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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

**Lectionary Summary:** The Lord Jesus is *"the good shepherd"* who *"lays down his life for the sheep"* (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the *"authority to lay it down"* and the *"authority to take it up again"* (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be *"one flock, one shepherd"* (John 10:16). That is why the apostles *"were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead"* (Acts 4:2). Since *"there is salvation in no one else,"* His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, *"for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to *"love one another"* and *"to lay down our lives for the brothers,"* as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One LSB 151**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringing of the Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”**

*LSB 710*

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**
- 2 My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.**

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*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Introit

*Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C** **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** **He leads me beside still waters.**

**P** He restores my soul.

**C** **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**C** **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C** **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**C** **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.**

**P** 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 152*

♪**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪**C** **Amen.**

♪**Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”**

*LSB 155*

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

**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*

## Old Testament Reading

*Acts 4:1–12*

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir Anthem:** "Loving Shepherd of the Sheep" (8:00)

**Bell Choir:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (10:30)

## Epistle

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 10:11–18*

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

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 to You, 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Children's Message**

♪ **Sermon Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

*LSB 709*

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Erik**

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**Prayer of the Church**

## Preface

LSB 160

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

♪**P** Lift up your hearts.

♪**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

♪**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## ♪Sanctus

LSB 161

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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 162

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

**♩C** Amen.

## **♩**Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns

### **♩** “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

LSB 625

- 1** **Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.**
- 2** **To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.**

**3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.**

**4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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**♪“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”**

*LSB 463*

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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**♪“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

*LSB 643*

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended**

**The fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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*Stand*

**♪ Post-Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord"**

*LSB 164*

- ☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

- ☐ 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 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.**

**♪☐ Amen.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.**

**♪☐ Amen.**

♪Closing Hymn: “I Am Jesus' Little Lamb”

LSB 740

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
  
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
  
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lisa Niemann, Elizabeth Sharer, Patrick Young, Coleman Kneifl, Logan Schafer & Nora Heithold

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Charles & Ruth Maier, Terry & Sandy Bartling, Eric & Kourtney Hefti, RaDelle & Mary Lou Erxleben and Russ & Courtney Volk

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were 5,479.

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website [www.gracewayne.com](http://www.gracewayne.com) or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

**USE YOUR GIFTS:** Beginning in June, some of the areas of service which were temporarily discontinued due to pandemic precautions we hope to resume. That means that we will be looking for those who would like to serve the Lord and our congregation as Greeters and Lay Readers. Greeters help to provide a friendly welcome and distribute bulletins to people entering our sanctuary. Lay Readers assist during the worship service by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the service. If you would like to help in either role, please indicate it on your attendance registration sheet.

**CONNECT TO DISCIPLE:** On April 25 we will begin a new Disciple Training workshop entitled "Connect to Disciple." This material was produced in response to the Re:Vitality initiative of our synod. In the survey conducted at the end of 2020 outreach and equipping to share our faith was one of the areas that our congregation self-identified as an area where growth was needed/desired. This material was developed by our synod to help meet that need. This class will meet in the basement during adult Bible class hour beginning at 9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "Unwilling Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God's calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God's mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control. For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Lesson 5 and additional family materials.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Laughed At" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** We are getting down to our last few weeks of school. With Finals quickly approaching we want to remind you of our opportunities for Free Dinners! Tonight and Next Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30PM we will be hosting our last Sunday Night Suppers for the year. Thank you to everyone who has made these so special! We have loved all of the food that you have prepared for us, and for students who are looking for a delicious meal we hope you can join us! Also Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have a Finals

week Dinner at 7:30PM as well! Come get some Raising Cane's and don't raise cain about your finals! Invite your friends and we will see you soon!

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER:** The Jr. High and High School Youth Group want to thank you for taking the time to support, pray for, and encourage us throughout this past year as you always have. All of you have meant so much to us, during a time of great uncertainty in a lot of ways. Two things have been certain though and that is first God's love and second your commitment. The Youth Group is also working on a fundraiser to help make it to the National Youth Gathering that takes place July 2022. On the wall leading into the Fellowship Hall, you will find a lot of envelopes. If you feel led to support this effort, please take an envelope and you the dollar amount on each one is merely a suggestion. You can donate more, or less depending upon your interest. All proceeds will go towards our trip to the Gathering, and if you write a check, please make it out to LYF Grace Lutheran. Thank you again for all your support! We could not do anything without your help!

**VISIONARY PARENTING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR ERIK:** Parents are you looking at getting into God's word with your children. Are you not sure how to even begin doing something like that? Wanting to strengthen habits that you are already doing. Well then, we hope you will join Pastor Erik on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Hour from 9:15 to 10:15AM! We will cover great topics like God's grand vision for the home, a God-filled normal life, Biblical fatherhood and motherhood, family worship, multi-generational faithfulness, a safe home, and disciplines that disciple. What you will hear and learn is that God has brought your family together for a grand purpose! Our study called *Visionary Parenting* will help you discover and lean into this awesome opportunity. Through studying God's Word in this Visionary Parenting series, you will be inspired to catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family. While also being inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your kids.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY:** Come celebrate our High School Seniors on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30am service! All High School Seniors are invited to sit together in a front pew and can wear their graduation gowns. There will be a special prayer, blessing, and gift from our congregation presented to all our seniors. Be there to congratulate, encourage and send them off to their next journey in God's love. Thank you for always supporting our youth!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC:** The Sunday School is pleased to announce the return of Lower and Upper Division music. With that, parents will now be asked to first drop off their Lower Division students to their individual classrooms and then to pick up these students from the basement area that is traditionally reserved for Lower Division music time. Music time will begin at 10:00AM for Lower Division students, with class before. Upper Division students will also begin in the individual classrooms, and at 9:20AM, these students will begin the Sunday School hour by either engaging in a time of music practice, in the Sanctuary, or by beginning to learn in their individual classroom, with all Upper Division students joining the class at 9:35AM. Despite these updates, Sunday School will still continue to run between 9:15AM and 10:15AM. If parents have any questions about the format for this type of activity, please feel free to contact Derek Jareske by email at dejare01@gmail.com.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> THRU 17<sup>TH</sup> 5:15PM TO 8PM**

*Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?* Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island VBS, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God and how His love applies to their lives. Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island! Our Daily Schedule will include: Dinner starting at 5:15PM followed by a large group opening 5:50PM, small group rotations through lessons, games, and crafts, and large group closing at 8:00PM. Thursday June 17th will be a special evening with a family friendly island themed movie being shown immediately after our large group closing at 8pm. Concessions will be sold including popcorn, candy, and drinks. All proceeds from the movie go towards helping the Youth Group make it to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas during the summer of 2022! Be sure to encourage your friends to register, and we will see you soon for a swash buckling, rip roaring, high sea sailing tale of an Island Adventure!!!

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

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**ELDER ON DUTY:** Troy Stowater (8:00) Lonnie Matthes (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Drew Reinhardt (8:00) Reese Rethwisch (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

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## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:15 pm.	Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 pm.	College Bible Study
<b>SATURDAY</b>	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Supper