A photograph of a simple wooden cross made of two logs, standing on a sandy beach. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. A white rectangular box with a thin blue border is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text in a blue serif font.

**“Brothers,  
what  
should we  
do?”**

**“Repent  
and be  
Baptized!”**



## “Rejoice, through Jesus’ Resurrection New Life is Yours!”

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday after Easter

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11:00 am

**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

James N. Proeber, Pastor  
Wisconsin Synod

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### To all our Worshippers

Today, those who have previously confessed their oneness of faith in Christ will have the opportunity to gather at the Lord’s Communion Table. If you have not communed with our congregation before, please do not come today, but speak with the pastor after the service about the necessary preparations to receive Jesus body and blood. We would like to encourage you in this, so that we can welcome you to share the blessings of our Lord’s true body and blood in a future service.



### For Parents with Small Children

There are children’s activity folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up, if needed. There are restrooms and a video monitor in the fellowship hall. As you leave the church, go through the double doors.

## The Order of Worship

### Pre-Service Music and Welcome

### Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
*Christian Worship 149*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
Where your victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Foll'wing our exalted head.  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to you by both be giv'n!  
God has now fulfilled his Word;  
Praise the resurrected Lord!

### **Invocation**

P: In name of God the Father; God the Son; and God the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

### **The Confession of Sins**

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and

confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### Lord, Have Mercy



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

### Absolution

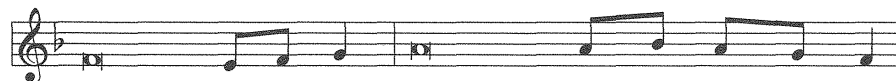
### *God's Forgiveness Proclaimed*

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



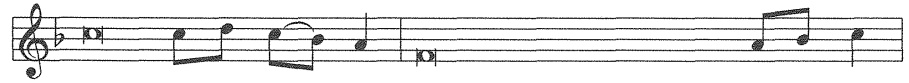
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly 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, you take away the**



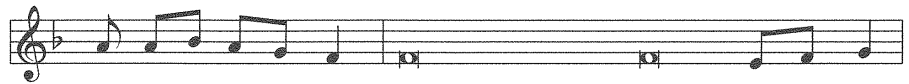
**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Lord and ever-living Savior, by nature we are dead in trespasses and sin. We also lack any answer to the question, “what must we do to be saved?” How blessed we are that you have provided the answer, and you have given us the means to know and trust it. Continue to strengthen our faith. Continue to keep us in your grace. Continue to bless us with the rescue which you have provided through your righteous life, innocent death, and glorious resurrection. Since you are the Author and Perfecter of our rescue and faith, work in us daily and powerfully until we receive the life you died and rose to give us. In heaven we will praise you, your Father, and the Spirit throughout endless ages.



C: A — men!

## The Lessons from God’s Word

*“Lord, Open our Eyes to Know, Trust, and Rejoice  
in the Power of Your Resurrection”*

### **The Power of the Resurrection**

*Acts 2:14a, 36-47*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. <sup>33</sup>So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

<sup>34</sup>“For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies  
a footstool under your feet.’

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that  
God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and  
Christ.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers,  
what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup>Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of  
you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise  
is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as  
many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup>He testified solemnly with many other words and was  
appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.”

<sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day  
about three thousand people were added.

### Psalm for the Day

*Psalm 116*

#### *Refrain*

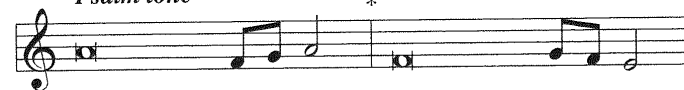


I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

#### *Psalm tone*

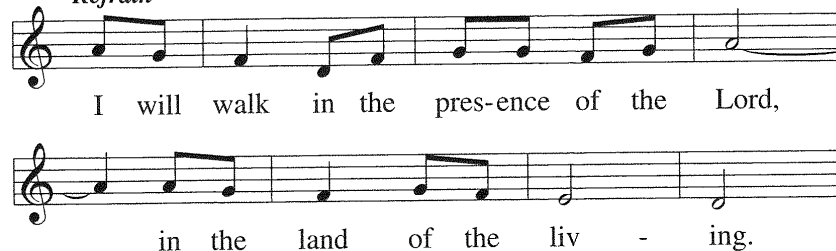


I love the LORD, for he | heard my voice; \*  
he heard my cry for | mercy.

Because he turned his | ear to me; \*  
I will call on him as long | as I live.

The LORD is gracious and | righteous; \*  
when I was in great need, he | saved me.

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



For you, O LORD, have delivered my | soul from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

How can I re- | pay the LORD, \*  
for all his good- | ness to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation, \*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

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.

*Refrain*

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 1:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup>because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without



blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

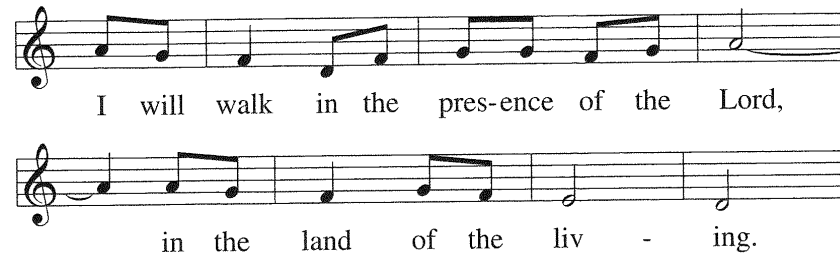
### Children's Message

*"Trust Jesus!"*

### Verse of the Day

P: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you lifted me up. You did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you healed me. LORD, you snatched my life from the grave. You kept me alive so I did not go down into the pit. Make music to the LORD, you his favored ones, and give thanks when you remember his holiness, for we spend a moment under his anger, but we enjoy a lifetime in his favor.

### Congregation sings



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

### Gospel

P: The Gospel is recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke, reading from the seventeenth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>13</sup>Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

<sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup>“What things?” he asked them.

They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup>When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him

strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup>Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup>They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **The Confession of Faith**

*(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”  
*Christian Worship 401***

Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart.  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.  
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sinful soul;  
Your wounds, not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole.  
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dreadful load  
Of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God.  
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;  
Then thousands deaths like mine would have been all too few.  
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

Your righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;  
No other righteousness can set a sinner free.  
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

**Sermon**

*Acts 2:36-39*

**“What Should We Do?”**

A question asked by faith  
A question answered in Christ

**Create in Me**

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir— it with— in me. Cast me not a-



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho— ly Spir — it



from me. Re-store un—to me the joy of your sal—va —



tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

## Thanksgiving and Prayer

### Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

*Special Prayers and Exhortations*

*Prater for those receiving the Lord's Supper*

**The Lord's Prayer:** *(spoken with the pastor)*

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Hymn of Preparation

“Hear, O My Lord, I See You”

*Christian Worship 315 st, 1*

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon you lean.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

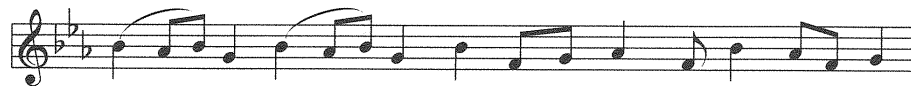


C: **It is good and right so to do.**

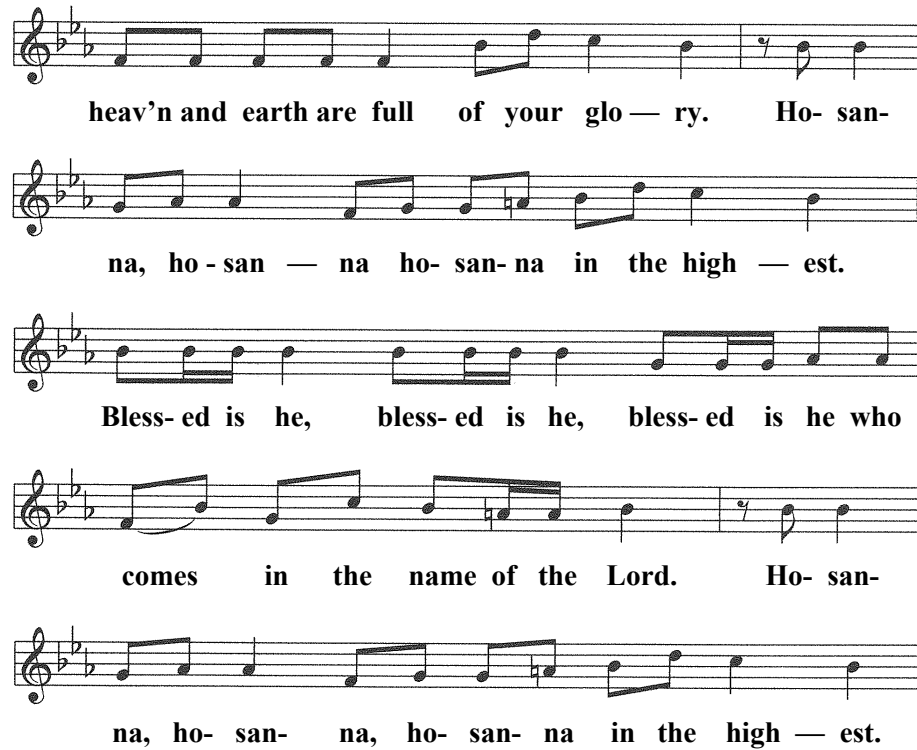
P: It is truly good and right that we should at times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, and we especially praise you for the gift of your undeserved love through your faithful Son who set us free us from our sin and guilt, and gives us his grace to live according to your holy will. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*The Sanctus*



C: **Ho — ly, ho — ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav- en- ly hosts;**



heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san-  
na, ho- san- na, ho- san- na in the high — est.

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A — — — men.



**O Christ, Lamb of God**

*Agnus Dei*



**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,**



**you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us your peace. A ————— men.**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. *If you have not communed with us before, or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today.* We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

# Thanksgiving

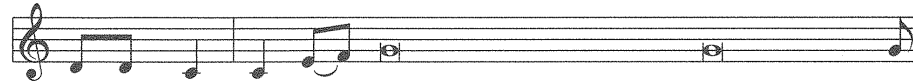
**Song of Simeon**

*Nunc Dimittus*

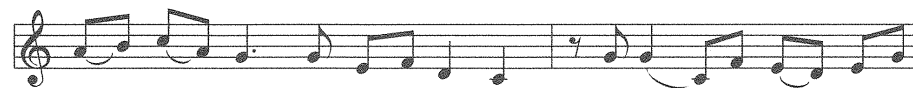
*(the congregation will rise and sing)*



**C: Lord, now you let you servant de- part in peace ac- cord- ing**



**to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-**

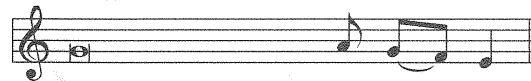


**pared be — fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the**



**Gen-tiles and the glo — ry of your peo- ple Is — ra - el.**

**P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**



**C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

## **Closing Prayer**

**P: O God our Father, you are the source of all that is good. In your loving kindness you sent Jesus to be the faithful servant of all. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us, but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit to willingly, faithfully, and joyfully live to your glory day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and**

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men!

### The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

### Closing Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”  
*Christian Worship 160*

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,  
But now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,  
But now is Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for season slumber  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,  
But now is Christ arisen.

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Today**—*Welcome in our gracious Savior's Name!* As we live with the promise of Jesus' resurrection, we can rejoice. We have a living Savior. We have an all-powerful Savior. We have a loving Savior. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book or a visitor card, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and some snacks prepared by the ladies of the congregation.
- Bible Study will follow the service and will review the Gospel account of the Emmaus disciples, and what Jesus did to allay their fears.
- Today Pastor Proeber will drive to Arizona to spend about a week attending to some roof repairs and projects. In case of an emergency, you may call the Elders—Greg Grunewald or Josh Schueler. You may also call Pastor on his cell phone, or Pastor Mike Foley of Star of Bethlehem in Santa Maria.

**Thursday**—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday**—Clean: Lance Schroeder

- Mowing starting the week of April 30th—J. Brown

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**—**In-person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, and Peter reminds us that Jesus is our faithful Shepherd who is always with us, especially when we walk through the dark valleys of this life.

- Bible Study will follow the Service and will focus on the words of John 10—Jesus is the true Shepherd.

## Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and video portions of our live stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his rich blessing; and to Karolyn Hanna and Linda Williams for serving snacks after the service.

## Forward in Christ Renewal

It is time to renew our subscription. The cost of renewal will depend on how many subscriptions we get. If 12 or more families order for home delivery, the cost is \$14.16 a year. If less than 12 subscribe, the cost will be \$19.00. If you have any questions, please speak with Al Todd. Also, please indicate if you will be receiving it as soon as possible. Thank You!



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