

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20-21, 2024



In the Sundays of the Easter season, we celebrate the truths and promises of what the resurrected Christ offers. We are loved by God the Father, whose plan from eternity was to redeem and restore lost sheep. This is notably expressed on Good Shepherd Sunday. In our prayers and readings, the risen Jesus Christ authenticates the truth that He truly is the Good Shepherd who lovingly cares for His sheep. He does this, John shows us in both our Epistle and Gospel, not just through words but also through the willful laying down of His life for His sheep. Thus, John gives both a definition and a description of the Shepherd's love. It is intentional action motivated by love that submits to God's commands and willingness to sacrifice to the point of laying down one's life. A heart loved is a heart moved to care, as compared to a heart lacking such motivation. This is seen by example in the lives of Peter and John in the First Reading. The apostles were willing both to do a "good deed," care for a crippled man, in Jesus' name and also to testify of their Lord, even though it "greatly annoyed" the priests and Sadducees. Peter and John knew that they were known intimately by their Shepherd, and just as they were known and cared for by God, their hearts were moved to care for the crippled man and to proclaim that Christ is risen. Our Good Shepherd does not close His heart to the needs of people, but through action, He displays His care. His love motivates our hearts to see and lovingly respond to the needs of others.

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



Saturday 6 p.m. Blended & Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist**

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **Dale Scheiderer – Organist**

Divine Service Setting Four – LSB pg. 203

“JOY” - 1 John 3:16-24

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **OPENING SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

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(Sun. 9 a.m.) **HYMN OF INVOCATION “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

LSB 686

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 203

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** *by the SJLC First Review,*

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep”

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16-24

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **SONG OF THE DAY** “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in Heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created all for love's sake became poor.

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I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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(Sun. 9 a.m.) **HYMN OF THE DAY** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

SERMON MESSAGE: “JOY” - 1 John 3:16-24

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – LSB pg. 208

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 15 of this worship program]

PREFACE LSB 208

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **SANCTUS** LSB 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING LSB 209

LORD’S PRAYER LSB 209

☩ 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 209

PAX DOMINI LSB 209

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **AGNUS DEI** LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **Worship Presentation** by Steve Bumgarner, **“Be Still”** (Steven Curtis Chapman)

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** LSB 809

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **“Beautiful Savior”** LSB 537

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **NUNC DIMITTIS** LSB 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION LSB 212

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **CLOSING SONG** **“Shout To The Lord”**

My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You!
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love!
My comfort my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength!
Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing!
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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(Sun. 9 a.m.) **CLOSING HYMN** **“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”** LSB 711

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship

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Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Lord, we confess.

People: Forgive us for not looking upon You as our Shepherd.

Pastor: Lord, we would follow You wherever You might lead. Lord, we would follow You.

Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

People: Forgive us when, distracted, we lose our way. Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

Pastor: We confess that we fear, even though You are with us, even though You promise to comfort us.

People: Forgive us for forgetting that You have prepared a table for us and that Your goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives.

Pastor: Lord, You are good and upright; Instruct us sinners in Your ways. Guide us in what is right and teach us Your ways.

People: For the sake of Your name, Lord, forgive us our sins, though they are great. Amen.

Worship Presentation by the SJLS 2nd Grade, “Beautiful Savior” (Teachers, Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Moran)

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program)

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Response Song: “Here I Am to Worship”

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Message: “JOY” - 1 John 3:16-24

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Nicene Creed

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.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

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.

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We Prepare (as found on page 15 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Distribution

Worship Presentation by Steve Bumgarner, "Be Still" (Steven Curtis Chapman)

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

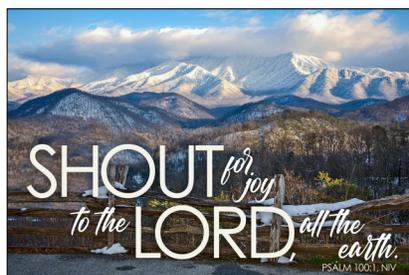
Closing Song:

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NOTES AND NEWS

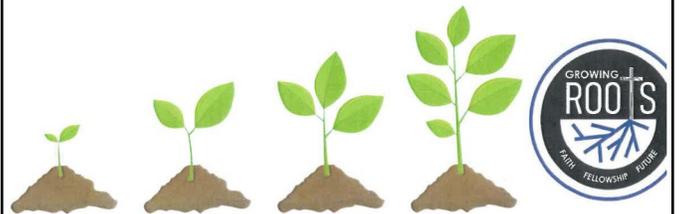
The long anticipated Call Day is approaching soon— Tuesday, April 23rd!!

As you might recall we are currently only in the running for a Call to Drake Peterson for the position of Associate Pastor. As Drake is a pastoral candidate from St. Louis we will find out if Drake will be our Associate Pastor on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm (central time zone). If you are interested in viewing the placement of the St. Louis candidates you may livestream the Call Day Service at csl.edu/call-day or on Facebook and/or You Tube. The Fort Wayne Call Night will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, (edt), and is available through CTSFW's Call Day webpage or ctsfw.edu/callday. As a reminder, St. John's has no possible candidate from Ft. Wayne. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Call Committee Members should you have any questions.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards and wishes I received on my birthday, especially the card from Mrs. Wade's 5th Grade Class from St. John's Lutheran School. They were all very much appreciated. **Judith Walkup**

ELI IS GROWING ROOTS!



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SPECIAL BECAUSE.
We get to learn about Jesus.

2024 LEAP Golf Outing July 13, 2024 at The Ridge Four person scramble



Register at www.leapstjohns.com or scan the QR code provided.

Please reach out for sponsorship or volunteer opportunities This year, you can pay in advance on Vanco. A link will be sent when registered.

Cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per team.
Cost includes golf, contest holes, catered lunch, drink tickets, and more.



Church & School Picnic

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Save the Date!

Join us following the 11:00 service from noon to 3pm in the St. John's Gym and Cafeteria for a potluck, games, music, and prizes!

See you there!

Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting



The Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held **Sunday, April 28th** at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member.

If you would like additional information on voting membership, please pick up a pamphlet located in the Marie Pfarr Room literature racks.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfppg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Holy Baptism of **Sara Grace Sivko** on April 21st, which is also her birthday; by her parents Matt & Gloria and sister Ana.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S APRIL 21-28, 2024

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| TODAY 04/21/24 | 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Communion "Live-Streamed" |
| | 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am Youth Catechism/Modulars |
| | 10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training/Heritage House |
| | 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion |
| | 6:00 pm Jr. LYF: Youth Night/Youth House |
| MONDAY | 8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball |
| TUESDAY | 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting/Heritage House 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting/Heritage House |
| WEDNESDAY | 1:30 pm ACES/Youth House |
| THURSDAY | 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting |
| FRIDAY | 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting |
| SATURDAY | 7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House 6:00 pm Saturday Worship Service: Presentation of 1st Catechisms & 3rd Grade Bibles |
| SUNDAY 9 & 11: Presentation of 1st Catechisms & 3rd Grade Bibles 04/28/24 | 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: "Live-Streamed" 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Catechism/Modulars 10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training/Heritage House 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service/Gym 1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym |

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):
Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: Topic - "Book of Concord". Led by Gage Garlinghouse (6 weeks).

New Bible Study—Teacher Leigh Wade's Classroom (#3017): Topic - "This is the Day" by Tim Tebow. Led by Rich Rausch (6 weeks). For Dad's & Kids.

If you have questions, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com

Weekly Church Attendance

6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

4/13 & 4/14: 425

Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

April 27-28, 2024

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

Holy Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Congregational Tithes—4th Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Member Mission Outreach - 10%;

Higher Things - 20% (online classes used for Sunday School & Catechism);

Preborn - 20%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary.
Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org



Attention Budding Artists:

"Water Color Painting" is the Ladies Aid Old School Class that will be held Sunday, May 5th, 3:00 PM, in the school cafeteria. This class will be taught by an artist from the Marysville Art League. All are welcome! If interested, please call or text Brande Vollrath at 937-243-5289. It will be a great afternoon!



Greetings from St. John's Stephen Ministry!

We are so excited to announce that we have a great class starting in April. We do have room for a few more. Our classes will start TODAY, Sunday, April 21, from 10 am (after church) to 12:30 pm. This schedule will run until May 19, and at that time we will move to a summer schedule. For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact **Doug Doellinger** at 937-644- 0576, weaverwood8@gmail.com or **Marie Van Gorden** at 614-736-7162, marievangorden@gmail.com
We are the caregivers, Christ is the Curegiver!



2024 ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Flower dates can be reserved for the altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. Dates available for altar flowers through the month of September are the following:

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| May 12 | July 14 | August 11 | September 8 |
| June 23 | July 28 | August 18 | September 15 |
| July 7 | August 4 | September 1 | September 22 |

Many dates are also available in October, November, and December.

The Flower Committee thanks you for your support.



Junior Youth Night

Sunday April 21st 6-8 pm

Capture the Flag!

Black Ops

DOGS VS FROGS

Depend on God V.S. Fully Rely on God

+ Food, Fellowship and Devotions around the fire!

At Youth House - Bring a Friend

Bring a bag of
Chips to share
If you have one!

All 5th to 8th
Graders invited!



SJS Spring Concert: Proud to Be an American!



The St. John's Middle School choir, school bands, and Spotlight Drama will showcase their talents on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Please join us for this patriotic presentation!

Baby Shower Gifts Delivered to FW Seminary!

Teresa Nickle and Mary Mayer delivered the baby shower gifts to the Fort Wayne Seminary on April 16. Deaconess Katherine was thrilled with the car load of gifts. Thanks to all who contributed to the Baby Shower in March. Ladies Aid hopes to sponsor another Seminary Baby Shower early 2025. Thanks for your support. Your gifts will bring joy and support to many Seminary students. *Ladies Aid*

MORE NOTES & NEWS

“ON THE ROAD AGAIN...”

Forty-five Golden Eagles and friends hopped on the bus last Saturday afternoon and headed out to hear one of our favorite groups, **THE TEXAS TENORS!** What they didn't know was that our

dear friend and travel agent over the last decade, Ike Reynolds, was joining us on the trip! For most, it was the first time seeing Ike since we traveled together to Wisconsin last fall, where he suffered a stroke. We lifted Ike up daily in our prayers, but one of the hardest things we've ever done was leaving Ike behind in a hospital in Green Bay as we traveled home. God has seen him through the recovery process and we were thrilled to have him back with us again!

The Texas Tenors concert was amazing as always, but we missed Marcus Collins, a favorite of ours, who was unable to appear due to illness. Nevertheless, The Golden Eagles and especially his number one fan, Lucy Eger, received a shout out from the stage!



MACKINAC ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 12th - 15th, 2024!

Plans are well under way for our fall trip as we set sail for Mackinaw Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in September! This four-day three-night trip will take us to Mackinaw City, where we'll do some exploring and spend a total three nights. The next morning, we'll take the ferry to Mackinac Island for a horse-drawn taxi tour of this quaint island and a decadent buffet luncheon buffet at the world famous Grand Hotel!

Heading further north, we'll tour the famous Soo Locks in Salt Ste Marie and learn some fascinating history about the locks and Lake Superior. One evening's entertainment will feature a musical performance of **"The Best of Gordon Lightfoot"**, with such favorites as "Rainy Day People", "Early Morning Rain", and "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald", a song which immortalizes the sinking of the ship in 1975, taking all 29 crew members to their graves at the bottom of Lake Superior, and ranking as one of the worst shipping disasters of all times on the Great Lakes.

We're so pleased that our friend Ike Reynolds of Reynolds Travel is back at work after his illness and has prepared this wonderful opportunity to explore a truly beautiful and historic area of Michigan. The full itinerary, which includes pricing, is available today after services. We invite you to consider joining us for this Golden Eagles experience and the opportunity to explore more of God's beautiful creation together! For more information, or if you have questions, feel free to contact Jeff (614-560-5085) or Carol (614-579-9124) Reinhard, or Annie Scheiderer (937-707-0606).

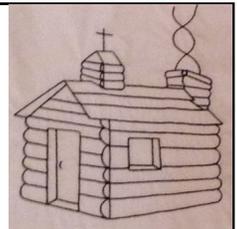
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On the St. John's Lutheran Church - Marysville website you may access a link to the church records on the Marysville Public Library website.

Anyone may take items or photos to Sue Kienbaum at the library to be scanned, returned to you, and added to our records. The Lebenslaufs include English translations of the German records.

To access the church records on the website, on the left side, above the "Notes and News," the Marysville Public Library logo appears with a link to the [St. John's Lutheran Church Records](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Boerger at 9aboerger@gmail.com or 937.243.6864.



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Announcing TWO SPECIAL DAYS for Ohio District Singles!

Two dates! Two locations!

Hiking, walking or just enjoying time together playing games.
Meeting time for both dates/locations is 1:00 p.m.

In the NORTH:

Saturday, May 4, meet at the Bonnie Park Picnic Area, Bonnie Park Drive just off the Valley Parkway at Albion in Strongsville, OH 44136.

In the SOUTH:

Saturday, September 7, meet at the Caesar Creek State Park, 3185 - 3465 N, Clarksville Road in Waynesville, OH 45068.

If you are a single adult and out of college, then, come enjoy some time with other adults who are Christians and most likely members of other Lutheran churches!

You don't need to hike . . . You can enjoy yard games or table games. Just come, meet some new people, make some new friends. And . . . it's free! Just bring a snack to share, and your water bottle!

What if the weather is rainy or cold? Dress for the weather. If hiking in the rain isn't for you, then plan to stay under the shelter and enjoy the company of others.

EVERYONE will need to PRE-REGISTER. . . .this is the only way the group will know whether to wait for you or get started on their hike! Go to the LCMS Ohio District website to download the registration form or learn more: oh.lcms.org or email/call Karen Dutton at: duttonk@oh.lcms.org 440-235-2297 ext. 123.



Once you have downloaded, printed and completed your registration form, please mail it to:

LCMS Ohio District Singles
25000 Country Club Blvd., Suite 220 North Olmsted, OH 44070



GriefShare – Week 10:

This session, titled "Questions for God" helps participants discover

how God responds to our most difficult questions. They'll find:

- Trusting God with your questions is a step forward in faith.
- The benefits of asking God "What can I learn from this?"
- You can learn what happens after death in God's Word.

GriefShare is a Bible-based support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare session includes a 30-minute video, small group discussion, and participant guide study. There is a \$20 suggested donation, which covers the cost of all materials. To register, please visit www.griefshare.org or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**. If you are still struggling or have questions about your grief, we encourage you to check out GriefShare.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend **Vocatio: High School** — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. **Registration** costs \$100 and closes May 24. **Register today!**



Mark your calendar for the following 9 am special service on Sunday, October 27:
St. John's 50th Confirmation Anniversary Celebration - Class of 1974

We will also recognize our 60th (1964), 70th (1954), 75th (1949), 80th (1944) and beyond. Please join us if you were confirmed in any of these years!



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TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John, in the Book of Acts, had healed a lame man. And while speaking with the people, the temple guards and Sadducees had them arrested. Peter and John were claiming the resurrection of the dead. Many were believing.

When the high priests questioned them the next day, Peter gives a Spirit filled message: it is by Jesus, whom they crucified and whom God raised from the dead, that the man was healed.

Peter proclaims that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

The Apostle John, continuing in his first letter, speaks of Jesus laying down His life for us- that this is how we know what love is, and that we should be ready to do the same. We love not with words but with actions. We keep God's commands and do what pleases Him. His command is to believe in His Son and to love one another.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 am) Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

John, in his Gospel, quotes Jesus as "the Good Shepherd". Jesus says that the good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep. He compares His relationship to His sheep with the relationship between His Father and Him. Jesus also states that there are sheep outside of the pen that He must bring also. There shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Jesus says He will lay down His life, only to take it up again.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

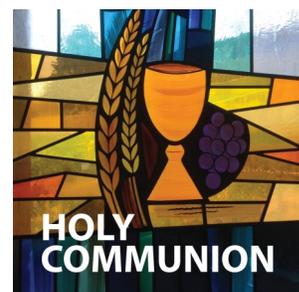
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord’s Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ’s body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God’s promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

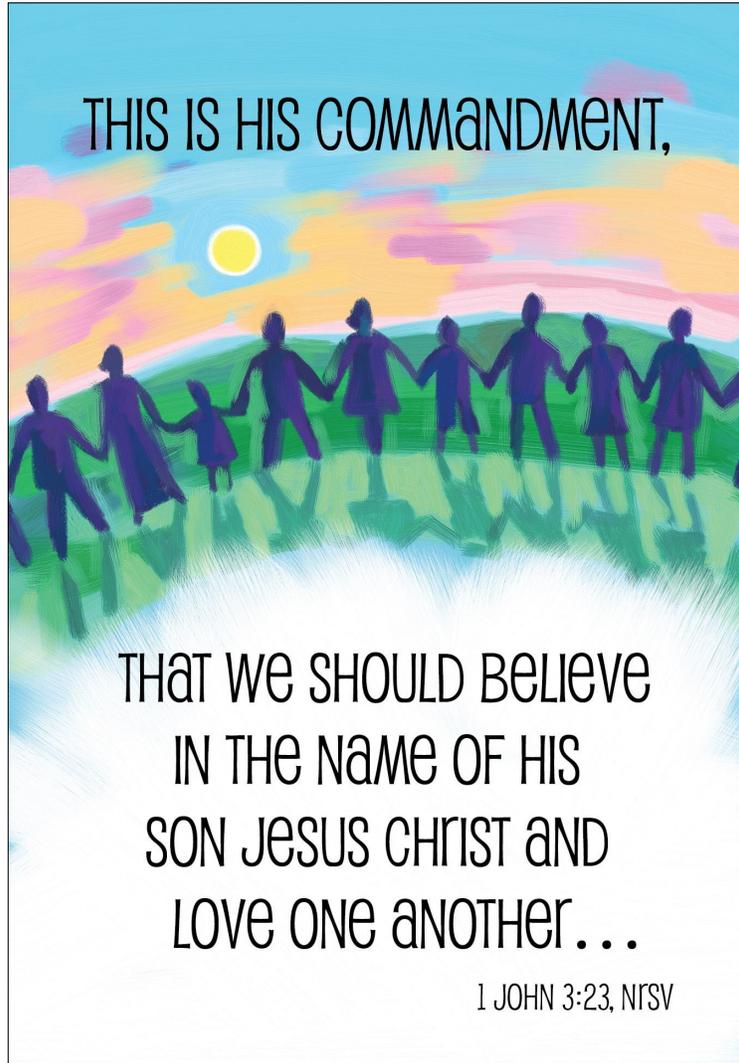
If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord’s Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John’s, we welcome you to the Lord’s Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John’s.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.



THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT,



THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE
IN THE NAME OF HIS
SON JESUS CHRIST AND
LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

1 JOHN 3:23, NRSV