



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

All: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

All: Amen.

Please stand, if you like, for the Gathering Hymn

Christ the
LORD
is risen
today
Alleluia

Gathering Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

ELW# 369

Verses 1, 2, and 4- Large print words found on page 20

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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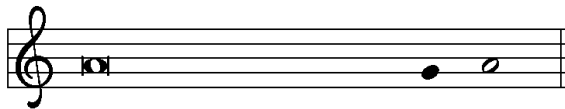
Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also, with you.**

Please be seated.

Kyrie: ***Congregation responds to the leader by singing the bold text***



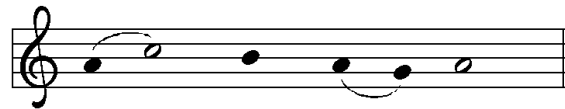
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



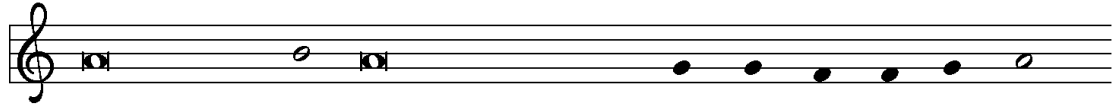
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

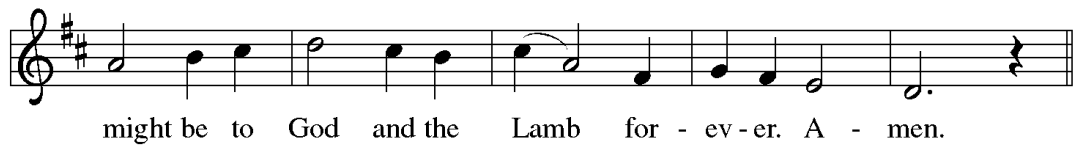
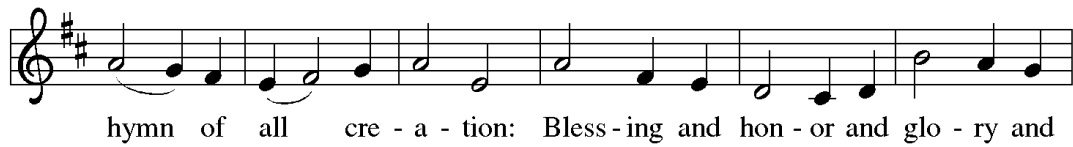
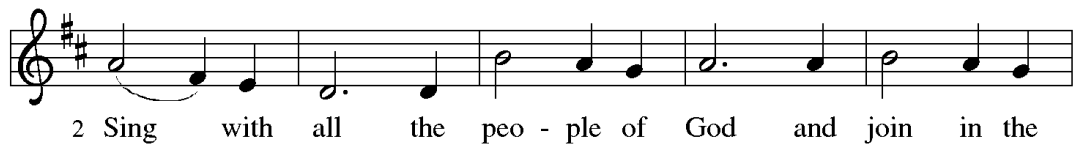


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



WORD

First Reading:

Acts 4:15-12

Assisting Minister

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23

Read responsively by whole verse

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

AM: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

AM: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

All: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

AM: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Assisting Minister

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you like, for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Please stand, if you like, for the Hymn of the Day

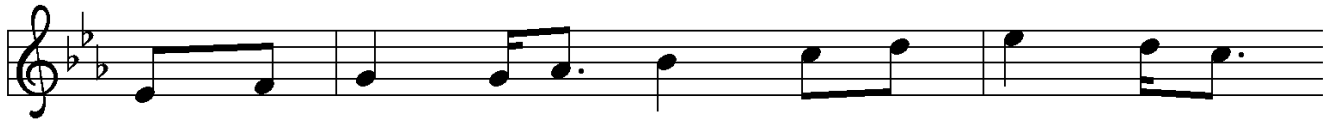
Hymn of the Day

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Large print words found on page 21

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: *Each prayer will end with: God of Grace,*

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Please stand, if you like, for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

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

All: **And also, with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Music

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

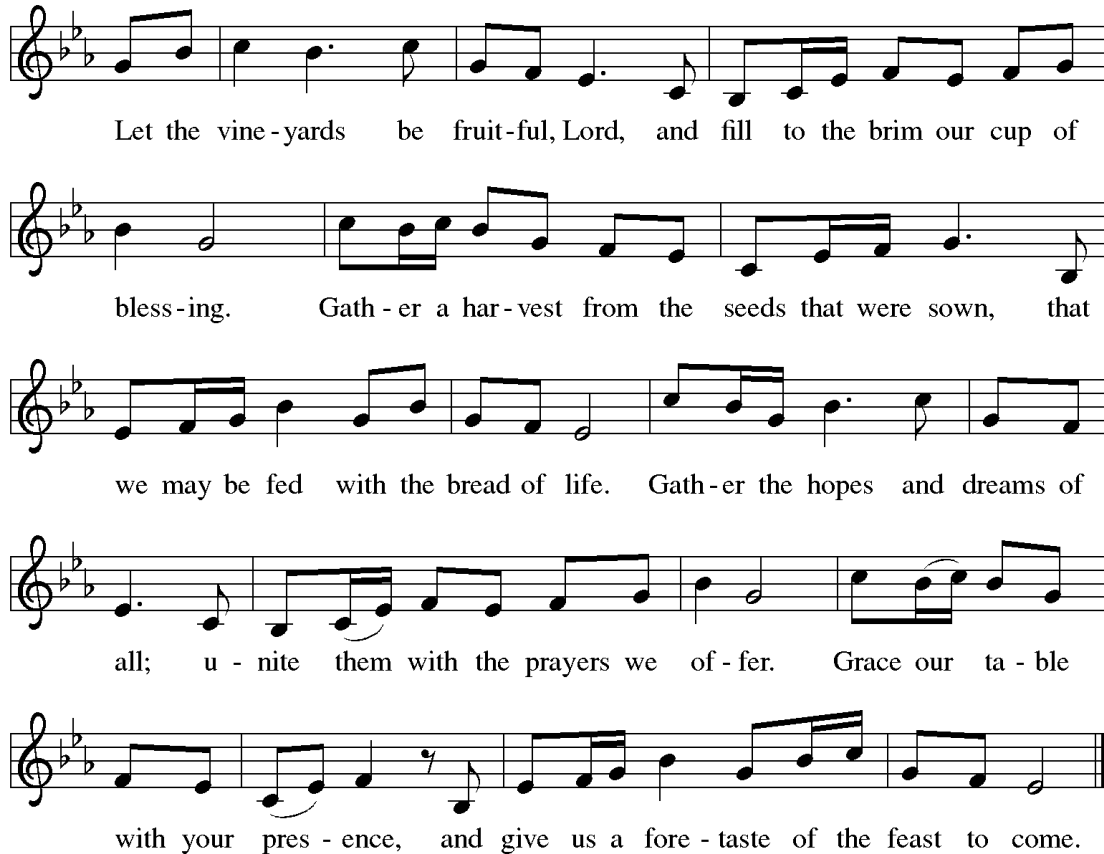
Zach Unke

Sunday Morning Choir

Please stand, if you like, for the Offering Song

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

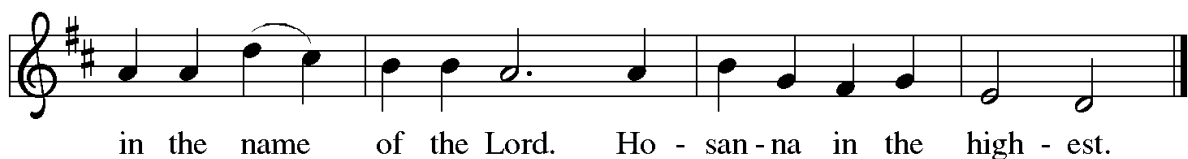
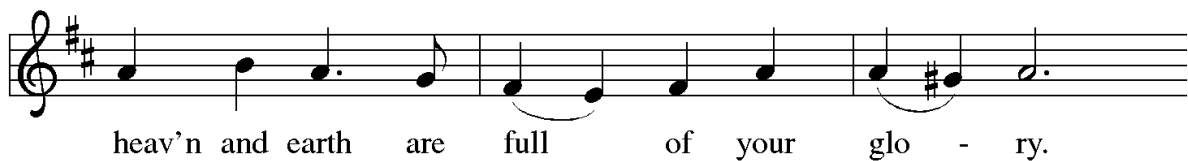
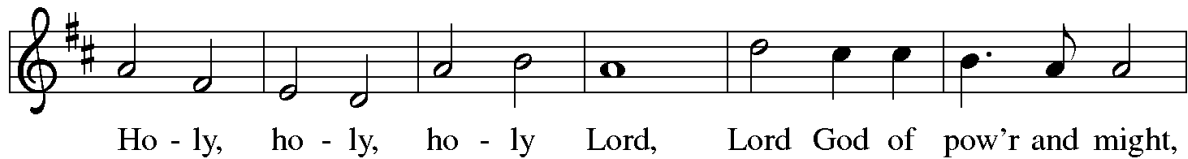
P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communion

As Pastor Mitch comes down to serve communion you may come forward. Please form a single line to receive the bread from him. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you. Please feel free to say “Amen” after you receive each element if you wish.

Communion Anthem “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” arr. Carl Simone

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

ALL: Amen

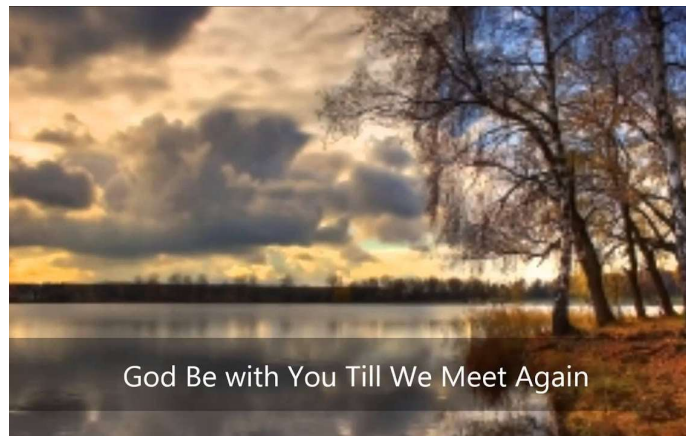
Prayer after Communion

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

All: Amen.

SENDING

Please stand, if you like, for the Sending Hymn.



God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

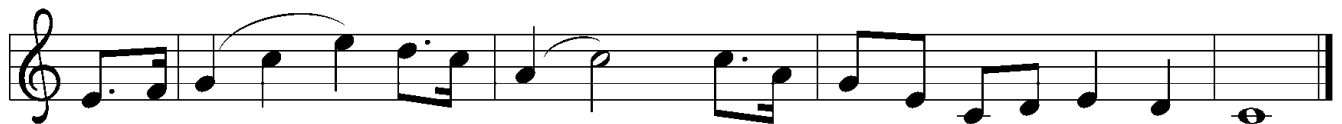


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** **arr. Robert J. Powell**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dr. Rev. Mitch Kinsinger and
Jacob Summerville, Deacon Intern

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Minister: Barb Schmidt and Jim Persoon

Communion Assistants: Jacob Summerville and Janine Almquist

Ushers: David Almquist and Florence Rasmusson

Hospitality: Barb Schmidt and Jim Persoon

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

Please pray for: Mark Adams-Westin, Dean Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Virginia Iverson, Sarah Jansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom

Trusting in the Resurrection we pray for the family of Marilyn Linderkamp who passed away on April 12th. Please keep Chuck Linderkamp and his family in your prayers.

Cash for Cans – Noisy Coin Collection is Today! Reminder – Bring your loose change and make some noise! Also, you can bring your aluminum cans anytime and place them inside the front door on the right-hand side.

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Dakota people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. As we consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that have brought us to the current day, we commit to understanding, respecting, supporting, and advocating for Indigenous People and for this land.

April Birthdays

Florence Rasmusson April 24
 Becky Ann Grace April 24
 Patrick Daley April 28

April Anniversaries

Amy & Mark Adams-Westin – April 22
 Patricia & Tom Schaber – April 26
 John & Stephanie Burgess – April 28
 Gary & Debra Gray – April 28
 Vicki & Dave O’Connor – April 29
 Julie & Richard Anderson – April 30

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday | April 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| Monday | April 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Alley Shoppe Volunteers |
| | 10-Noon | | Alley Shoppe Donations |
| | 11:00 a.m. | | Staff Meeting |
| Tuesday | April 23 | 9:00 a.m. | Alley Shoppe – Volunteers – |
| | Devotions | | |
| | 9:30 -1:00 | | Alley Shoppe – Clients |
| | 6:30 p.m. | | Congregation Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | April 24 | 7:30 a.m. | Romeo’s Breakfast |
| Thursday | April 25 | 12:00 p.m. | Office Closes |
| Friday | April 26 | All Day | Office Closed |
| Saturday | April 27 | All Day | Office Closed |

Gathering Hymn

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Verses 1, 2, and 4

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

- 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!

- 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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Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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Sending Hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ELW# 536 Verses 1, 2, and 3

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet,
till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet,
till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

Daily Scripture Readings this week.

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| April 21 Psalm 16:11 | You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. |
| April 22 John 14:8 | Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' |
| April 23 Proverbs 10:22 | The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. |
| April 24 James 4:2 | You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. |
| April 25 Job 36:11 | If they listen, and serve him, they complete their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasantness. |
| April 26 Ecclesiastes 6:9 | Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire; this also is vanity and a chasing after wind. |
| April 27 Proverbs 28:25 | When the wicked prevail, people go into hiding; but when they perish, the righteous increase. |

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