

# + Fourth Sunday of Easter + GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY +

*April 30, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS3*

## + Confession and Absolution +

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



### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



**P** I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**C** Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

**F**or the LORD is a | great God,\*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

**F**or he | is our God,\*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**G**lory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

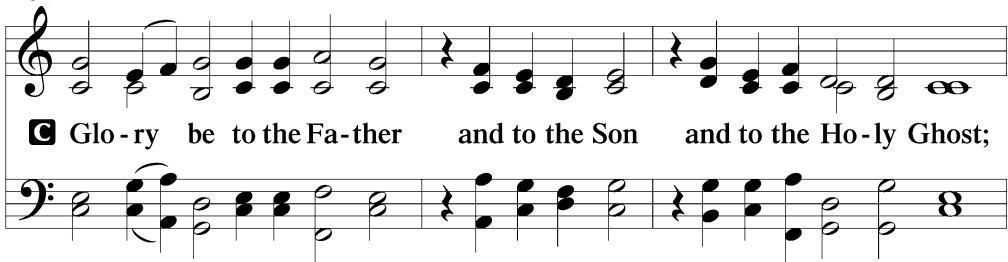
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

### Gloria Patri



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems. The first system has two lines of music with lyrics underneath. The second system also has two lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

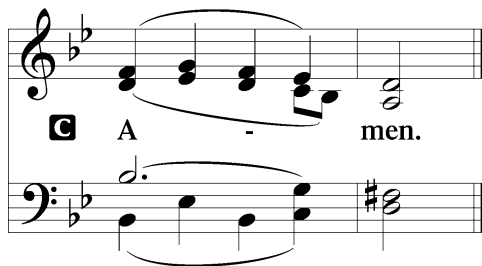
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems. The first system has two lines of music with lyrics underneath. The second system also has two lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it." The music is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### First Reading

*Acts 2:42–47*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**C** 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 under his feet.

### Choral Anthem (11:00 a.m. service only)

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

### Epistle

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his

mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day

*John 10:14*

**P** Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

### Triple Alleluia



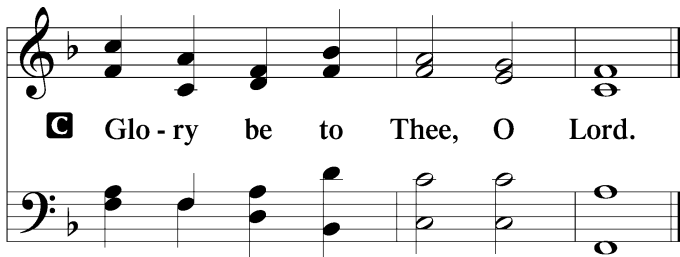
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

### Holy Gospel

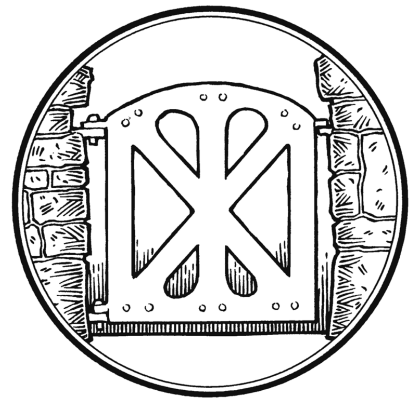
*John 10:1-10*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.



[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from

him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. 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, whose kingdom will have no end. 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.

## Hymn of the Day: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by,  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
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.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh  
Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853 Text and tune: Public domain

+ Sermon +

The Door and Shepherd of the Sheep

Offertory, p. 192

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**☐** (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). **Victims of gun violence** (including recent shooting in Nashville.)

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville. For our DCE **Shelli Haynes**, for blessings upon her service to Praise, and for her family.



Vocation: **Tyler Smith** (Airforce) in Mississippi and **Megan** beginning law school at UT. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (rejoicing in birth of Soren). **Paul & Angela Gift** rejoicing in the birth of **Nyla**. For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson **Isaiah**. **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**). **Eugene & Vicky Gorman** (expecting); and **Vicky** starts a fulltime job as an archivist in Oak Ridge in early May! **Ann Brown** giving thanks: a new great grandson. **Mary Schopmann** giving thanks for 4<sup>th</sup> greatgrandchild. **Alex, Shelby, and Samuel Hicks** giving thanks for safe birth of **Hannah Joy** on 4/15.

Mourning: for the family of a Praise Lutheran founding member, **Wanda Jenkins**, who passed 4/19. For family of **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) who passed away. Family of **Terry** (Seth Pierce's uncle) who passed away. Family of **Taryn Sebright** (including Billye Raye, Kris, Tiana, Tayor, and JJ) on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her passing. Family of **Larry** (Marleen's brother in law, Jeff's uncle) who passed away in Colorado. Family of **Clayton Narveson** who passed away 1/20. Family of **Janet Moore's mother, Mary Lou**, who passed away. Family of **Stan Stubelt** of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17/22.

Health: **Melissa Lyke** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) heart cath and stents procedure. **Myrna Frazier** cancer treatments. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Billye Raye Smith** upcoming chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Kay and Bill** (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and comfort. For **Analisa** (Karen Fortune's daughter in Cincinnati), her baby was born early, please pray for health. **Janice Kaiser** sciatic pain treatment. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. **Soren** (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** upcoming valve and heart surgery on May 31. **Larry Moore** upcoming ankle surgery in early May at Vanderbilt. **Paula**



(Corlis William's mother) health, hospitalized recently, doing better. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mark Cutler** (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. **Ole Johnson** upcoming tests for cancer. **A Teacher at Justin Gift's school**, fighting cancer. **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Amy Mohr** recovering from surgery and treatment for sepsis. **Ed & Sandy Bagley** recovering from long covid. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother**: cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Judy Kalkitis** health and mobility. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Roberts's sister) health. **Melissa Gilmore** (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** For **Larry Wacker** new device to help with tremors. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) who heard good news that he is now cancer free!

**Birthdays:** Dot S 4/30 (Amy Mohr's mother, 97 today), Jim R 4/30, Kris S 5/3, Lila R 5/5, Delora R 5/5, Mandy H 5/6, Tom S 5/6, Westley B 5/8, Mike G 5/8, Alan S 5/10

\* **Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

## + **Service of the Sacrament** +

### **A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do

so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface (Full)**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, p. 195**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** (sung) 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



The musical notation for Pax Domini consists of two systems. The first system is a single treble clef staff in G major (one flat) with a key signature of one flat. It contains a single melodic line of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. A square box containing the letter 'P' is placed below the first note. The second system consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The treble staff has a square box containing the letter 'C' below the first note. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

### Agnus Dei, p. 198

*John 1:29*

**C** (sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### Distribution



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church’s teachings prior to taking the Lord’s Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Distribution Hymn: 740 I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

Distribution Hymn: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Distribution Hymn: 550 Lamb of God

### Nunc Dimittis, p. 199

*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Thanksgiving

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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** A - men.

### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

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Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson



Announcements (see also next page)

**Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school** has begun and meets in the office behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! We are studying Genesis.

**Parents of middle and high school students!** We want to partner with you with your kids! We have several important youth events and activities coming up. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Are you signed up for *Remind*, the group messaging app? We are using both to communicate with you. Please see Shelli Haynes to get connected.

**Message from Shelli Haynes:** Thank you to the members who have invited Travis and me into your homes so far! We have been so blessed by your generous hospitality and important conversations! We are trying to visit with each family and person in this community! If you haven't set up a time to meet, let's get a date on the calendar!

Announcements (see also previous page announcements)

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise is being planned for mid-to-late September at a nearby venue (to be determined). Stay overnight or come for the day. Please sign-up TODAY if interested (no final commitments yet) and specify whether or not you would stay overnight. See Kris Smith to sign-up.

**Planning Council** meets TODAY after church.

**Young Adults** meets TODAY at 5:00 p.m. at Levi & Suzanne Nunnink's home (1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville) for Meal and Bible Study on the Apostles' Creed (ends at 8:00 p.m.).

**Catechesis** meets after church May 7 and 21

*This Week*

**Choir Practice** this week at 6:00 PM

**Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

*Next Sunday and beyond*

**Scripture Readings** Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

*Easter to Pentecost Schedule 2023*

**Ascension of Our Lord**, Thurs, May 18

**Pentecost and Confirmation**, Sun, May 28

**Ground Breaking** next month (May) on new sanctuary and narthex, nursery, and more! Please consider gifts to our **building fund** as we soon begin construction. Weekly, monthly, or yearly commitments are still encouraged as we enter the building phase.