

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

April 21st, 2024



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

30701 Patriot Avenue, P.O. Box 126

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Facebook Live 9 a.m.

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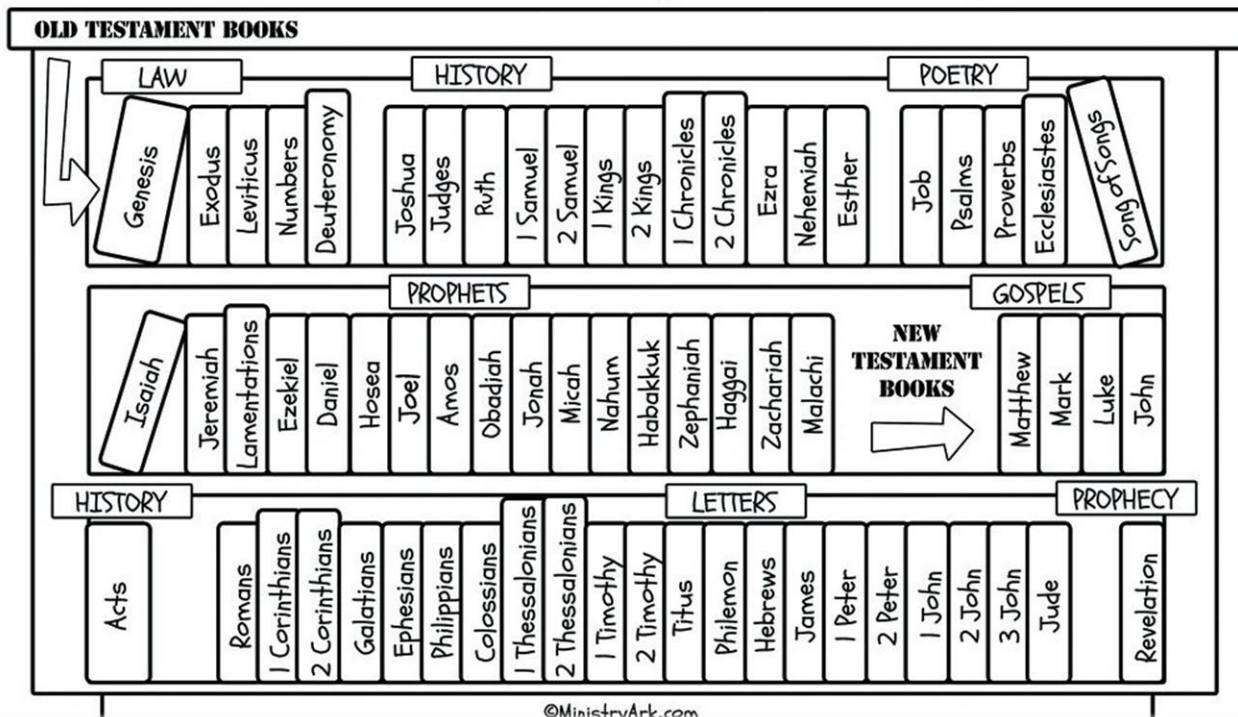
To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.
 - 1 John 3:13-24
 - 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
 - 1 John 4:19
2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.
4. Pray the following prayer before worship:
Dear Lord, we live in a world of sharp contrasts and confusion. I come here today, so that Your love will clarify my world, bring me closer to You and my fellow believers. Fill me with Your peace and presence. Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help you

Books of the Bible



Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21st, 2024

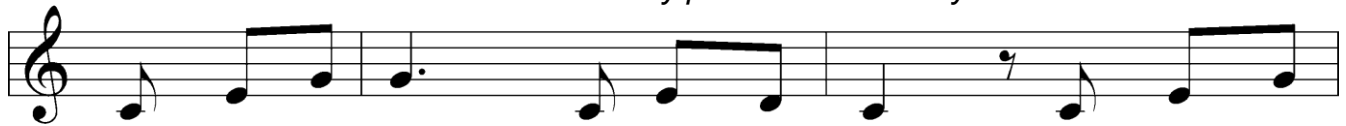
PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #550

Lamb of God

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and




sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Humble yourself before God, confess your sins to him, and implore his forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the Holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life. God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.**

P The saying is sure: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." And now in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P The God of peace will sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

C Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE

This is the Feast *pg. 158*

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:13-24

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #588

Jesus Love Me

Text and tune: Public domain



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

SERMON

THE OFFERING HYMN #709

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Text and tune: Public domain



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!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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. This do 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with You.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God *pg. 163*



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC HYMN #711

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Text and tune: Public domain



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord *pg. 164*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray . . . We give thanks to you, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore you that of your mercy
you would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward you and 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #549

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Text and tune: Public domain



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR April 21, 2024

**Prayer Requests: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? *Psalm 27:1***

- Caleb, Jeanine Hulke's great-grandson, receiving treatment for a recurrence of neuroblastoma.
- Lynn Fairbanks, upcoming hip replacement surgery.

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – April 21–Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments - Team 10 M. Schramm, Voss,
Zeidler

10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study

TUESDAY – April 23

9:00 am to Noon - Quilters & Crafts Group

WEDNESDAY – April 24

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Betty Eisner-Anderson's home

FRIDAY – April 26

11:00 am Chat N Chow- St. Alice Catholic Serves

SUNDAY– April 28–Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments - Team 11 Beal, Sifferath,
Spielman

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Study

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder: Ken Ling

Usher: Don Patzer

Altar Guild: Laurie Raisbeck

Organist: Ken Hager

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow

Counters: Dallas & Norma Colvin

Attendance Last Sunday: 91; Chat N Chow 34

Online Viewership: 165 Facebook; 13 YouTube

Contribution information is available upon request in the office.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday in the offering plate, by text 844-431-7278 or by scanning the QR code. Offerings can also be mailed to: PO Box 126 Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Thank you!



LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP:

Gloria Dei has your registration fees covered.
See Lorna Hensch for the code.

Camp Director – Stacy Lung is here TODAY to provide information and answer questions.

Upcoming Adult Camp Activities: Woman's Weekend April 26-28
\$140 per person. For all activities and to register visit islandcamp.org

Spring Work Day at Lutheran Island Camp May 11th 8AM-2PM.
Join LIC to clean up the Island and prepare for the summer.
Lunch will be provided. Lodging is available for those coming from long distances. Please let them know you're coming by calling 218-583-2905.

Visit islandcamp.org for questions and registrations!

BIBLE STUDY ON 1 & 2 PETER is held weekly at 1 pm at Betty Eisner-Anderson's home, 4045 County Road 16, Pequot Lakes.

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meetings consist of social time, devotion and business discussion. We hope to see you there.

Church Grounds Clean Up Day: May 8th from 9 am to 1 pm.
We could use any volunteers available to help. A sign-up sheet will be on the usher's desk. As part of Caring & Sharing Day, we will also have high school students assisting us.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: will meet following today's worship service in the conference room for a brief 5 min. meeting.

Lakes Area Food Shelf: 29316 Patriot Ave. Pequot Lakes, MN
Is looking for egg cartons. For more information about the food shelf, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS:

Wednesdays & Fridays: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

These hours are subject to change.

Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Lynn will not be in the office until 12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24. Lynn will be out of the office Friday, **April 26 for hip replacement surgery and will be out approximately until May 13** at which time she will return on an as able basis.

LIFE QUOTE: “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SUNDAYS AFTER 2 PM –

Facebook Live Video is uploaded to YouTube.