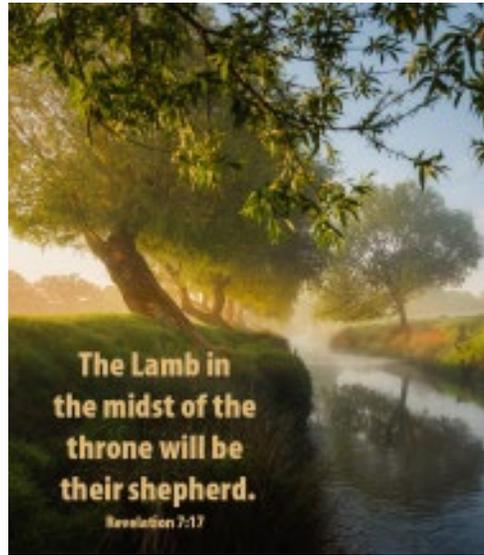


The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 8, 2022  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship



*"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"*

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Pastor: Dwight Hanson

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to fill out the "Attendance & Communion" Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister      A - Assisting minister      C - Congregation

\* - PLEASE STAND

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*This morning we welcome Pastor Robert Forsberg to worship.*

**PRELUDE:**      *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (arr. Nelson)*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

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

C      **Amen.**

P      Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

C      **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

P      Most merciful God,

C      **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C      **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: “Have No Fear Little Flock” (LBW 476)**

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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**\*GREETING:**

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

C **And also with you.**

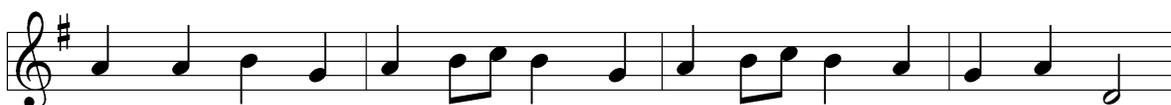
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” vs. 1, 3 (LBW 551)**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P** Let us Pray—Shepherding God, draw us into the pasture of your grace, make us whole through the blood of the lamb, and keep us mindful that through your gift eternal life in Christ we shall not want;

**C** **We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 20:17-35**

**A** A reading from Acts:

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and

teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 23**

A <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C <sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

A <sup>3</sup>He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

C <sup>4</sup>**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.**

A <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C <sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

A A reading from Revelation:

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL VERSE:



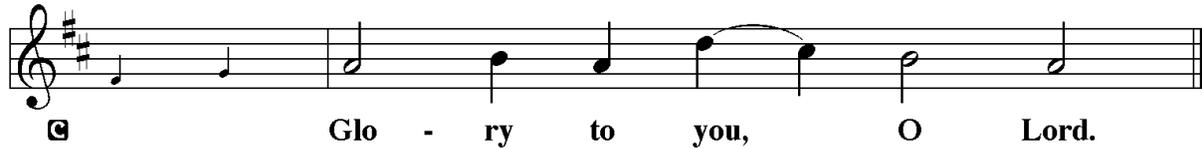
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

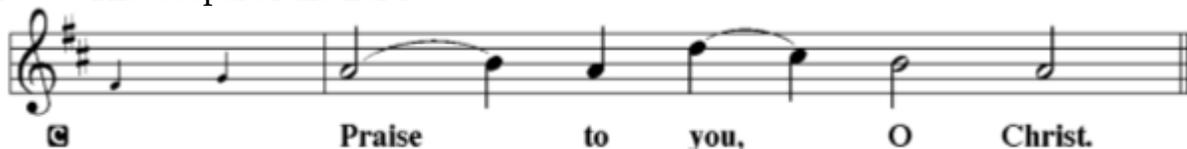
## \*GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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



<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Robert Forsberg

# WE ARE IN GOOD HANDS WITH JESUS

John 10:22-30

## Introduction

This Sunday we are reminded that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

**Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication (10:22-24)** *“At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.’”*

Antiochus Epiphanes, Judas Maccabaeus

Feast of Dedication = Festival of Lights = Hanukkah.

**Claim 1: Jesus is the Christ (10:25-29)** *“Jesus answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me; but you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.’”*

The religious community did not believe.

If the people had listened, they could clearly hear that Jesus was claiming to be the Messiah.

Jesus’ words and deeds proved that He was who He claimed to be.

The religious community did not believe Jesus’ claims.

The sheep of Jesus believe.

Sheep are receptive to the voice of their Shepherd.

Sheep are known by the Shepherd.

Sheep follow the Shepherd.

Sheep are communal.

Sheep are given Eternal Life.

Sheep are kept from perishing.

Sheep are secure.

Sheep possess a double security in the Owner.

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)*

**Claim 2: He is One with God (10:30)** Jesus says, *“I and the Father are one.”*

Shema: *“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One.”*

*“Hen”* for *“one”* is neuter and masculine and means thing.

Bottom line, we are in good hands with Jesus. He is one with God the Father and the

Holy Spirit and we are in His care.

We actually experience His presence in our life. We rejoice in Eternal Life knowing that His care is eternal. No one can snatch us out of His eternal love and care. Praise the Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Remember, who and Whose you are, a Christian, a follower of Jesus. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Now Thank We All Our God” (LBW 534)**



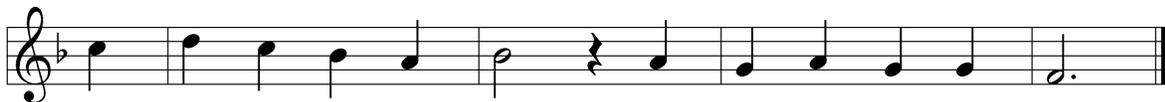
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**\*NICENE CREED:**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, keeper of the flock on earth and in Heaven, grant us the Holy Spirit all of our days, and gather us in the fold of the Good Shepherd, forever. Amid the many challenges of the times, feed us, protect us, and strengthen us for service, according to your grace. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A We pray for the whole Christian Church on earth to be traditionally grounded, ever returning to the Word that abides forever, proclaiming the creeds, singing the hymns, caring for one another in the love of Christ, everything good that the saints have done through the ages. Open our eyes to see the great cloud of witnesses that cheers us on to run the race within our own generation. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**A We lift up the needs of the world. Especially we pray for peace in Ukraine. Guide**

them, strengthen and comfort them in their trials. Pour out the Holy Spirit so that there is good will between countries and within our own. Guide all of our leaders with your holy wisdom. Protect those who honorably serve in harm's way, and their families. And continue to strengthen all who deal with the aftermath of spring flooding and storms. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A On this Mothers' Day, O Lord, we thank you for the earthly gift of life. Bless all mothers, biological or adoptive. Bless those who have a strong mentoring role in the lives of the smallest among us. And for those whose mothers have passed from this world, comfort them with many good memories, and with the abiding hope of a great reunion to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We lift up to your care all who stand in need of healing of any kind: *The Baird Family, Tina Banks, Morgan Bayer, Bea Breeden, Shannon Cromer, Amanda Dell, Shayla Dell, Samantha DeSpain, John Foxbrower, Cary Giordano, Bill & Sally Hahn, Kelly Hanson, Carmen Hasdorff, Suzie Kothman, Amy Mitchell, Roger Pearce, Nathan Pollitt, Andy & Susan Proeschel, Mindy Ramsey, Brenda Renner, Annabel Schamel, Tom Schamel, Gordon Self, Jan Spitler, Dave Stevenson, Edie Turpin, Dona Yeager*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (pause for additional names). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

**C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY:**                    ***“For the Beauty of the Earth” (arr. Nelson)***

**ANTHEM:**                        ***“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”   Choir***

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “The Doxology”**  
**“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”**  
**(LBW 565)**

Text: Thomas Ken 1637-1711

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The chords are: G, C, G, D, G, G, D, C, G, D, Em, D, C, D, Em, D, G, D, G, D, G, C.

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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

**C** **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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 BLESSING:**

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LBW 456)**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore 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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

**\*DISMISSAL:**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

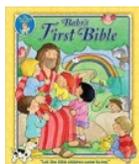
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## Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

**Join us on Sunday mornings in between services for a time of coffee & goodies, fellowship, and a study on the lessons of the day.**

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 a.m.** Beginning on May 15th Pastor Dwight will begin teaching **The History of the Church**. All are welcome for this study. All materials will be supplied.
- ◆ **The Phoebe Women's Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: [Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com)).
- ◆ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** is re-visiting a study of Daniel. A study which was started prior to COVID and they have decided to re-start it. If you are interested, please let Carol /Bruce Perry know so that we can purchase enough books. The group begins at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol & Bruce Perry. If you would like to join this group, please contact them at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com.
- ◆ **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the ***Psalms***. Contact: Tom Haynes (937-733-7183) or Judy Hacker (456-6823).

**These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.**



**Bibles for Birthright Babies:** Grace Lutheran Church – along with a donation from Thrivent -- has provided 120 Baby Bibles to Birthright over the last few years. These Bibles have been placed into the layettes that are given to the new moms who come into Birthright.

The last of the Bibles that we've purchased in the past have been given out and we would like to provide more bibles to continue this ministry to these precious babies.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please place your donation in the offering plate and designate to be used "for Birthright Baby Bibles".

Thank you for your willingness to help us continue to do this ministry.

***THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SET for Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.*** The Agenda includes: Financial Update, Renewed in Grace Update, and Parsonage Basement issues.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

***This morning we welcome Pastor Robert Forsberg to worship.***

***TODAY May 8, 2022— Fourth Sunday of Easter & Happy Mother's Day***

8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

***Monday May 9***

Pastor's Day Off  
6:30 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)  
7:00 p.m. Phoebe Small Group

***Tuesday May 10***

3:00 p.m. TOPS (Catechism Room)  
6:00 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (GLC)  
6:00 p.m. Wine & The Word (Perry's)

***Wednesday May 11***

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Choir

***Thursday May 12***

7:00 p.m. Church Council & Executive Committee  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)

***Friday May 13— PRODUCTION DAY***

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. Family Game Night (GLC FH)

***Saturday May 14***

12 noon Baby Shower for Hannah (Cline) Cahall

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Altar Guild for May:** Amy Jackson, Barb Myers  
**Offering Counters for May:** Juli Troutman

### Sunday, May 8, 2022—Easter 4

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jane Coggin	Marti Good-Ernst
<b>Usher:</b>	Jane Coggin	John Kiracofe
<b>Lector:</b>	Jane Coggin	Mary Shetter

### Sunday, May 15, 2022—Easter 5

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	Darryl Leyes	J. Allen & Kelly Coffman
<b>Usher:</b>	Darryl Leyes	John Allen Coffman
<b>Lector:</b>	Patty Barnes	Kelly Coffman
<b>Communion</b>	Nancy Childs, Wanda Winter	Dorothy Stoltz

### Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

05/01/2022	8:00 a.	31	\$
	10:30 a.	44	

### ***Great Commission Outreach Partners:***

*World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Allison— Campus Outreach, Transfiguration Lutheran Mission*

**Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund:** The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In preparation for upcoming construction projects, the storage rooms have been moved and cleaned out. In the last room on the right of the west Sunday School wing, there are many items that are no longer needed for church activities. Please feel free to take anything that you might want to use in your home. Last day to make your choices will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Please keep us updated on prayer needs by calling the office or making a note on the back of your "Attendance & Communion Registration" form. Thank you.*

### **URGENT PRAYER LIST:**

#### **HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)**

**The Baird Family:** (Husband of Renee Kerr's Boss)

**Tina Banks:** (Teresa Leyes)

**Morgan Bayer:** (Cousin of Mary Shetter)

**Bea Breeden:** (Mother of Mindy Ramsey)

**Shannon Cromer:** (Daughter of Elaine Fudge)

**Amanda Dell:** (Daughter of Rob & Suzie)

**Shayla Dell:** (Grand-Daughter of Rob & Suzie Dell)

**Samantha "Sam" DeSpain:** (Grand-daughter of Karen & Dan Schultz)

**John Foxbrower:** (Friend of Leyes')

**Cary Giordano:** (Sister of Kelly Coffman)

**Bill & Sally Hahn:** (Sister & Brother-in-Law of Mary Shetter)

**Kelly Hanson**

**Carmen Hasdorff:** (Sister of Rob Dell)

**Suzie Kothman:** (cousin of Carol Matevia)

**Amy Mitchell:** (Friend of Renee Kerr)

**Roger Pearce**

**Nathan Pollitt:** (Carolyn's son)

**Andy & Susan Proeschel**

**Mindy Ramsey**

**Brenda Renner**

**Annabel Schamel:** (Grand-daughter of Mike & Judy)

**Tom Schamel:** (Son of Mike & Judy)

**Gordon Self:** (Father of Kelly Coffman)

**Jan Spitler:** (Friend of Virginia Dearth)

**Dave Stevenson**

**Eddie Turpin:** (Sister of Darryl Leyes)

**Dona Yeager:** (Friend of Sharon Tipton)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST ...** Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Dan Matevia, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Elsie Burkle, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Paula Hilleary, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Bea Breeden, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Bruce Perry, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes, Phyllis Turner: and those serving in the military: LCpl Hannah Perry; Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Ketteman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Maj. Justin Shetter; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.

# CELEBRATION OF FELLOWSHIP

**Family Game Night**  
**Friday May 13, 2022- 7 to 9pm**



Come Join the **FUN!** We are opening up the Fellowship Hall for Games, Crafts, Cards, Snacking, Needle Work, and

**Good Old Fashioned Christian Fellowship!!!**

Grandparents bring the Grandkids

Grandkids bring your parents

Kids will be spending Time with Grandma Suzie

Crafting and whatever they can get into safely

If you do not want to play a game just come and enjoy Friends!

Snacks will be provided but more are always welcomed

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!!!



**Family Movie Night**  
**Friday May 27, 2022 – 7 to 9pm**

Come one Come All for the Premier Event  
In the Fellowship Hall we will be featuring

*"WWJD What Would Jesus Do?"*

In the Kids Classroom we will be featuring

*"VeggieTales"*

Parents and Grandparents can relax and enjoy the Feature  
While the kids enjoy Christian based Videos



Snacks will be provided but more are always welcomed

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!!!

**BEGINNING NEXT WEEK!**  
**NEW ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**Major events in Christian History up to the Reformation**



*Have You Ever Wondered About...*

How the New Testament was formed;  
The origins of the Creeds;  
The persecuted Church in Roman Empire times;  
Monasticism and its legacy;  
The Papacy;  
Church & State relations (debacles);  
Islam, Christendom, and the crusades;  
Eastern Orthodoxy;  
The Dark Ages;  
The Vikings;  
The Inquisition;  
The need for Luther and the Reformation?

Explore these questions and more with Pastor Hanson during adult education time between Sunday services (approximately 9:15) in the fellowship hall. Historical notes will be provided. *“Do I need to have prior knowledge of history?”* No. Just bring your curiosity, as this is meant to be a broad overview introduction. And no tests will be taken!

History Class Schedule:

Sunday, May 15 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> class  
Sunday, May 22 ~ Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, May 29 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
June schedule yet to be determined.



**The Common Good Food Pantry | 937-456-6560 |**

It takes at least 4,000 cans of food each month to meet the needs of the 115-145 families that come to the pantry on a monthly basis. *We need your help! The following items are needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Pancake Mix, Syrup,* We appreciate your support! Brenda Ward, Food Pantry Coordinator

**The North American Lutheran Church  
(NALC)  
Southwest Ohio Mission District (SOMD)**



The SOMD is in need of volunteers to serve as representatives for the SOMD Executive Council.

**Positions needed:**

Lay Representative  
Secretary  
Treasurer

If you are available or would just like additional information, please contact Karen (Barnes) Leeds.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important request.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The whole congregation is invited to a **reception on Sunday, June 19, 2022** in honor of the marriage of Ben Hanson to Tess DePretis and the engagement and upcoming marriage of Lydia Hanson to Chris Baer. There will be one worship service (9:30 a.m.) on that day and the reception will follow the worship service. A meal will be provided as we celebrate this wonderful occasion!

This will be a good opportunity for everyone to get to know these two young couples.

If you would like to give a gift, both couples are registered at ... **theknot.com** – click on “find a couple’s registry” and enter their names: Benjamin Hanson and Matteson DePretis, Lydia Hanson and Chris Baer (if asked for a password, it is CoveredBridgeDucks). There is a story behind that!! For both sites, you do not need to put in the wedding date.

There is a sign-up sheet being distributed on Sundays. Please sign-up if you are planning to attend. If you have any questions, please see any member of the **Board of Elders: Connie Coffman, Judy Schamel or Carolyn Pollitt**



## GRADUATE INFORMATION

Do you have a graduate in your family? If so, let us know and we will extend our best wishes in the June and July *Grace Heralds*.



For those **Grace Lutheran Members** who **Graduated in 2021 & will Graduate in 2022**, during the **10:30 a.m. Worship on Sunday, May 22, 2022** we will Honor them during this worship time. If you have a graduate from 2021 or in 2022, please be sure to **place this form in the offering plate or at the church office by Monday, May 9, 2022**.

Name of Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Complete the form and deposit it in the offering plate or drop off the form at the church office.**