

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

EASTER 4

APRIL 26, 2026

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
HE LIVES TO BE MY GOOD SHEPHERD**



SERIES THEME:

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. "The Son of Man must suffer many things. . . be killed and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

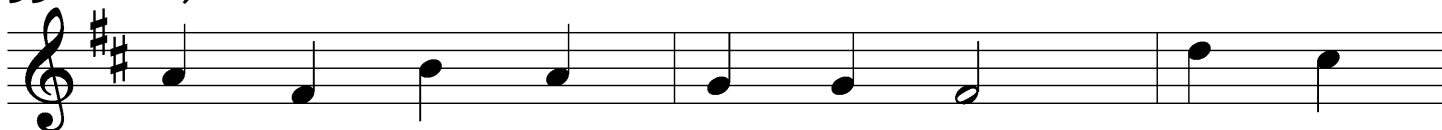
THEME OF THE DAY:

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to choose my own direction in life. I would be terrible at it, because, like a sheep, I can generally see only what's in front of me at the moment, and I get myself into trouble. It is especially difficult for me to look far into my future as planned by Jesus. If he had not risen from the dead, I would be on my own.

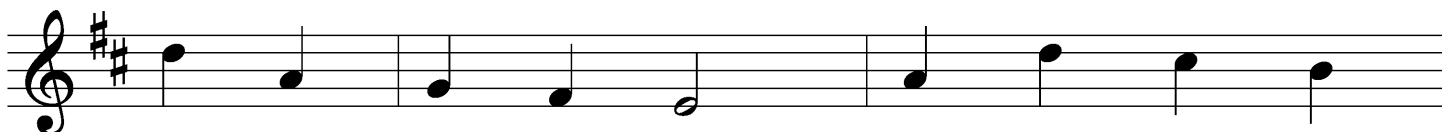
But he lives, and it makes a difference. I have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life. For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that Jesus lives to be our Good Shepherd.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

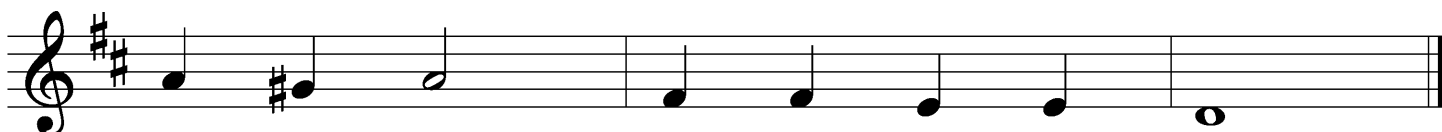
551 JESUS, SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.

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MEDITATION ON THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS ¹

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

¹ "The Ministry of the Keys is the special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth (John 20), to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent." Martin Luther wrote these words to expound on the clear teaching of Scripture. In this service we meditate on the forgiveness God has won for us, and the new life we have as a result.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
C: **we lie and do not live by the truth.**

P: If we claim to be without sin,
C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.** *1 John 1:5-8*

P: Let us therefore confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

CONFESSION ²

C: **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

Silence for personal examination and confession.

ABSOLUTION ³

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

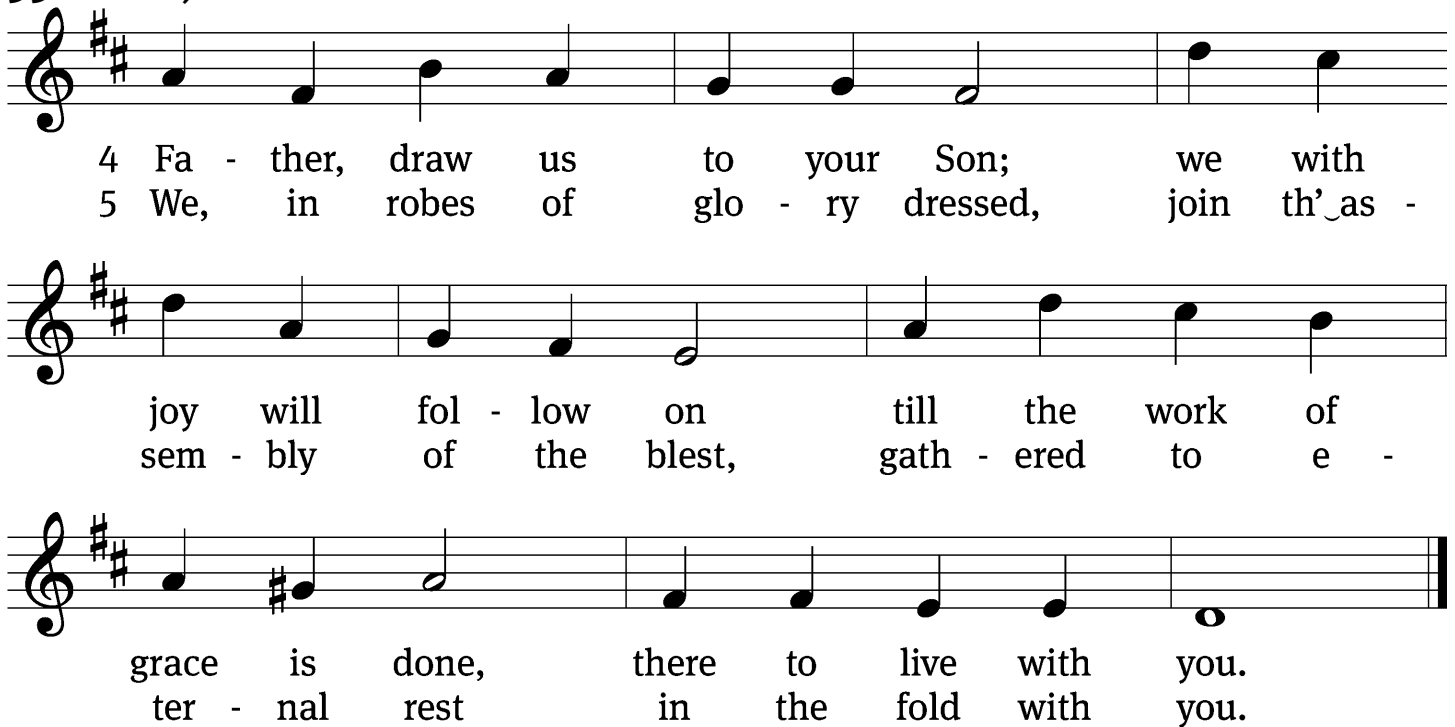
C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



² "When you feel in your conscience that you are guilty, be careful not to contend with either God or men in an effort to defend or excuse your sin. Rather, do this: When God points his spear at you, do not flee *from* him; on the contrary, flee *to* him with a humble confession of guilt and a plea for pardon." - Martin Luther

³ God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

551 JESUS, SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP



4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ⁴

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

⁴The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:42-47⁵

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



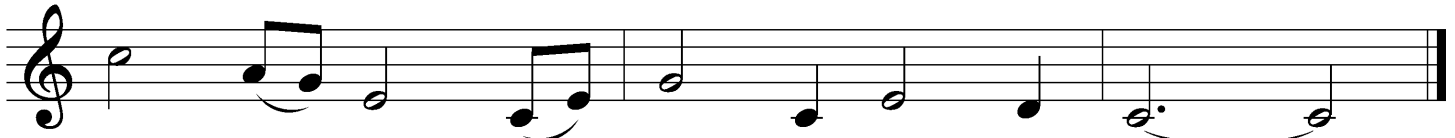
⁵The Good Shepherd's flock grew as people devoted themselves to the apostolic teaching.

PSALM 23 MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED⁶



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -
ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be
makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.
He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - tled rest while
I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger

⁶The Church sings Psalm 23 in services that honor Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Martin Luther said, "Psalm 23 is a psalm of thanks, in which a Christian heart praises and thanks God for teaching it and leading it in right ways. Christians recognize that they are sheep, and their true Shepherd, Jesus, comforts and protects them in every need through his holy Word. With that Word, the Good Shepherd grazes us in fresh grass and at cool waters, while the table, cup, and oil are Old Testament references to divine worship."



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest but like a child at home.

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SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:19-25 ⁷

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY ⁸

JOHN 10:14

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

⁷ St. Peter calls on us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer even if it means we will suffer for doing good.

⁸The “Alleluias,” which were silent for the season of Lent, are now back in full force as we praise God for accomplishing the victory through the resurrection of Christ.

471 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



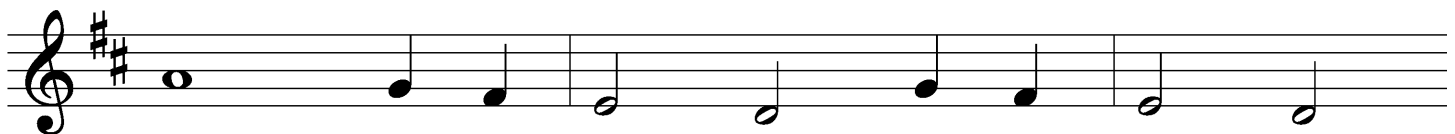
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:1-10

¹Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

552 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (A duet sings verses 1,2 & 6. The congregation joins in verses 3-5.)

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with a '3' indicating a triplet. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

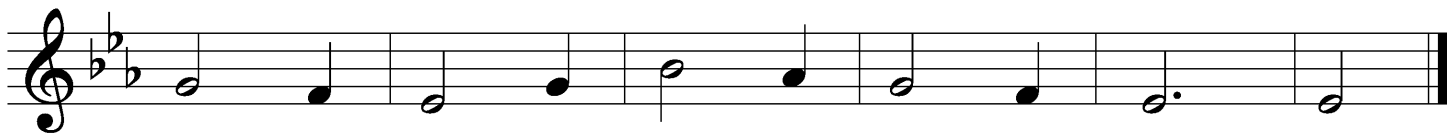
1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.



3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, a
6 And so through all the length of days your



yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; your oil of wel - come,
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.
my de - light; my cup is o - ver - flow - ing!
sing your praise with - in your house for - ev - er!

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SERMON ⁹

JOHN 10:1-10

Listen to Your Shepherd's Voice

- I. A promise for shepherds
- II. A promise for sheep

⁹The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

APOSTLES' CREED ¹⁰

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:



This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

¹⁰ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

555 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and pastoral. The lyrics are arranged in two parts: Part 1 and Part 2. The lyrics are: 1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he me to walk doth make with - in the paths of lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by. right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ¹¹

LORD'S PRAYER ¹²

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.

¹¹ Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

¹² The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

555 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT



3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -

and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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THE LORD'S BLESSING ¹³

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

¹³ As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

867 AFFLICTED SAINT, TO CHRIST DRAW NEAR



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
 2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
 3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
 4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -

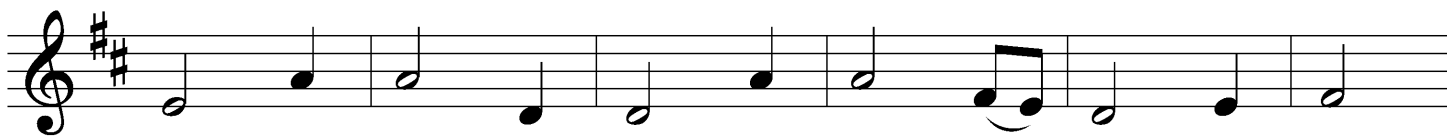


lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. *v. 2*
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 see that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*

Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Ken and Audra Gardei in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 4:8-12

1 Peter 2:4-10

John 14:1-11

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3:

Flowers: Stautner

Nursery: 8:30am—Jamie and Sawyer Davis

11:00am—Lisa Seltz and Delaney Pfund

Ushers: 8:30am—Bill Daly and David Hildenbrand

11:00am—Bob Davis and Larry Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study 9:45-10:45 AM

Thursday Night Worship 7:00 PM

Lord's Supper 1st and 3rd Sundays

Youth Grade Confirmation Sundays, 6:00 PM

Men's/Women's Sunday Night Bible Study Sundays, 6:00 PM

Bible 101 Mondays, 6:00 PM

Canvassing Wednesdays, 6:00 PM (*begins 5/6*)

Women's Bible Study Wednesday, April 29th, 10 AM (*final*)

Choir Wednesdays, 7:00 PM



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Adult Bible Study: It's no secret that the Christian church in the United States of America is undergoing seismic shifts. In this stewardship Bible study series, we will look "Beyond the Temple Walls: A Greater Vision for the Future Church." We will trace redemptive themes in the Bible to speak into today's shifting religious landscape, especially among younger generations. Over four weeks, we'll explore how God consistently calls his people to something greater than a physical temple. He calls us to a mission beyond the four walls of a church. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the sanctuary.

Week 1: "To a Greater Responsibility"—Exploring what church membership means today and the responsibility it involves—not to a building or institution, but to people.

Week 2: "To a Greater Community"—Focusing on mentoring and fellowship to foster authentic relationships within the church.

Week 3: "To a Greater Well-Being"—Reflecting on what it means that God dwells in our bodies and how that impacts our spiritual and physical lives.

Week 4: "To a Greater World"—Envisioning how the promise of a new creation shapes our view of stewardship and creation care.

Community Canvassing Training: Next Sunday, May 3rd at 12:15 PM, we will begin our canvassing efforts for the summer with a training session. If you are interested in canvassing or would like to learn more about it please plan to attend. We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel in the mission field right here in our community. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM each Wednesday night, beginning May 6th. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

Soccer Camp: Registration is now open for the 2026 COS Soccer Camp (June 1-4). Go to coslutheran.com to sign up. Also, if you would be willing to volunteer as a helper at soccer camp, please see the bulletin board sign-up sheet. Contact John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) with any questions.

WELS Youth Night (Event 3 – Friday, 5/8):

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Youth

What: WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of your congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, God's Word, small group discussion, food, and fun with fellow youth (6th–12th grade) from all over the area.

When: Event 3 will be held on Friday, 5/8/26, from 6 PM - 9 PM

Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN)

How: Register online now at coslutheran.com

High School Youth Mission Trip: If you are a high school youth interested in going on a mission trip to East Brunswick, NJ just outside of New York City from Saturday, 6/20 to Saturday, 6/27 please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary by Sunday, 5/3. We will be hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church and will be helping them with canvassing, a food drive, and community outreach. Participants will be expected to attend our congregation's canvassing training on Sunday, 5/3, at 12:15 PM and join our local canvassing efforts at Christ Our Savior this summer as part of the training for this trip. Please see John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) for more info and updated details.

Camp South 2026

WHO: Students entering grades 4-9.

WHAT: Get ready for the most fun you'll have this summer at Camp South! With incredible activities like Tough Mudder, zip line, inflatables, and massive group competitions, you're sure to have a blast! The camp also features inspiring worship and the opportunity to make more new friends than you can count.

WHERE: Georgia FFA Camp, just outside of Atlanta.

WHEN: July 20-24, 2026

HOW: Register online now at coslutheran.com . The cost is \$365 per attendee and will be collected later.

Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive at church on Tuesday, 5/5, from 2 PM – 7 PM. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you are willing and able to donate blood on this day. You can also sign up for a time online at RedCrossBlood.org. Additionally, if you are willing to help at the registration and snack stations during the drive please sign up on the bulletin board. Please see John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) if you have any questions.

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