

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

Pastor Tim Heinecke



Worship Notes

- Families with children are warmly welcome! We love to have children participate in worship and offer special bulletins just for kids.
- If you need to step out of the worship service with a child, there are chairs set up in the Family Room at the south end of the narthex/entry with speakers from the sanctuary. However, please do not feel pressure to leave if your child acts up a little bit. We want children to learn how to worship with us!
- If you have difficulty standing during the service, please remain seated.
- We have hearing assistance devices for the Sanctuary. If you are having difficulty hearing during worship, let Pastor or one of the AV volunteers know and they will get you a device.
- Restrooms (with changing tables) are located at the north end of the narthex/entry.
- Please remember to silence your cell phone before worship begins.
- If you are a guest today, we are happy you are here! Please take time after the service to introduce yourself to the pastor. We would like to get to know you better!
- If you are a guest, please do not feel obliged to give an offering. If you belong to another congregation, please continue to support them. If you are new to Christianity, let us help you understand God's gifts to you so that you know why we give offerings. Instead of passing the offering plate, we will worship God by placing our offerings in the "noisy can" in the narthex/entry.
- Special Note About Face Masks and Distancing: Wearing face masks and social distancing is optional. We understand everyone is in a different health situation, has a different comfort level, etc. Regardless of your situation, everyone is welcome to worship with us without any pressure to shake hands or be in physical contact with anyone. Since wearing a mask for long periods of time can be uncomfortable, you are welcome to step outside for a mask break at any time, even during worship.

Holy Communion

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion during worship. This is a very special and important part of our life together as Christians. Jesus promises to give us His own body and blood together with the bread and wine in this meal in a miraculous way. Through this meal He forgives our sins and strengthens our relationship with Him and with one another. God invites all who trust in Christ's Word, repent of all sins, and resolve to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Because participation in this meal is also a confession of the faith of this congregation (1 Cor. 11:26), and because those who eat and drink Christ's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:27), it is important that all baptized Christians examine themselves *before* communing (1 Cor. 11:28). If you have not been instructed, are in doubt, or do not share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we suggest that you refrain from communing this morning. We invite you to speak with the pastor after the service, however, so that we might celebrate this meal together in the future.

(Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. If this would be helpful to you, please inform an usher or the pastor before we celebrate the Lord's Supper.)

Each Sunday of the year is marked in the church in relation to Jesus' life and ministry.

During the season of Easter we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and consider what it means for our lives today.

In the opening hymn we thank and praise God for gathering us together as His people.

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To "invoke" is to call upon. We call on our Triune God because we are baptized into His name.

+ Preparation +

Before the service, please use the sanctuary to prepare for worship. We invite you to use this time to prepare by reflecting on the Scripture readings and songs. To help others also prepare for worship, please keep voices low in the sanctuary.

Pre-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for going to the cross to save me.

As I prepare to receive your Body and Blood, I am sorry for all my sins.

Please forgive me and strengthen my trust in you. By your grace, help me to live in fellowship with you and my brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

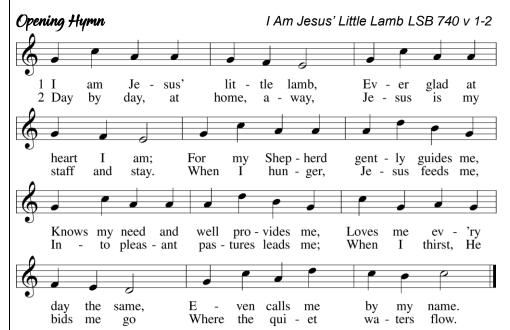
John 14:27

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

We admit to God and to each other that we have not lived according to God's law. We ask God to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

God completely removes our sin through faith in Christ. These words of forgiveness are from God Himself. (John 20:21-23)

We thank and praise God for us forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ.

The Book of Psalms was like a prayer book for the people of God in the Old Testament. It proclaims the promises of God that were fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sins

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession to God.)

C: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb LSB 740 v 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.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

P: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

P: he leads me beside quiet waters,

C: he refreshes my soul.

P: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

P: 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

+ Word +

Greeting and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, You brought the Shepherd of Your sheep back to life on Easter. Give 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.

First Reading Acts 4:1-12

¹ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,

which has become the cornerstone.'

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The "collect" is prayed by Christians throughout the church each week. It "collects" all our prayers together into one general request fitting with the theme

of the day.

During Easter it is traditional to read from the books of Acts instead of the Old Testament. The book of Acts is a record of the life and ministry of Christians in the first century.

"Epistles" are letters written by Jesus' apostles to the church. They teach about Jesus and instruct us for living as His people. The apostles were led by the Spirit of truth. (John 16:13)

"Gospel" literally means "good news." The four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the good news of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and promise to return.

John writes, "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

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

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

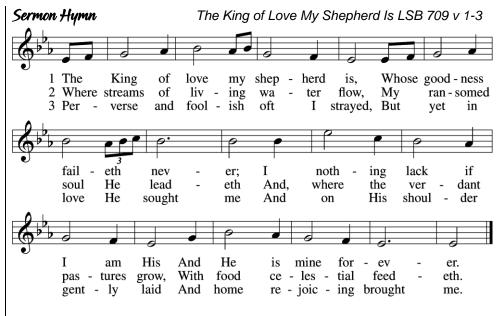
¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—
¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

During the Sermon Hymn, children are invited to come forward and worship God by placing their offering in the Noisy Can up front, then return to their seats. Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." (Mark 10:14)

Children's Message

This brief lesson is designed for children up to sixth grade.

Parents are welcome to come up with their children.

We ask that all children under three be accompanied by a parent.

Sermon Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709 v 4-6

- 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!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

The pastor preaches the Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2). Listen for God's commands (Law) and God's promises in Christ (Gospel).

Sermon

Sermon Title: "Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best"

Sermon Text: John 10:11-18

Adult Bible study at 10:30 AM begins with time to discuss any questions that you may have from the sermon. (space allowed for Sermon Notes)

Jesus instructs us to confess our faith in Him. (Matt. 10:32). Today we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed, which has been confessed in various forms since the 2nd Century AD.

Confession of Faith

P: Christian, what do you believe?

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 to judge 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 worshipped 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.

God promises to hear our prayers in Jesus' name. (Acts 4:12)

Take note of the prayer requests made at this time and incorporate them into your daily prayers.

If you would like to add or remove an ongoing prayer request, contact the church by Wednesday afternoon each week. The Prayers of the Church
After each petition:

P: Lord, You are our Good Shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Birthday this week: Kyle Schumacher (4/24)

Anniversaries this week: Carol Kollos & Tim Bloes (4/21),

Patrick & Jamie Vogt (4/26)

Comfort, healing, recovery, and physical strength

George Spratt (physical pain)

Eric Endthoff (back trouble)
Mary Kemkes (health/memory issues)

Oleg (digestive issues)

Lee Wolf (bladder cancer)

Anna Farnham (health issues) Kyle Ranum (heart issues)

Ronan (Gloria's grandson)
Riley Helberger (young boy with leukemia)

Kurt (Lisa's brother, cancer)

Laurice (Lisa's mom, surgery recovery)

Helen Bauer (health issues)

Joni Ornes (Leon's niece, chemotherapy)

Brenda (Marten's daughter, lupus)

Leon Williams (health issues)

Vellenia (Damaris' niece, cancer)

Marilyn Acker (chronic pain)

Lea (declining health)
Chuck (declining health)

Thomas Cline (lung cancer)
Shannon (healing and strength)

Lexy (program completion)

Don Meyer (health issues)

Julie Trippel (health issues)
Donna (lung cancer)

Keith Gartland (melanoma)

Desmond

Robin Wies (cancer)

Beth (heart issues) Fitzhugh family

Other Concerns

Families struggling with addictions

Those who are disconnected from Christ and the church

Pastor Fung Lo, Kalia, and Mercy as they serve as missionaries to Thailand

Amy Formella and her work at Lutheran Bible Translators

Persecuted Christians

Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

When His disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them the "Lord's Prayer." (Matt. 6:9-13)

+ Sacrament +

Words of Institution

When combined with the Word and promise of God, the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Christ.
Two things happen in the Lord's Supper: God forgives & strengthens us, & we confess our faith as one.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18-20

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Cor. 11:26

Distribution

Thoughts for self-examination as you prepare to commune:

We believe that the bread and wine are Jesus' true body and blood.

Christ invites those who repent of their sins and trust Him to forgive.

We are called to forgive another as we have been forgiven.

When we commune together we confess our faith together.

The ushers will invite those who are communing to come forward row by row. After Communing, please exit the sanctuary out the door to your left (past the piano and AV Booth) and return to your seat.

Grape juice is available for those who are unable to drink wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. Please mention either of these needs to an usher or the pastor.

Guests: Please see instructions for Holy Communion on page one.

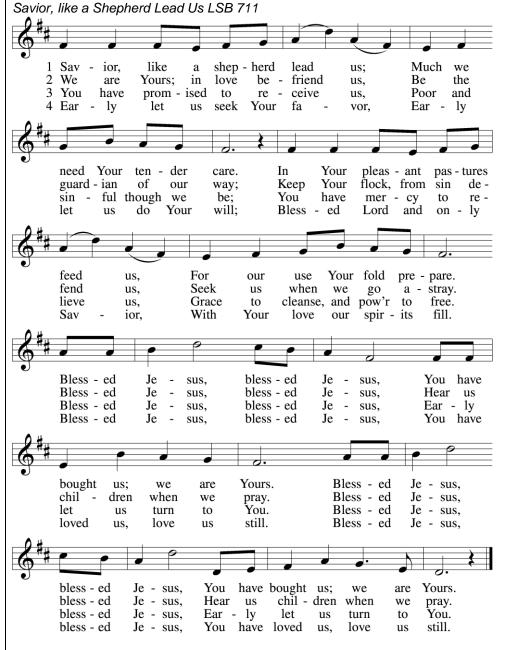
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Communion Hymns



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Dismissal

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in + peace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, for You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come. You have refreshed us through the body and blood of Your beloved Son. We now humbly ask that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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.

C: Amen.

We thank God for the forgiveness and strength that He gives us through his body and blood. God instructed Aaron to bless His people with these words. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Worship concludes as we praise God and ask Him to guide, strengthen, and empower us to share His love with others throughout the week.

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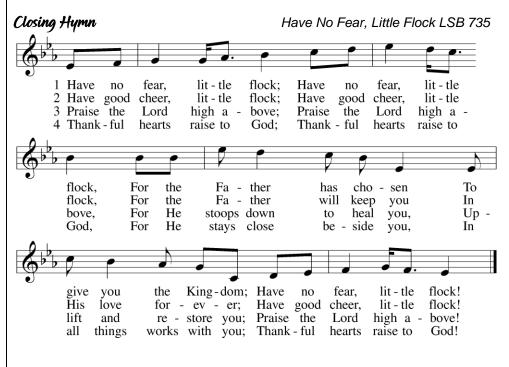
P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



+ You Are Invited! +

We invite you to stay after worship for our Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am. Join us after worship for fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall or Fireside Room.

Ages 3 - 12: Meet in the Large Classroom for Sunday School.

Ages 13 - 18: Meet in the Youth Room for Youth Group.

Adults: Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for Bible Class. There is no speaking or reading required to participate in this class. Children two years and under are welcome to stay with their parents in this class. Bibles are available on the shelf in Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a Bible, let Pastor know and we'd love to give you one!

Serving in the Month of April

Altar Preparation: Judy West Elder on Duty: Wally Jensen Ushers: Wally Jensen, Evan Krueger Audio/Video: Eric Grunwald

Communion Assistants: Bob Anderson, Lyle Nelson

Serving this week, April 21st

Greeters: Kay Walfoort, Judy West
PowerPoints: Jane Krause

Music: Floreen Meyer
Reader: Gloria Dirksen

Acolytes: Addison Bartusch, Olivia Bartusch, Lexi Endthoff **Flowers:** In celebration of Glenn & Ceil Marten's anniversary

and Dave & Judy West's anniversary

Snacks: Joan Arndt/Kathy Brevig, Leanne Magoon

Church Cleaners: Cleaning Authority

Serving next week, April 28th

Greeters: Lynn Nelson, Angela Springer Music: Soul Purpose PowerPoints: John Aufderhar Reader: Ginny Mullin Acolytes: Parker Minlschmidt, Owen Minlschmidt, Shea Hageman Flowers: Given by the Heinecke family in celebration of Lila's birthday

Snacks: Ginny Mullin, Dorothy Meilinger **Church Cleaners:** Brent and Jane Krause

Calendar of Events

You can attend Worship and Adult Bible Study in person, watch the live stream on YouTube, or watch the video on YouTube after the in-person event ends.

Today: Worship with Communion 9:00 am

Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

Monday: "The Chosen" Bible Study at Keystone Place 1:30 pm

Tuesday: Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
Wednesday: Crossfire/Confirmation 6:00 pm

Kids' Club 6:00 pm

Soul Purpose Practice 7:00 pm

Friday: Roman's Bible Study 10:00 am

Saturday: Mom Time at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Hugo 9:00 am

Next Sunday: Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School, Youth Group, Voter's Meeting 10:30 am

If you have any changes or additions to the bulletin, send an email by Wednesday morning to Lisa Heinecke at newlifehugo@gmail.com.

Things You Should Know

Mom Time

Being a mom is one of the most rewarding and difficult jobs on the planet. To support and encourage our moms, we are looking at starting a group just for moms to take a break and get together. All moms are invited to meet once a month at Dunn Bros Coffee in Hugo. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. Louise Krueger (an experienced mom and nurse) has volunteered to lead the group. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, etc., please let Louise know (louisek60@gmail.com, call or text her at 651-231-9103).

Compassion Sunday April 28th

We will pray for all sponsored children. If you are sponsoring children (any organization), write their names and country on the sheet outside the kitchen so we can pray for them.

Voter's Meeting

Our quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 28th, during the Education Hour at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Graduation Party

There will be a graduation party for Gaozong Faith Lo (Pastor Fung & Kalia Lo's daughter) on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran (1 Shepherd Ct, Circle Pines). Please RSVP before April 23rd by calling or texting 763.703.8750.

LWML Convention Donations

Gloria Dirksen and Kathy Brevig will be attending the MN South District LWML (Women in Mission) convention in Mankato June 27- 29. The Gifts from the Heart recipient is Orphan Grain Train. We are asking for donations of new or gently used shoes, all sizes; new or gently used clean socks, all sizes baby to adult; quilts, comforters, blankets, all sizes; cash donations for shipping (average cost to ship a box is \$11. Average cost for an overseas container is \$9,000!) Put donations by kitchen door or give larger items to Gloria or Kathy. Thank you!

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