

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

We realize that it is difficult for some people to stand, or kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING ONE

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 △ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18–20]

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Kneel/Stand ~ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*


C **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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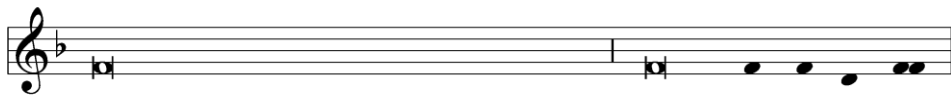
KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



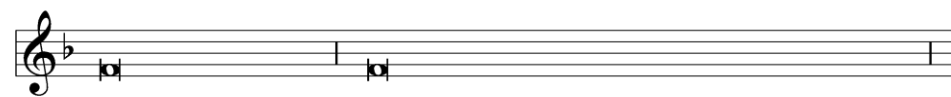
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



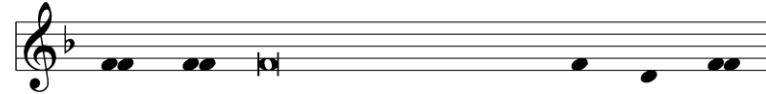
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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*



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



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

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1–8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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SERMON: No Longer Servants But Friends JOHN 15:9-17

Rev. Mike Middaugh

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**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.**

OFFERTORY: Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802-1872 Tune: *Repository of Sacred Music, Harrisburg, 1813* NETTLETON

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:

Service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.

All our duty, all our striving all our time to Him belong:

Praise Him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.

By His mercy, by His bounty, by the gifts of Christ, His Son,

What great goodness He has showed us, what high marvels He has done!

Let us to Him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,

Thankful that His love protects us, that His wisdom all controls.

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering**. But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.*

VOLUNTARY


PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



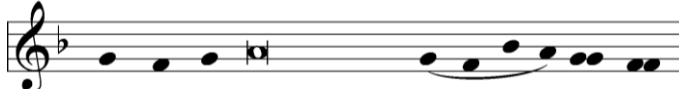
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

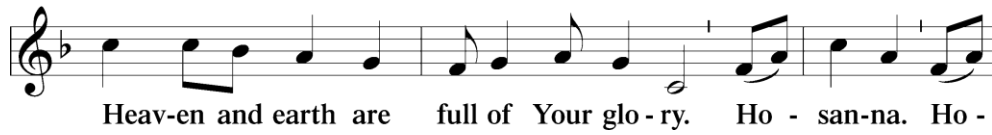


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

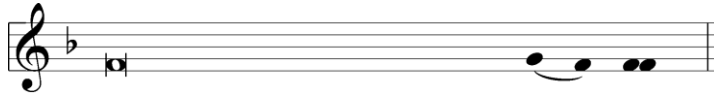
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

OAR 313 This Is My Commandment



1 This is My com-mand-ment that you love one an - oth - er, that your
2 This is My com-mand-ment that you trust one an - oth - er, that your
3 This is My com-mand-ment that you serve one an - oth - er, that your
4 This is My com-mand-ment that you lay down your lives, — that your



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lay down your lives, — that your joy may be full.

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LSB 649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

LSB 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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LSB 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy



Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners



poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav - en, Bless the



food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,



May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in



heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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LSB 910 Now the Silence

Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up-lift - ed
Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come
Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy-ful cel - e - bra - tion
Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing
Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Mike Middaugh		
Organist:	Rev. Craig Meissler		
Elders:	Robert Axtell	Steve Melancon	Jim Koenig
Ushers:	Kevin Rabenaldt	Robert Wieding	
	Karl Johnson	Marshall Leiber	
Greeters:	Lisa Gerlich	Marylin Marshall	

HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, **please hold your hands open** and the Pastor will provide it to you, while the Elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assists the Pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers made from rice flour are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us. Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too, a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday School is also available, see an usher for details.** **A nursery** is also available. Parents can also use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity bags are** available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all the items are returned to the bin in the narthex. We will have the bags ready for use again the following week.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | *Tues* | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)

We are studying *The Great Deceiver*. Materials are provided.

Men's Study | *1st & 3rd Tuesdays* | 6:00pm {Church gym patio}

Contact Matt Wegner.

Men's Study | *1st & 3rd Saturdays* | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The Gospel of John

This study is being led by Daniel Ochoa.

Women's Study | *3rd Mon* | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes}

Contact Shirley Wille for more information.

Women's Study | *2nd & 4th Mon* | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} All ladies are invited.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am. Sunday service is at 10:00am.

PRAYERS – Deb Miller who will have surgery on Thursday, Chris Timmons at BAMC, Brett Roberts now at home, Vivian Maxwell, Lamar Gillian, Liz Willis, Phil Glaspy, Christine Prinz, Cindy Boynton, Debbie Kuehling, Donna Peterson, Sharon and David Loeffler, Susan Gary, Sonya Dugi, Mark Marty, Dave Weller (son of Sue Weller), our home-bound members: Janet Schneider, David Timmons, Joyce Warren, Darlene Wrase, Leonard Zacek.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings by the Schneider family in loving memory of Roland Schneider.

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS - If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well the room number if possible. If you wish you or your loved one to be included in the prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

LORD'S SUPPER - If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

OUR TUESDAY MORNING MATINS SERVICES ARE NOW STREAMING ONLINE. For those who may wish to watch from home, the 10:00am Matins service will now be available online via our website, along with our other services.



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY—a party to celebrate the Savior—and you're invited! *Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives Us Joy* is the theme of this VBS program. Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate. Starting with Jesus' birth and concluding with His resurrection, children will learn about Jesus' unending love and forgiveness. Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21 from 9:30am-12noon. Volunteer and participant registration forms are in the narthex. VBS is open to all children ages 4 through 5th grade. Please see Virginia Axtell with any questions.

THE LWML TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION IS scheduled for mid-June in Corpus Christi. This District event is not just a gathering, but also a platform to collect items for organizations that support the community. One such organization is The Rainbow Rooms, 24/7 resource centers where CPS caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect. The ladies of the Mary-Martha Guild are collecting full-size body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste to donate at the convention. The Rainbow Rooms across South Texas (including San Antonio) will be the recipients of these donations. If you want to help, please place items in the box in the Narthex by June 8th.

THE AGAPE MINISTRY needed items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, canned meat, soup, rice, dry beans (1–2-pound bags). Other needs are pasta, cereal, fresh or frozen meat, crackers, laundry detergent, hygiene items.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEEDS ARE men's jeans, little boys clothing, large reusable shopping bags (bigger than grocery bags), people/groups to serve at CAM on Saturdays, weekly volunteers, monetary donations.

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE CURRENT NEEDS: Blankets (no comforters), newspapers, regular size towels (no hand towels), empty medicine bottles (remove label), Dog Treats, Canned Cat Food, Canned Dog Food, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle Nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. **All food items should be unopened.** Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles **into bags.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – May 12th, "Unforecastable" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200 AM; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES...The Kyrie, The Sanctus, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei, The Nunc Dimittis...Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of "Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service." You can listen to this six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 5, 2024

Today	8:30am	Fellowship / Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school / Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday	9:30am	Braille #3
	10:00am	Matins {Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors}
		Followed by Tuesday Morning Class {Parish Hall}
	1:00pm	Braille #8
Wednesday	9:30am	Braille #9
	10:00am	Quilting
Thursday	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Next Sun	8:30am	Fellowship / Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school / Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

- May
- 6 Anna Hansmann
 - 8 Ann McNeel
 - 9 Lilo Strait

Giving:	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$72,895	\$58,478	\$85,503	\$216,877
Expenses:	\$79,810	\$84,728	\$65,778	\$230,317

February Expenses include Organ Loan payoff of \$16,500

Giving: Holy Week - \$30,523

April 7th - \$10,609 April 14th - \$10,865 April 21st - \$13,922 April 28th - \$7,349

Budget: Yearly: \$857,247 Monthly: \$71,437 Weekly: \$16,485

Quarterly Giving Statements will be generated in 2024.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY 10:00am – 106 Adult Class – 35 PreK-Conf – 10



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