last week. Our former vicar Noah Kerstein (and Jessica) will be serving at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Ill.

In addition several of our former Concordia students have received their assignments.

Armbrecht, Isaiah (and Audrey)— Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester IA
Goodroad, Joseph (and Olivia) —Grace Lutheran Church, Iola, KS
Grenemeyer, Joseph (and Faith) —Faith Lutheran Church, Parkston, SD
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Emery, SD

Kastner, John — Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS

Please keep them all in your prayers as they finish the academic year and prepare to relocate and begin their ministry.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe Burke (Bailey Pointe)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Woodlands)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. Beginning on **April 21st** there is a card available for **Brent & Cherie Travis** as they celebrate their **22nd anniversary**. This card will be available to sign until **Sunday, May 5th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



MEET TREVOR FLANICK & FAMILY

Trevor Flanick was raised on a small farm in Maryland along with five brothers. He was baptized, catechized, and confirmed in the LCMS and was homeschooled throughout high school. After graduating, he attended Messiah College in PA, where he studied Criminal Justice and Psychology. Trevor also participated in Army ROTC to prepare for a military career; he met his bride, Rebekah, in college.

After marrying and graduating college, Trevor was commissioned as an active-duty Infantry officer in the Army. In the following nine-and-a-half years, they traveled and lived throughout the country. Stationed in Georgia, Alaska, and Kansas, Trevor spent some time overseas for deployments and training. In 2022, he left military service, moved the family to Ft. Wayne, IN and began the MDIV program at CTSFW. Trevor was blessed to serve as fieldworker at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School the last two years.

The Flanicks have 3 sons: Gideon (6), Theodore (Teddy) (4), and James (2) and just welcomed twin girls — Constance and Caroline (5mo) — this past November, bringing the family up to 7.

Trevor will be completing his vicarage at Good Shepherd during the Aug. 2024 — July 2025 year. Please include Trevor & Rebekah and their family in your prayers as they transition to Lincoln, NE and Good Shepherd.

MATH TOOL AVAILABLE

A former teacher living in the neighborhood has donated a math tool kit by Cortensen Co. to Good Shepherd. It is helpful in teaching additions, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. Since it is too advanced for the Little Learners Preschool which occupies our basement currently, perhaps a homeschool family would find it useful. You can check it out in the church office if this is something that would be helpful to your family. Questions? Contact the church office at (402) 423-7639.



"The value of life does not depend upon what we are able to do but upon what God has done — created, redeemed, and called us (Isaiah 43: 1)."
~ Lutherans for Life ~

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER PARK TOUR



All families are invited to join us on our Second Annual Summer Park Tour. We plan to hold park dates every other week through the summer at various locations. These park dates are a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Parents get an opportunity to chat while the kids run around and play.

Our first park date will be May 7, 2024 from 10 am to noon at the neighborhood park located at 1050 Oakview Drive in Hickman. Feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

We will also be gathering for a park date on May 21, 2024 from 10 am to noon at Mendoza Park in Lincoln. There is a sidewalk entrance near Blackstone and Benziger. The sidewalk is between houses on the west side of Blackstone. From there, you walk down the path to the playground. There is a shelter with picnic tables near the playground. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

Information about future summer park dates will be disseminated by text message. Please contact Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with any questions, or to be added to the summer park dates text message group.

"When we leave the fundamentals (Bible study, prayer, etc.), we tend to lead undisciplined spiritual lives. We become tentative. We begin to depend on a value system that is not of God. We lose our eternal perspective on reality, and thereby impair our good judgment."

A question to ask yourself: Is the bulk of my activity centered on things related to my goals, values, and priorities?