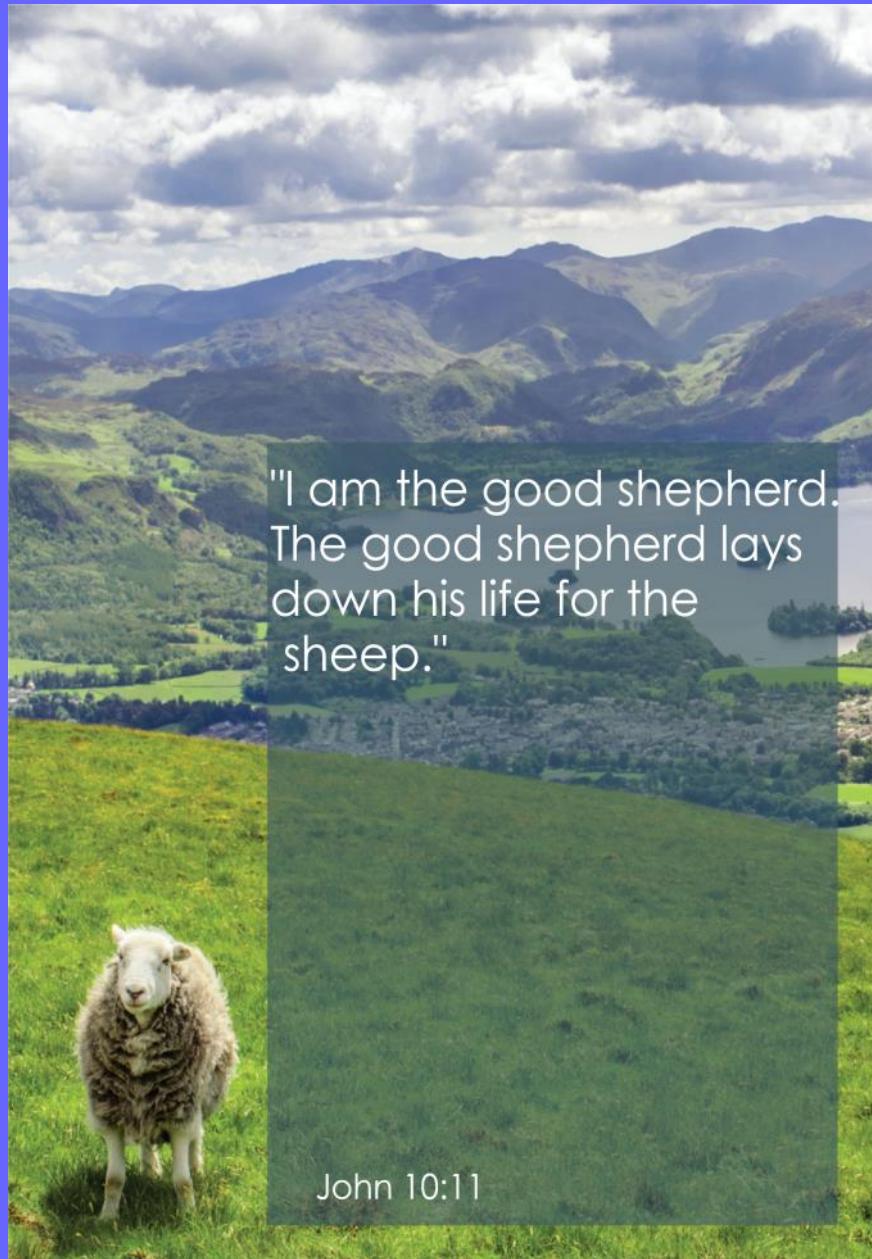


Welcome to:
First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio



April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE

LITTLE FLOCK

Michael Burkhardt

Voluntaries of Worship

IV. Have No Fear, Little Flock

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Softly spoken.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

In a regular voice.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

Lifting our voices toward heaven.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

Alleluia!

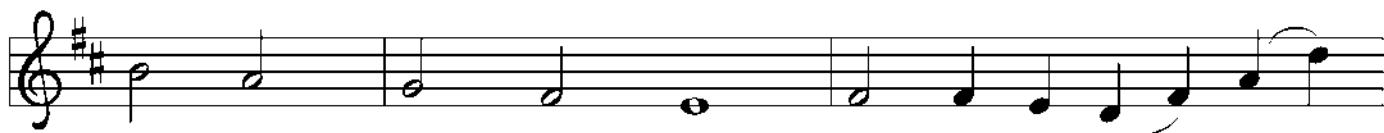
GATHERING SONG

619

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives c -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

GREETING

P: 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.**

GATHERING LITANY

P: We gather, a community of faith to celebrate.

C: **God is among us.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That no darkness can extinguish the light.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That love is more powerful than death.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That peace is stronger than violence.**

L: Together we celebrate that, we are called:

C: **To go out!**

L: We are called:

C: **To care for all!**

L: We are called:

C: **To share the Gospel!**

L: We are called:

C: **To forgive and reconcile!**

L: We are called:

C: **To trust God for all that we need!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As a community of faith, celebrating the light, love, and peace of the Risen Christ, Let us pray:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS

4:5-12

R: A reading from Acts the 4th chapter.

⁵The next day [the] 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.”

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM 1ST JOHN

3:16-24

R: A reading from 1st John the 3rd chapter:

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] 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.

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

After cantor sings the verse, we respond:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

A READING FROM ST. JOHN

10:11-18

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: 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: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Praise ____ to you, ____ O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

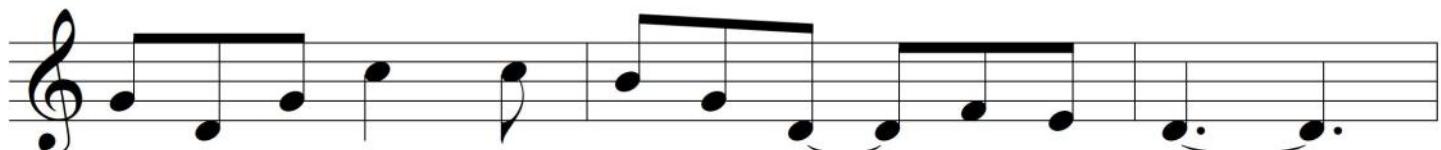


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Our Cantor will sing the verse. Then we respond:



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

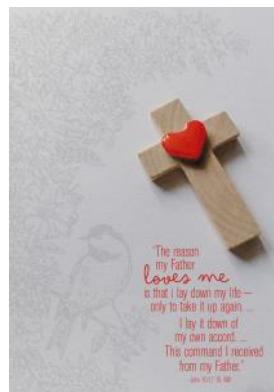


Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Pastor C.J. Bailey



The reason
my Father
loves me
is that I lay down my life—
only to take it up again...
I lay it down of
my own accord...
This command I received
from my Father.
John 10:18-19

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 764
HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK



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!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

LITTLE FLOCK

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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A LITANY FOR EASTER

P: O God, who made the world and everything in it,
we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

L: For skeptics and believers, for clergy high and low;
For those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the
pews, For all who search for life, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We are alive in the spirit.
We are saved through water.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For presidents and prime ministers, for bosses and wardens;
For those who set the course at home, at work, in the streets, and
in the pews, For all who wield power, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We do not fear what others fear.
We proclaim the hope that is in us.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For friends and lovers, for neighbors and strangers,
For those who eat bread at home, at work, in the streets,
and in the pews, For all who live in the world, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: In God, we live and move and have our being.
From God, we have life and breath and all things.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone,
For those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who suffer, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: Our prayers are not rejected.
Our souls are held in life.
In truth, our God has heard us,
and love is not withheld.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For those kept in memory, for those long forgotten,
For all who ever took the breath of life at home, at work, in the
streets, and in the pews, For the dead and those who mourn them,
come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We are blessed by your presence.
We are filled with the Spirit.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: God of heaven and earth, Companion in life, Spirit of truth,
to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are encouraged to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING & ORGAN MEDITATION

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Daniel E. Gawthrop

The Lord's My Shepherd

Please stand.

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

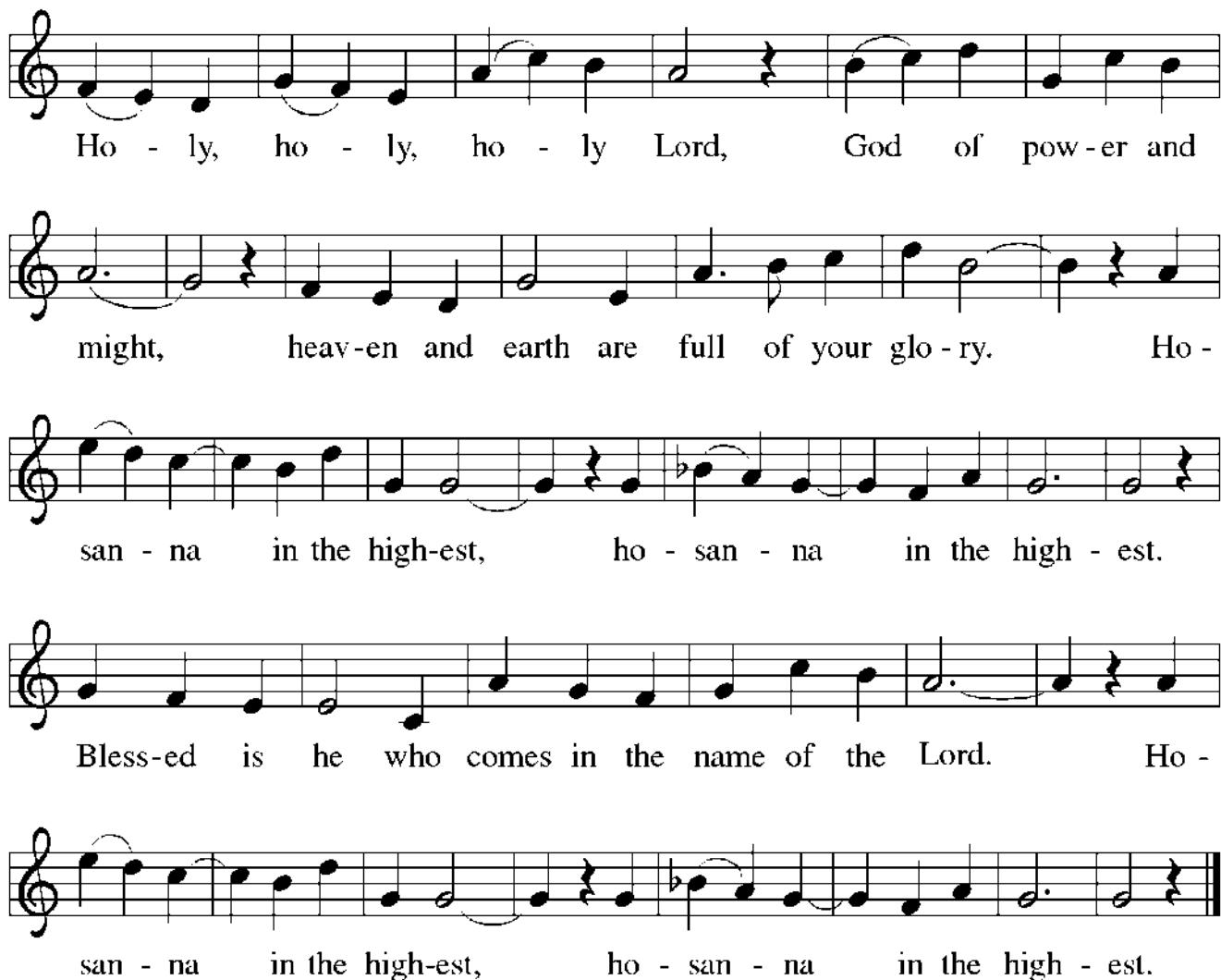
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to
the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus,
your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C:

The musical notation consists of a single line of music in common time, starting with a treble clef. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory
in your holy church, now and forever.

A musical score for a solo voice. The key signature is C major (one sharp). The lyrics are "A - men, a - men, a - men." The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a melodic line above the text. The first "A" is followed by a short melodic line. The second "A" is followed by a melodic line with a sixteenth-note grace note. The third "A" is followed by a melodic line with a sixteenth-note grace note. The vocal line ends with a melodic line.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table!

Communion is distributed in two manners at First Lutheran.

- *You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex Doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in place will commune together.*
- *You may come forward, where you will receive the bread from pastor and a small cup of wine from the worship assistant. Cups can be disposed of in a basket located by our projector.*

AGNUS DEI

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

778

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 valc, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread 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.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*. Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Please stand.

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim our goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

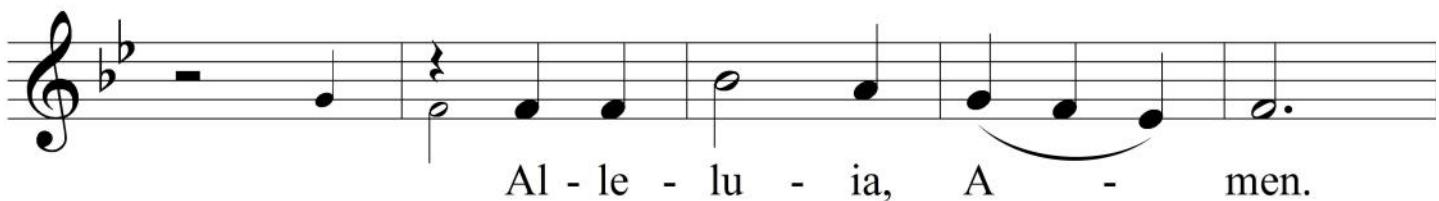
C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: May the God of the resurrection, the Christ of unending joy, the Spirit of Easter hope. Bless you now and always.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

SENDING SONG

619

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!



5 He lives to bless me with his love;
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav - 'nly friend;
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name!



he lives to plead for me a - bove;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



he lives my hun - gry soul to feed;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
what joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



he lives to help in time of need.
he lives, my proph - et, priest, and king!
he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

THE SENDING

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C: Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: Go in peace!
L: Rejoice and be glad!
C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

DUKE STREET

Gilbert M. Martin

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

Today's Worship Leaders

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday		April 21
10:00 am	Worship on the 2 nd Sunday of Easter	
Monday		April 22
6:00 pm	Council	
Tuesday		April 23
10:30 am	Morning Bible Study at the Willows	
6:30 pm	Worship & Music Meeting	
Thursday		April 25
1:00 pm	West Ohio Food Bank	
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	
Next Sunday		April 28
10:00 pm	Worship on the 5 th Sunday of Easter	



Down Sizing/Spring Cleaning

The archival committee is looking for bookcases and storage racks. If you have extra that we could use to organize our required records by the ELCA. Please contact the Church office, Pastor, or anyone on the current Archival Committee.

Today's Flowers



This morning's altar flowers are given in honor of Zachary's 16th Birthday from Tim & Shelley Ross.

West Ohio Food Bank

The West Ohio Food Bank will be here

Thursday April 25th Distributing begins at 1p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

Pentecost Geraniums

Forms for making geranium donations and dedications can be found on the lobby tables or in the Church Office.

Honor your family members, friends, confirmands, and graduates

Geraniums will be displayed for Pentecost on May 19th, before being planted by our faithful Weed Warriors.

They would appreciate extra hands to help make the planting go faster.

***Orders must be received no later than Sunday, May 12th.**



The Seneca County Council on Homelessness invites the community to its Annual Gala.

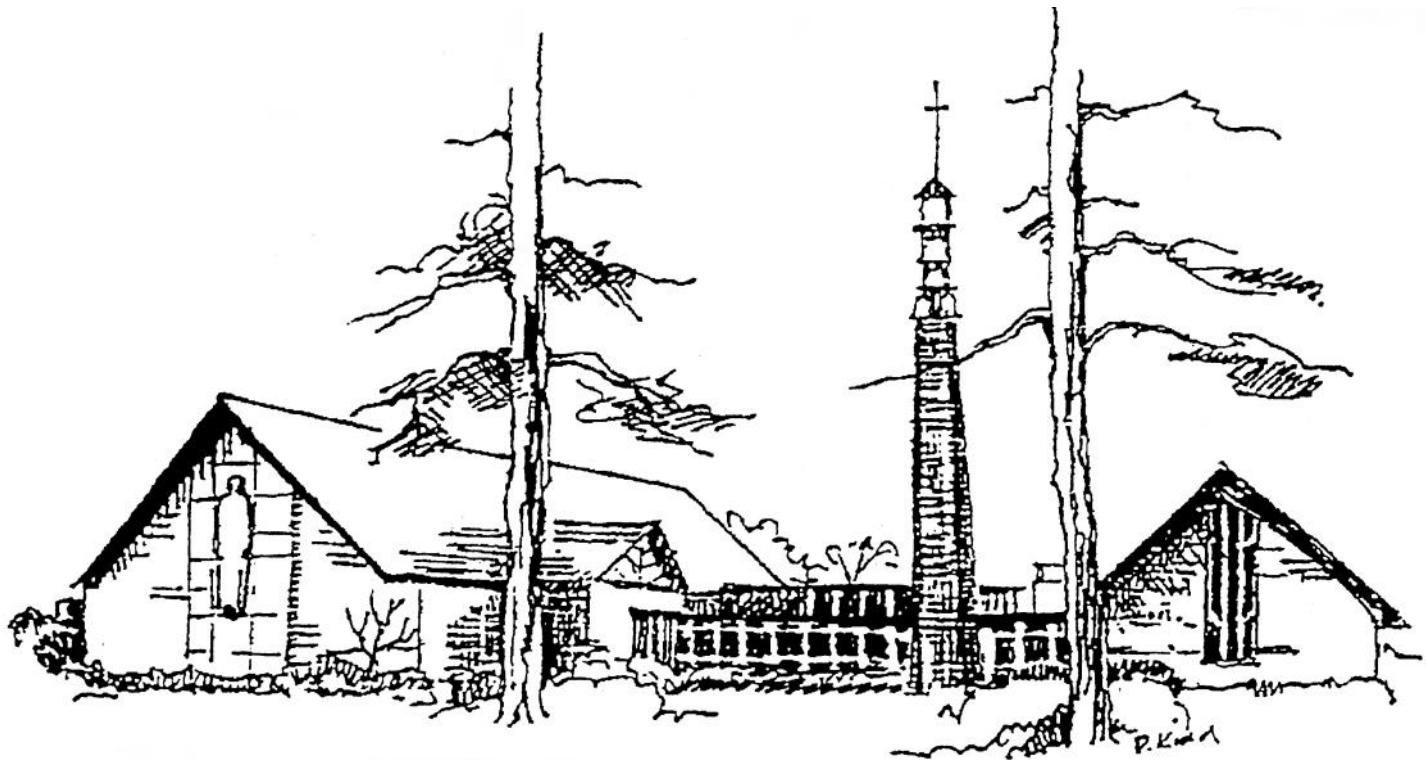
Saturday April 27th 6-9 p.m.

This is the largest annual fundraiser which supports the Transformation Life Center, Tiffin's emergency women's homeless shelter. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes appetizers, a sit down meal, and dessert. The evening also include a presentation, music, and other events that share how we continue to transform lives at our shelter. For more information scan the QR code below or see Pastor Bailey.



Preschool Playground

As you arrive at First Lutheran this weekend, you will notice several large bags in the parking lot. The Preschool is putting one of their recent grants to work in refreshing the playground. These bags include a commercial mulch with a 20 year warranty. In the weeks ahead, some local contractors will be working to prep the playground and spread our new mulch. This will give us a play area that will last many years to come.



Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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