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A member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS)

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Divine Service
Sundays
10:00 a.m.

5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California



"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42

# Lutheran Church of Our Savior

*GUESTS!* Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present—to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

#### HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (both returning and first-time) who—prior to the service—inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants** 

**of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review* Christian Questions with Their Answers *in the hymnal, pp.* 329-330.

**COMMUNION in the PEW...** If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

## The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He "was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead" (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name "before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

## + DIVINE SERVICE +

## Setting Two

#### **PRELUDE**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 525



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns,
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. 4 Crown Him the Lord of life.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n.

The Lamb up - on His throne; The God in - car - nate born,

His hands and side,

Who tri-umphed o'er the grave En-throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.

Be - hold



A - wake, my soul, and sing
Fruit of the mys-tic rose,
No an - gels in the sky
His glo - ries now we sing,
Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee, And Yet of that rose the stem, The Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He

gh all e - ter - ni - ty.
babe of Beth - le - hem.
mys - ter - ies so bright.
lives that death may die.
He is king of all.

<u>INVOCATION</u> Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- $\blacksquare$  *In the name of the Father and of the* + *Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

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

ABSOLUTION [John 20:19–23]

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.

C Amen.

# The Service of the Word

#### **INTROIT**

Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10



- P All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\* and all your saints shall | bless you!
- One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\* and shall declare your | mighty acts.
- P On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
- They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\* and I will declare your | greatness.
- They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- The LORD is | good to all,\*
  and his mercy is over all that | he has made.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
  as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\* and all your saints shall | bless you!

#### **KYRIE** ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.









#### **SALUTATION**





#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

- **P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- **C** Thanks be to God.

P Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup>and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

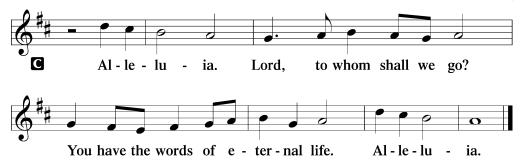
<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

- **P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia: John 6:68



#### Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.* 



<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* 



#### THE CREED ~ Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

whose kingdom will have no end.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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**SERMON** 

**"Easter at Work"** – Acts 9:1-22

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:* 

**P** "LORD, in your mercy," or

C "Hear our prayer!"

**P** "Let us pray to the LORD"

C "LORD, have mercy."

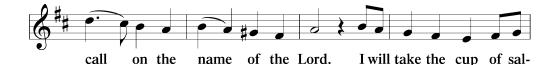
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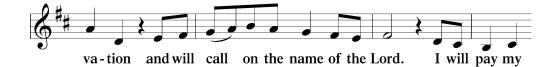
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to





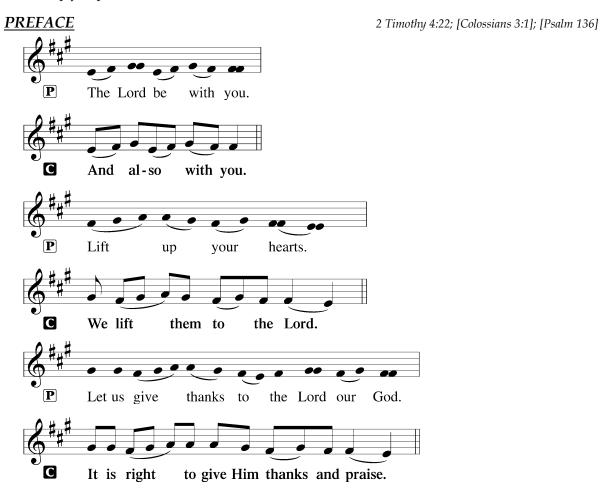






# The Service of Holy Communion

- + Guests (both returning and first-time), please refer to "Holy Communion and Guests" on page two.
- + Communicants, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, extend your hand. To receive our Lord's Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, extend your open hand when the cup you prefer is offered.



#### **PROPER PREFACE**

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:



#### 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

( \*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues )

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.\*

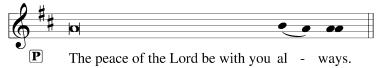
#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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."



John 20:19





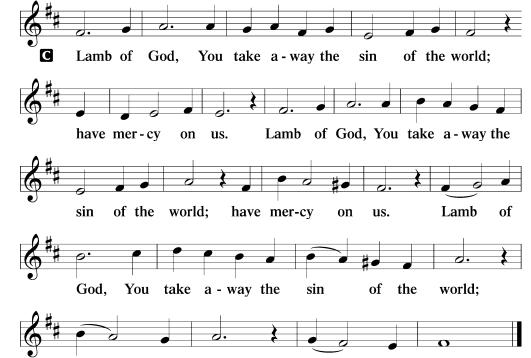
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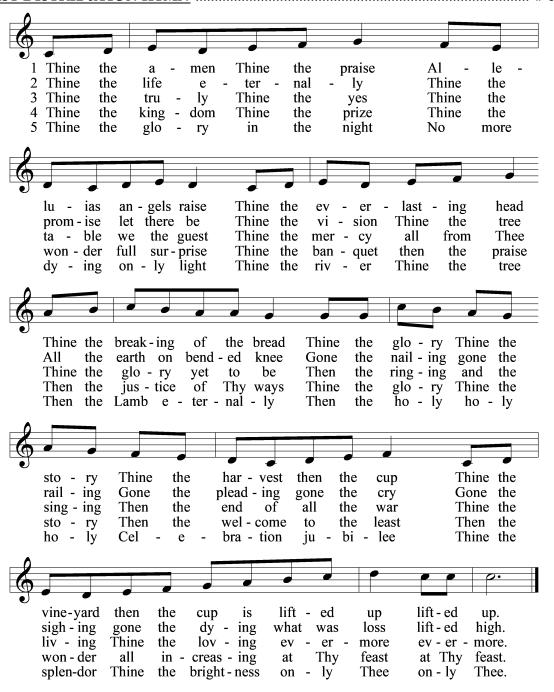
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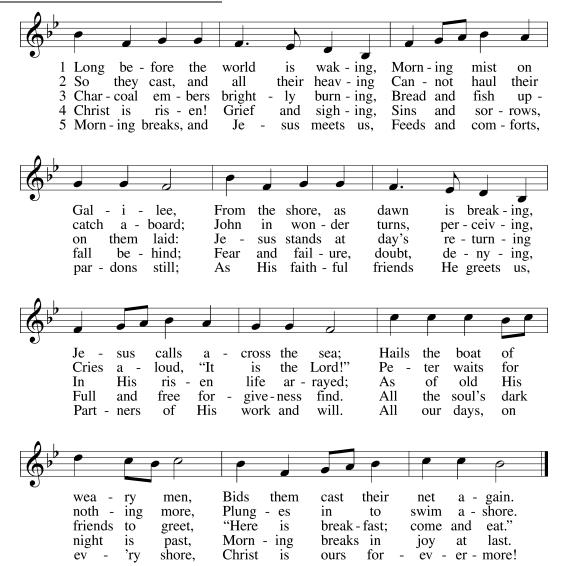


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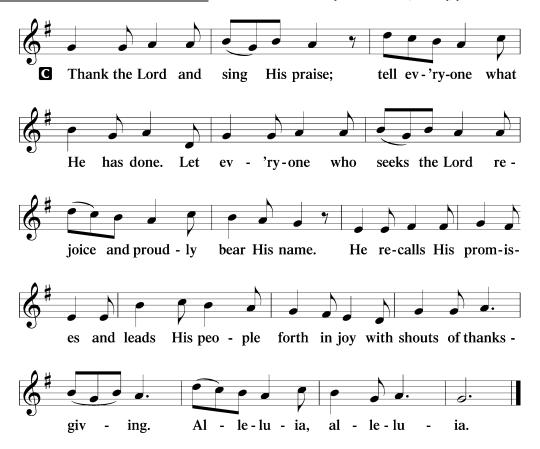




- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.



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#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

**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.

C Amen.



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#### ~ Announcements ~

### ♦ Sunday Christian Education Classes ♦

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> ... PK-Grade 5 - Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

<u>YOUTH CLASS</u> ... *Grade 6-High School* – Topic: "Death and Resurrection in the Old Testament." Class meets in Fireside Room.

<u>ADULT CLASS</u> ... Topic: "The Bible and the Papacy." Class meets in Parish Hall. Child care room available with video/audio of class.

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

*Mon:* 8:30 am — **Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy** – Meets M-F, until 3:30 pm

9:30 am — Church Office Closed

*Tue*: 12:00 pm — **Phone-In Bible Study** – Meets by phone or online

6:30 pm — Interviews of Candidates for First Communion and Confirmation

*Wed:* 9:00 am – LCOS Homeschool Together Day – Meets until 3:00 pm

10:00 am - Morning Chapel

11:00 am — We Believe, Teach, & Confess - Meets in Fireside Rm

*Thu:* 10:30 am – All Saints Class – Meets in Fireside Room

*Sat*: 10:00 am — **Tischreden: Study of Lutheran Confessions** – Meets in Fireside Rm

*Sun:* 8:30 am – Christian Education (See above for class meeting locations)

10:00 am - **The Divine Service** 

11:45 am — **Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal** – Meets in Fireside Rm

#### "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD" ...

- ◆ For the HARD-OF-HEARING ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ *For CHILDREN* ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

<u>PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION</u> ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

<u>WORDS OF WISDOM</u> ... "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD." Proverbs 21:31

<u>LCOS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025</u> ... Save the date! LCOS Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of August 4-8 (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to noon). The Christian saga

begins anew! This year's theme: "The God of Abraham Praise!"

<u>AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY</u> ... If you or a friend would be interested in learning about the Agnus Dei 2025-2026 academic year, contact Agnus Dei at 408.252.0250 or AgnusDeiLCA@lcos.org. Now enrolling for 2025-2026 academic year.

<u>COFFEE</u>, <u>TEA</u>, & <u>CONVERSATION</u>?? ... Ladies of LCOS (new or long-time widows, housewives, working professionals, etc.), interested in a monthly get-together for coffee, tea, and—above all—conversation with fellow Christians? If so, please contact the Church Office (408.252.0345; office@lcos.org) or Pastor J. Bestul (pastoribestul@lcos.org).

<u>CONTINUING EDUCATION: "ALL GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY"</u> ... Interested in an education opportunity offered by Concordia Theological Seminary, hosted by Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and taught by the Rev. Larry Peters (of "Pastoral Meanderings")? August 12-14, 2025. For more information or to register, please see the narthex cart.

<u>VOTERS ASSEMBLY APRIL MEETING</u> ... This past Tuesday, the LCOS Voters Assembly met for its quarterly meeting. Reports were given by the pastors, treasurer, board chairmen, and committee chairmen. No business items were acted upon. On account of diminished health, the chairman of the Board of Trustees tendered his resignation. The assembly accepted it, with thanks for his very dedicated service.

<u>LCMS CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025</u> ... The next regular convention of the CNH District is May 15-17. If you have questions or concerns you'd like to share, please contact LCOS delegates: Mr. Larry Ristow (voting lay), Pastor John Bestul (voting pastoral), Pastor Adam Debner (advisory pastoral).

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING ... In preparation for next Sunday morn... Occasion: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Lessons: Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30; Hymn of the Day: 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is."

SERVING:	May 4	May 11
Ushers	D. Bunsey, M. McThrow, I. Bestul	J. Bestul, J. Kiiski, N. Mogor
Acolyte	Henry Mitby	Jonah Pries
Altar Guild	Emily Debner, Julie Gould	Stephanie Bestul, Senja Kiiski
Comm. Music	Paul Kvamme	Paul Kvamme
Greeters	Joona & Senja Kiiski & family	David & Barbara Bunsey & family
Counters	Team 2	Team 3