

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 25, 2021

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own and they know him. The shepherd, as opposed to the hired hand, will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for our sake. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead.

Cover Image

Oil on Canvas

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Staatsgalerie Stuttgart (Stuttgart Public Gallery, Württemberg, Germany)

Martin Luther standing before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V on April 18, 1521. Luther refuses to recant his preaching that faith alone in Christ alone makes one right with God. He gestures towards his writings that he was asked to acknowledge in order to prove his "heresies."

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"The Lord's My Shepherd" - arr. Stephen Walters

"Prelude on St. Columba" - arr. Henry G. Ley

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"The Lord's My Shepherd"



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.



The Gathering

GREETING

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you!**

KYRIE

- A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Christe eleison.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A God of all power,
C **you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the lost sheep. Send his gospel word through the earth to rescue the lost, heal the injured, and feed the sheep; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 1-12

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. ⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'
¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

- L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Refrain

The LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm Tone

- L ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- C ²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- L ³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- C ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort
me. Refrain**
- L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

- L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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.

NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith 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 truly man.
 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,
 with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified,
 He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers
 before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.
A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus
 Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

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.

HYMN FOR PRAISE

Andrea Bush - violin/ Linda Hoch - piano

"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today" - arr. Ruth Coleman

PREFACE

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 indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you.

This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.
You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

***After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided
(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)***

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Shepherd Medley" - arr. Penny Rodriguez

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through
the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you
would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent
love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † grant you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Tuba Tune in D Major" - C. S. Lang

Dismissal: *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

Today's flowers are given by...

Glen and Jeanice Alexander in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Remember in our prayers... *Jan Singleton, Mary Ross, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Shawn Turnbull*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.

Service Recording: The recorded 8:30am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

NURSERY will be closed until further notice. If you have any question see Molly King.

Quarterly Giving Statements: Grace has traditionally mailed quarterly giving statements but due to the increase in electronic giving and your ability to see that information online we no longer feel that most are receiving a benefit from that process. Going forward we will email or mail paper statements at year end. If you would like a giving statement at any other time during the year, you may request one from Kathy at k.wahlenmaier@grace43081.org or by calling the office.

A Note of Thanks: The family of Martha Lynn Barnes-Whitacre would like to thank the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church for the numerous cards, verbal expression of condolence, and prayers during her illness and after her passing. Those acts reaffirmed our knowledge that the members are very caring and loving when other members experience difficult times. The support of the congregation has greatly helped us cope with our loss.



NALC Ohio Mission Region Convocation, Saturday, May 1, 9am-noon, online: The OMR Convocation will be virtual again this year. The decision had to be made early due to the Covid-19 situation at the time.



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There will be **no cost** for the Convocation, however, you must register in order to get the password to the page where the links will be located to join us online. Registration will also be online at <https://forms.gle/xGpfzSq9GmqBxBRR7>.

More information can be found on the Ohio Mission Region website: theNALCOhio.org.

Registration is open to all members of any NALC congregation. Pastors and lay representatives will be able to identify themselves on the registration form. There will be instructions on the registration form for an **opportunity to donate** to The NALC Disaster Relief (the recipient of this year's offerings). There will also be a vendors' page that we hope you visit before or after the convocation itself. The various District meetings with the pastors and lay representatives of the district will have separate links all available once you have the password to the page for the convocation. Documents for both the regional and mission district convocations will be available for download from the Mission Region website beginning April 21.

Schedule (9:00 – 12:00):

- 9:00 – 9:10am - Welcome, Instructions, Introductions
- 9:10 -10:05am – Worship, Keynote Teaching – The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba
- 10:05 - 10:20 – Life-To-Life Discipleship Update - The Rev. Dr. Phillip Ganon, NALC Assistant to the Bishop for Mission and Discipleship
- 10:30 – 11:05am – Ohio Mission Region Convocation and Installation of Officer

- 11:10am – 12:00pm – Ohio Mission District Convocations (deans arrange for their own Zoom or other links)

We understand that the time is short. Please take a moment right now to add the Convocation to your calendar and to register for the convocation.

Blessings,
Ethel Briggs,
Registration Chair

Altar Guild is looking for members to rejoin and new members. Men, women, new to ministries at Grace, old to ministries at Grace, contact Vanessa Stewart who would be delighted to talk to you more about the Altar Guild team who faithfully serves Grace. The commitment is 1 weekend, 4-5 times a year. You can reach Vanessa by phone 614-588-2712 or email vschpn55@gmail.com.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

High School Sunday School is meeting in Rose Garden 1 during the Sunday School hour.

2021 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATE: The dates for VBS will be July 25-29, the program is **Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God!** The children will discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold— it's them! Contact Molly King: m.king@grace43081.org or 614-882-3026.



Volunteers needed for VBS and we want YOU! Sign up at the Welcome Center:

- ◇ **Sing & Play Rock Leader-** Introduces the Bible Point and key Bible verse each day. Each day lead the kids in the Treasured theme song. Sing additional praise songs. (2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Bible Adventures Leader-** Repeats the Bible Point each day. Leads the kids in a daily Bible story in a hands on way. (2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Vine Dining Snacks-** Repeats the Bible Point each day. Helps the kids with prepackaged snacks that connect to the key Bible verse and the daily point.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Imagination Station Leader-** Repeats the Bible Point each day. Leads the kids in exciting experiments that connect to the day's Bible story and point.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **KidVid Cinema Leader-** The daily Bible verse is reinforced as children watch and discuss the inspiring true story featured in each day's video segment.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Closing Quest Leader-** Uses drama experiences and engaging object lessons to help kids apply what they've learned throughout the day.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Registration Center-** Two people to help kids register for VBS each day.
- ◇ **Jungle Gym Games Leader-** Leads the kids in games that connect with the daily Bible Point. Kids listen to Sing & Play Roar songs as they play games.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Spotlight VBS Photographer–** Captures photos during VBS and puts together a slideshow to show a the end of VBS and during Sunday worship.

- ◇ **Crew Leaders: Elementary**– Are an integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)
- ◇ **Crew Leaders: Preschoolers**– Are an integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)
- ◇ **Assistant Crew Leaders**– Rising 6th graders thru adults, assist Crew Leaders (15 volunteers needed)
- ◇ **Clean Team:** Helps ensure a clean space for VBS. Wiping down high touch surfaces.
- ◇ **Decoration and Tear Down Team:** This team gathers the Saturday before VBS to stage the church for VBS and puts final touches around the Sunday VBS begins. We will gather a few Sundays prior to VBS to put together larger projects and organize donations. Friday, the day after VBS we will tear down and put away decorations.

VBS Prayer Team: Beginning Sunday, May 2 meet in Molly’s office Sunday morning at 9:30am to pray for VBS.

REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

April Grocery List:

Pancake mix and syrup; canned spinach, beets, asparagus; salsa; cake mix, frosting, baking soda; fruit cocktail; dried and canned pinto, navy, northern beans; salt and pepper; beef and tuna helpers; and rice, potato and pasta sides. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 4th from noon until 6:00 pm. The need is vital especially going into the summer months when donations are low but the need is the highest. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time and you can set up an appointment during a lunch hour or after work by going to redcrossblood.org. Please help out!



To schedule an appointment call 1800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information. The drive will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY - no walk-ins! All workers AND Donors will be required to wear a mask (if they don’t have one the Red Cross will provide one). Donors will be answering a list of questions and having their temperature taken by a Red Cross employee before coming into area to be checked in. There will only be packaged snacks, water and juice provided by the Red Cross. Please contact Vanessa Stewart with any questions or concerns.

The need for blood is greater than ever.

Molly’s Movers for Acceptance! On Sunday, May 16 at 1:30pm join Molly on a 3 mile walk at Hoff Park to support acceptance and raise funds for GiGi’s Playhouse Down syndrome Achievement Center. Molly was introduced to the program because of her nephew Luke who has Down syndrome and has benefited from GiGi’s Playhouse. GiGi’s Playhouse offers FREE therapeutic and educational programs to help individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community be the best they can be! Find out more, sign-up to move with me, or make a donation at <https://tinyurl.com/molly-king-Gigisplayhouse>

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

The Women's Bible Study: Wednesday Bible Study Group began an eight weekly sessions on Psalm 40 by Sarah Mae. The subtitle of this study is: Crying out to the God who delights to rescue us. The group meets in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Molly King facilitates the study. Any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE: This adult SS class, led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 4 at 9:30 a.m. They are studying on 'Our response to the Cross. God is Faithful to His Word. Worship. What is it?' All are Welcome. Questions or concerns, contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

Adult Learning: Please join one of the adult education class as we study the book of Habakkuk. This study will be led by Bill Kulju and begin April 25 at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. In this study we get a glimpse into Habakkuk's job description—preparing God's people for Babylonian captivity. How we can maintain faith in God when the world seems to be falling apart. The key to this faith for the people entering captivity is the same for us today, come join us and find out!

MUSIC NOTES

"The Lord's My Shepherd" – arr. Stephen Walters

This hymn is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 23 taken from the Scottish Psalter of 1650 (The Psalms of David in Meter) which is called the "Prince of Versions" because it contained the best of the psalters in existence at that time. It is still in use and remains the only version officially authorized by the Church of Scotland. The text of this hymn is said to be a composite of seven extant versions of the psalm.

"Prelude on St. Columba" – arr. Henry G. Ley

St. Columba is the tune for the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". This text by Henry W. Baker (1821-1877) is not just another metrical version or paraphrase of Psalm 23. Rather, it treats the psalm freely and gives it a distinctively Christian framework. Christ, the Good Shepherd, is the center of the setting, and the Cross (a symbol of Christ's laying down his life for the sheep) is followed by a sacramental emphasis on the Lord's table and the eucharistic chalice. The last words Baker spoke upon his deathbed are said to have been from the third stanza of the hymn.

"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today" – arr. Ruth Coleman

Entitled "Hymn for Easter Day", this text of Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was first included in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739). It was altered and published in Martin Madan's *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1760), a famous volume that influenced English hymnals for more than 100 years. The tune EASTER HYMN is an anonymous melody from *Lyra Davidica* (London, 1708), a collection of twenty-two tunes.

"Shepherd Medley" – arr. Penny Rodriguez

This piece is a combination of three hymns related to the subject of Jesus the Shepherd: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need", "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" and "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want". "**My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**" is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 that first appeared in Isaac Watts' (1674-1748) *The Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament, and Apply'd to the Christian State and Worship* (1719). The tune RESIGNATION is an anonymous early American melody which appeared in *Southern Harmony* (1854).

"**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**" is attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847). In the 19th century hymnal editors often failed to identify authors. In the first edition of *Hymns for the Young* (1836),

Dorothy Thrupp left all hymns unsigned, since women often did not like to press their cause. The words are based on the idea of Jesus as Shepherd plus a few ideas from Psalm 23. It was intended for children rather than adults.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” has been associated with different hymn tunes. The first prelude selection is based on the tune BROTHER JAMES’ AIR while this version is based on the hymn tune CRIMOND.

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

The text for this hymn is by Marjorie Ann Jillson (1931-2010). She wrote the first stanza based on Luke 12:32 (“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.”) and added three more stanzas. The work was included in *Five Hymns* (St. Louis, 1973).

“Tuba Tune in D Major” – arr. C. S. Lang

Craig S. Lang (b. Hastings, New Zealand, 1891; d. London, England, 1971), was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, England, and earned his D.Mus. at the Royal College of Music in London.

Throughout his life he was an organist and a music educator as well as a composer of organ, piano, and choral works. Lang was also music editor of *The Public School Hymn Book* (1949). He named many of his hymn tunes after Cornish Villages.



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March 2021	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 37,083	\$ 41,010	\$ 3,927
YTD	\$111,249	\$ 123,866	\$ 12,617

Weekly Worship Attendance

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18: 8:30am: 64, 11:00am: 71, Total: 135

Serving Today

PRESIDER/PREACHER	Pastor Nicholas Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
CANTOR	Chris Troutman
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	8:30 Bob Ayers 11:00 Karen Holmes
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 4</i>	Kristi George, Nancy Kleberg, Barb & Tom Moser, Laurie Thurman, Margie Cepek, Vanessa Stewart
USHERS	8:30 Bill Kulju, John Hicks, Aaron Singleton 11:00 Kent Patterson, Mike Grubb, Bev Grubb
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush



This Week at Grace: April 25, 2021

April 25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and High School Sunday School (Rose Garden 1)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
MON		
TUES	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
THURS	7:00 pm	Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Online Meeting)
May 2	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and High School Sunday School (Rose Garden 1)
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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