

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



April 22, 2018
Easter 4

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Christian Worship p. 26

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Organist

To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Today

10:30 am Quarterly Voter's Meeting, Sunday School, &
Ignite Youth Group

Wednesday

7:00 pm Confirmation Examination Service

Thursday

10:30 am Bible Class

HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen CW 143

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:23-33

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23, CW page 72

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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. (John 10:14)

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18



¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away

because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep CW 436

SERMON

Sermon text: John 10: 11-18

Theme: How is Christ our Good Shepherd?

- I. Christ gives His life for us - His sheep.
- II. Christ knows all of us - His sheep.

III. Christ seeks to bring more people (sheep) into His fold.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared CW 312

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want CW 360

Quarterly Voters Meeting Today

Our quarterly voters meeting will be held today at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All voters are encouraged to attend. We will hear a number of reports, approve the transfer of a number of members who have requested a transfer in membership, and conduct any other business that will be on the agenda.

Confirmation Next Sunday

Our confirmation class members are Isaac Huth, Kayla Klatt and Kevin Penning. They will be examined in the teachings of the Bible in a special service this Wednesday, April 25, at 7 pm and will be confirmed next Sunday, April 29, in our 9 am service. May we pray the Holy Spirit to lead them to give a clear confession of their faith in our Triune God and in the teachings of God's Word.

April Food Shelf Donations

You may have noticed that there is a box for food shelf donations in the fellowship room. Please bring your

donations and place them in the box. Foods with a longer shelf life, personal items, and paper goods are needed. No expired items please. Let's see if we can fill the box up! The box will be out every Sunday in April and will be taken to the Hudson Community Food Shelf on Monday, April 30th.

Spring Cleaning

Saturday, May 5th (9am -noon)

A list of cleaning task will be available in the fellowship hall during the week of April 30th - May 5th. Please complete and check off any task you are able to do throughout this week. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Hinz.

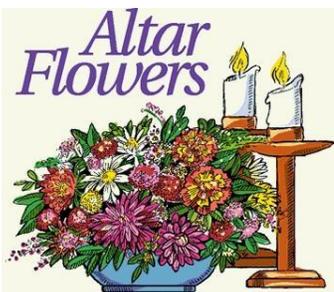
Notes from MN District Pastoral Conference

Pastor Vomhof attended the Minnesota District Pastoral Conference that was held at Owatonna, MN April 9-11. The theme of the conference was "Every Church a Mission Church." That was the theme also for District President Charlie Degner's sermon at the opening communion service. Pastors heard Pastor Dan Leyrer, a former professor at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, give a presentation on 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 and 3: 1-7 on the theme: "A Pastor as Missionary in the Pastoral Epistles." Pastor Nathan Strutz gave a presentation on "Fostering a Mission Mindset." Pastor will read this paper at a future Sunday morning Bible class.

President Charlie Degner announced that he will not run for re-election as he is retiring. At this June's MN District Convention the delegates will elect a new district president. President Degner reported that there are 125 pastoral vacancies and 185 teacher vacancies in our synod at the present time. He encouraged us to look past the vacancies and look at the opportunities the Lord is setting before us. Each and every member needs to get busy to recruit our young people to study to become a future pastor or teacher as opportunities abound to proclaim God's Word to so many people in many cities of our country and in many foreign countries at the present time.

Rev. Mark Zarling, president of Martin Luther College (MLC) reported 150 seniors will graduate this spring from MLC - 115 in the teacher training program and 35 in the pastor training program. So far MLC has 190 applications for this next school year. 85 of the applications are pastoral applicants. After those pastoral applicants finish four years of training at MLC, they attend our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for three more years of training and one year of serving as a vicar under an experienced pastor.

Altar Flower Donation Calendar



The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries, birthdays,

memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

Church and School Cleaning Team for April

Mark Carlson, leader

Nathaniel Johnson, Scott Bertram, Randy Zimdahl

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: did not have service due to snow

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: confirmation

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