



**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 16, A+D 2023**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel**

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “living hope” to which we have been “born again” and by which we are guarded “for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “though you have not seen him, you love him,” and by the mercies of God “you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## **Confession and Absolution**

**421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

*Stand*

### Invocation

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

### Invocation

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

**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

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**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

LSB 184

**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

LSB 185

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C** **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C** **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
- P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C** **tell of all his wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in his holy name;
- C** **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**
- P** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- C** **seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C** **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**
- P** He remembers his covenant forever,
- C** **the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

### Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**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.

- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C** **if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186



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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



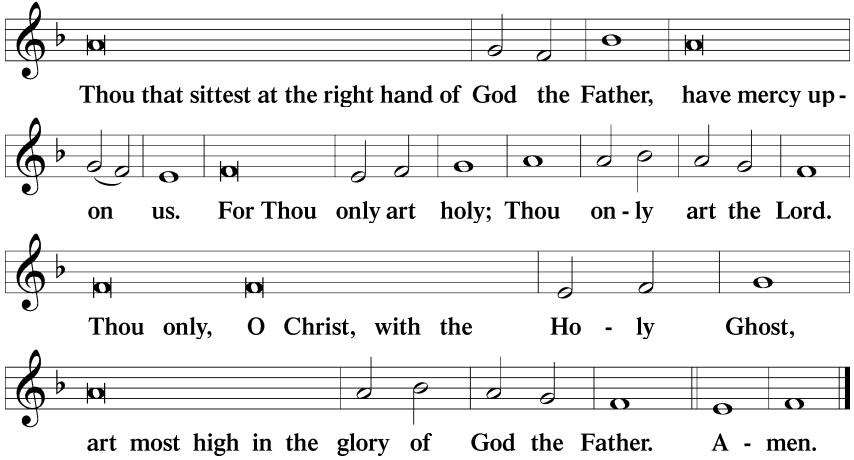
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 5:29-42*

**A** The First Reading for The Second Sunday of Easter is from the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

**A** The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice,

though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

#### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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**Holy Gospel***John 20:19–31*

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



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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

### Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate*

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

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**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**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

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

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- P** 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

LSB 197

- 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

LSB 197

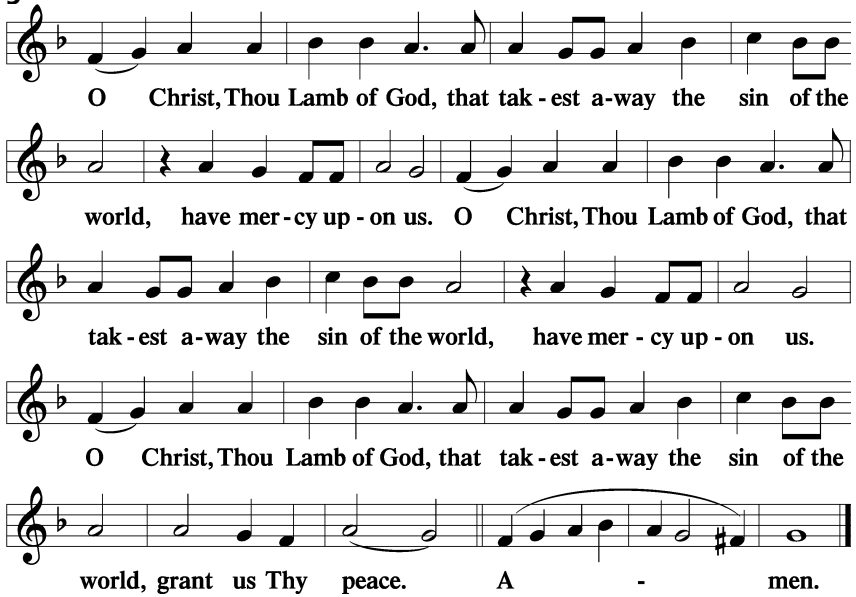
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit***Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

**467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness****720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

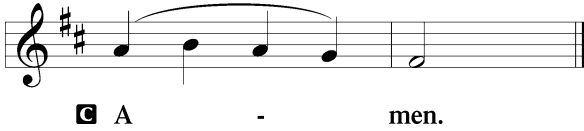
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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

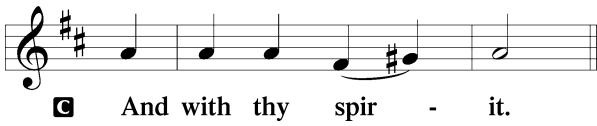
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.



### Salutation

LSB 201

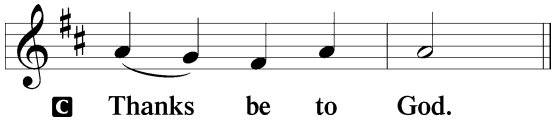
**P** The Lord be with you.



### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



### Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

April 16, 2023

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Scott Parker, Family Travin, Cayden  
Carrie Pearson  
Donald Pearson  
Joe Pearson  
Paulette Pearson

### BIRTHDAYS

Ethan Schassburger, 4/18

### CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Sandi Ovalle, 4/16

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Hospitalized this past week** – Russ Budde at Franciscan Munster, IN.

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

## NEWS UPDATE

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St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday April 19, to review *A Castle in Brooklyn* by Shirley Russak Wachtel. We usually meet at 10am on the third Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

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**Attention All Ladies:** The LWML Zone 19 will be holding it's Spring Rally on April 22 at Noon. We will be have a luncheon along with some fun activities. Our guest speaker will be Deaconess Sarah Gaffney. The rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 540 Oak Park Avenue, Beecher. Please RSVP by April 17 to Valerie Lynch at 708-946-2190

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**Lutheran Special Education Ministries** is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at Trinity Lutheran School in Hobart IN. Applicants must hold a current Teaching License with a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

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**Christ For You this week on KFUE.org:** Study 1 John 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Judges 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear about the Table of Duties on Concord Matters (4/22 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

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**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ...** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**We'd love to see you in worship.** Our worship services are every Sunday at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

“Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.” Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

Y J M N P S M B J D J Y D J S  
 C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X  
 W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D  
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JESUS  
 MIRACLES  
 DOORS  
 TOUCHED

TOGETHER  
 SIGNS  
 LIFE  
 THOMAS

DOUBTING  
 SHOWED  
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 SIDE

RECORDED  
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 DISCIPLES  
 LOCKED

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 6<sup>th</sup> Attendance 16, 5 Communed

April 7<sup>th</sup> Attendance , 26, 2 Online

April 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance 55, 38 Communed, 5 Online

Basket	\$431.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Envelopes	445.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Maundy Thurs.	375.00	Church Maint	35.00
Good Friday	391.00	Free Will	89.00
Easter	1,287.00		
Ins. Premium Ref.	147.00		
General Fund	30.00		
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>3,106.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$164.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
	<b>\$1,873.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	10:30 am	Sunday School
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	10:30 am	Sunday School

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Apr 9, 8:45 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Apr 16, 8:45 AM</b>
Pastor	Pastor Buss	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher	Bill Sommer	Dave Bloom
Lay Reader	Bill Sommer	Norma Allen

## DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



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