

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” -J.S. Bach

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

LSB 864



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in  
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -  
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -  
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,  
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our  
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O  
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;  
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word  
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
You so might save our race And give us life.  
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.  
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.  
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.

Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**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.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

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

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



I am the good | shepherd.\*

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

**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!

**For 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!

**For he | is our God,\***

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

**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.**

I am the good | shepherd.\*

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

Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Easter 4 (Three-Year Lectionary)*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**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.

**C** Amen.





## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

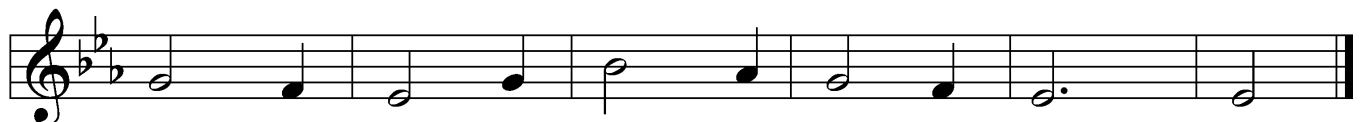
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.

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### Sermon “Portrayal, Presence, Provision” Psalm 23

- I. Favorite Verses of Scripture
- II. Portrayal of life as a lamb (v.1-3)
  - What does it mean that He *makes us lie down*?
  - What does it mean that He *leads me besides still waters*?
  - How is our soul restored?
  - What are the two ways to understand *magal-sedeq*?
- III. The Lord’s Presence (v.4)
  - What is meant by “the shadow of death”?
  - What switch occurs?
- IV. The Lord’s Ongoing Provision (v.5-6)
  - What is David describing?
  - What is meant by dwelling in the house of God?

### Prayer of the Church

**Offering** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” words by Henry W. Baker, music by Felix Mendelssohn

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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  $\text{✠}$  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

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

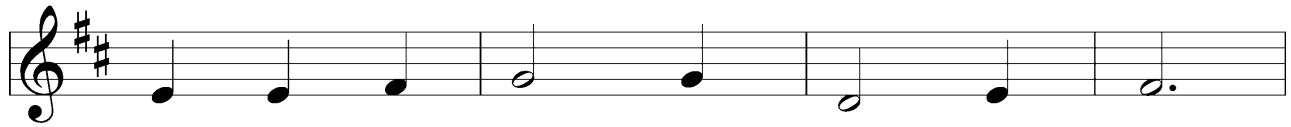
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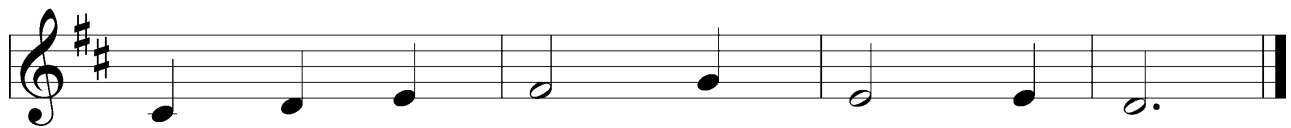
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.*

Distribution Hymn: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Hymn "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

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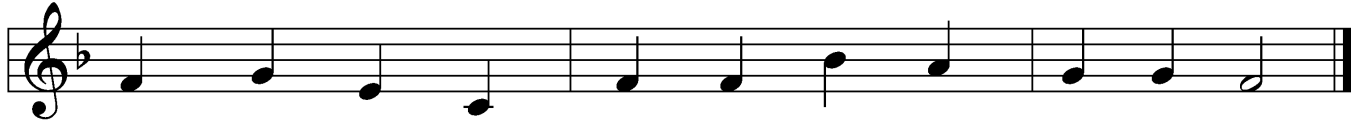
1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

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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**Nunc Dimittis**

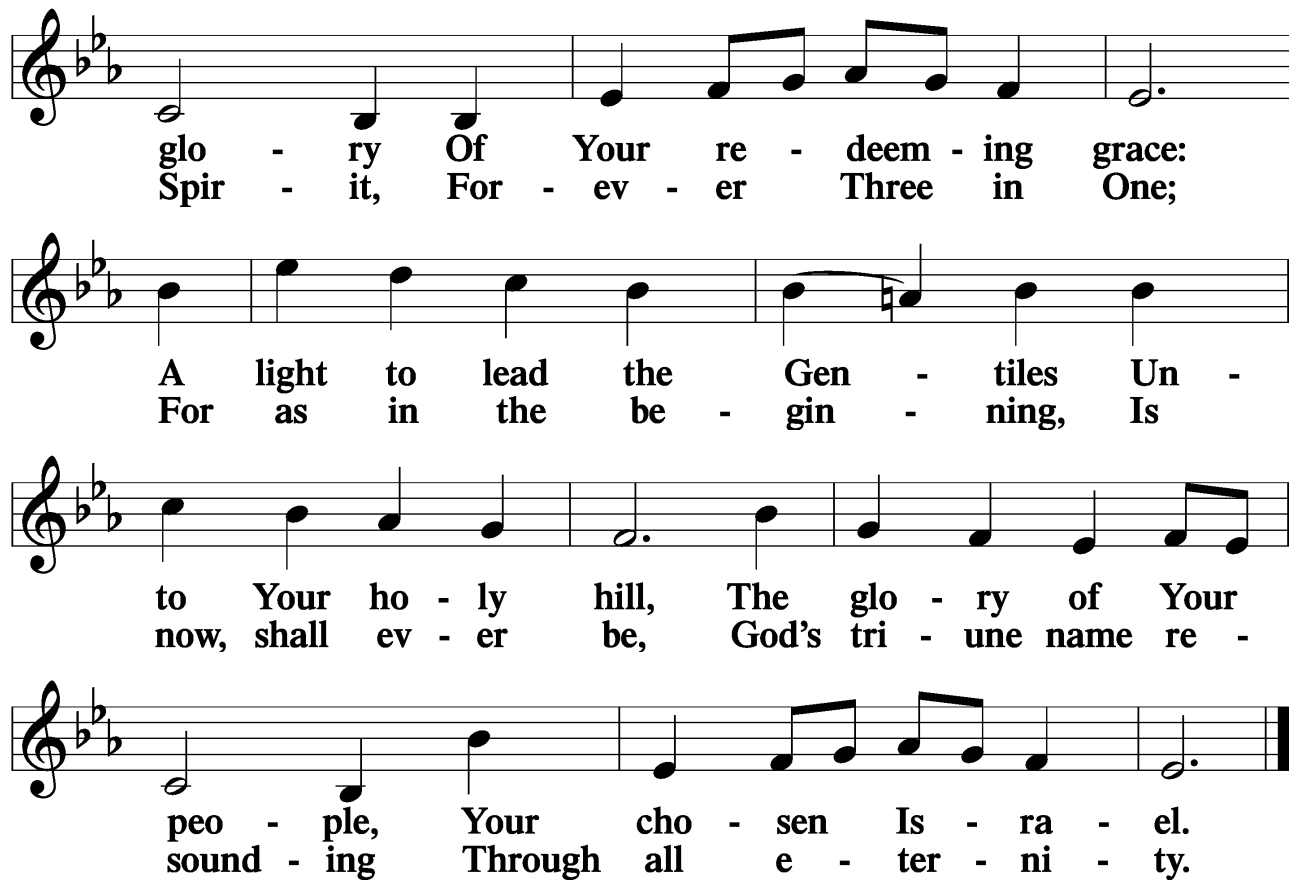
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**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

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- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

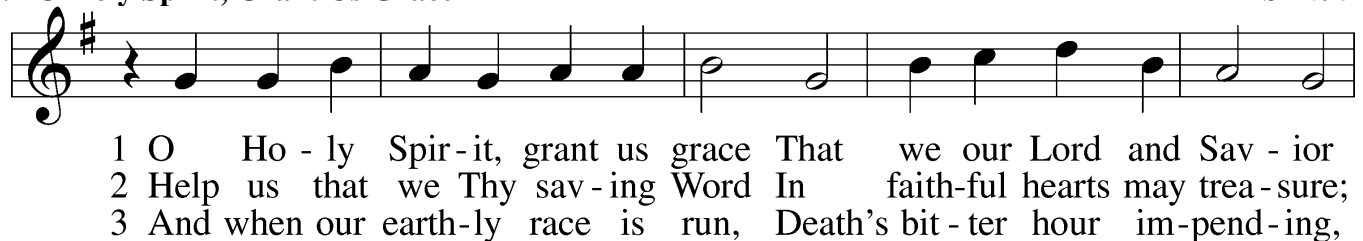
**Benediction**

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- 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.

**Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"**

*LSB 693*



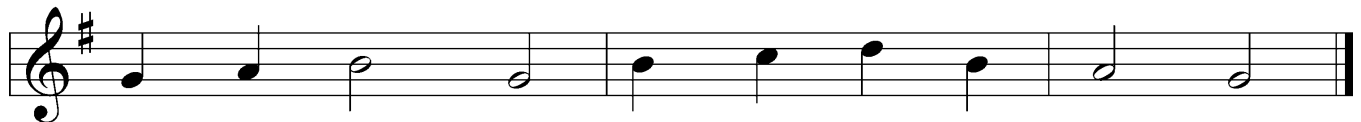
1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em-brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.  
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered  
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new  
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.

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## Postlude “Tidings of Joy” -Alice Jordan

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *1 Peter 2:21* – “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.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** With our new photo directory coming up soon, it's time to update your contact information. If you have a new address, phone number, or email, please let Maria know.

**T-SHIRTS:** Did you miss your chance to purchase an Emmaus shirt? Wishing you had ordered one? We have just a few extras for sale. If you are interested, you can purchase the shirts after service or check in with Marilyn P, Pam U or Dawn K.

**VOLUNTEER INTEREST - DOWN FOR THE CHALLENGE:** We are looking at reserving spots to assist with the Salvation Army's Down for the Challenge fundraiser at the end of July. If you are interested in helping out handing out water bottles, prepping people who are going to rappel down the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, or helping with a variety of activities, please sign up in the narthex today. The event will be held July 29th.

**EMMAUS CLEAN UP DAY** is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, starting right after our church service. The focus will be on the inside of the building. We will have task cards and the supplies needed to complete that task on a table in the Narthex. Please feel free to dress as needed to be ready to work. Many hands make light work so if we all get busy it should only take an hour or so to get everything done. Any questions please contact Nancy W.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It is time to renew your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$23.16 per subscription per year beginning August 2023. Renewals must be into the church office no later than May 15, 2023. Checks should be made out to Emmaus. If you would like to start a new subscription, please talk to Maria.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the spring congregational meeting! We will be voting on boards and officers for 2023-2024 on Sunday, May 21 after the worship service.

**MEN'S GAME AFTERNOON:** We will be having a men's (confirmation age and up) game afternoon on May 6th, noon-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Food and drink will be provided. Bring any games you would like to play. Todd P will also bring a selection from their collection. Please RSVP to Todd P to ensure adequate food is available. If you miss RSVPing please still come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

**HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Sojourn" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Prosperity preachers promise health, wealth, and happiness – but that's not what Christians should expect. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

**ASCENSION SERVICE:** We are excited to invite everyone to a circuit-wide worship service in observance of the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ! The service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension Eve) at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul. Rev. Steven Bielenberg (Pastor of King of Kings, Roseville) will be preaching. Rev. Dr. Joshua C. Miller (Pastor of Jehovah Lutheran) will preside at Holy Communion. Other pastors from the St. Paul Metro Circuit of LCMS congregations will lead other portions of the service. Jehovah Lutheran's Music Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner is inviting those interested to form a choir. We also invite you to stay after the service for coffee and dessert!

**Emmaus  
Photo Directory**

Emmaus is having a new photo directory made for our 75th anniversary! To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>

Enter **mn332** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Note: church code and password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

**The online scheduling option is not available on the weekends because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. If you would like to sign up today, please visit the sign-up table in the narthex.**

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.