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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 3 Page 184
Opening Hymn: 466
Sermon Hymn: 480
Distribution: 563, 461, 825, 596
Closing Hymn: 477

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am - Divine Worship w/HC
10:30am SS/Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
10:30am-Memorial Committee
11:30-JOY Group
12:00pm-LL Preschool
6:30pm-Trustees
7:00pm-Council

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:00pm-Swaddling Clothes
5:15pm-CC Classes
6:00pm-Singers
7:00pm-Ringers

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study
8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool

SATURDAY

5:00pm - Divine Service

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study/
Catechumen Questioning
11:30AM-Voter's Meeting

In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Dorothy Kester
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Lynette Bossart
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson
Violet Dencklau

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Steve Doty-April 20

Baptismal Birthdays:

Evelyn Kastendieck-April 22
Ezra Kastendieck-April 22
Korbin Jones-April 22
Frieda Paulson-April 22
Carol Johnston-April 23

Attendance – 28, 87

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$3344

Lent-\$100

Mission Central-\$20

Online-\$500

Swaddling Clothes-\$275

Total of all Gifts: \$4239

Elders in Charge of Communion:

4/18-Mike Wiese
4/19-Terry Allers & Mark Johnson

Acolytes

4/19-Greyson & Korbin Jones

Organist/Pianist

4/18-Jan Altemeier
4/19-Mandy Kastendieck

April Ushers

Steve Doty
Gary St. John

Please note that the catechumen questioning will be taking place during Adult Bible Study/Sunday School after service on **April 26th**. The preschool/kindergarteners will have Sunday School as normal.

A Confirmand Social will be held after the service on Sunday, May 3rd. Come and celebrate with them as they continue their spiritual journey.

BOE Meeting

Monday, May 4th at 6pm.

Please make a note of the date change.

Stewardship

As the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread, we recognize Him in acts of generosity that open hearts and bring hope.

"And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight." — Luke 24:31

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 17th.

The nursery is located in the back of church. Parents are welcome to take their children in there at any time during the service. Please note, there is a changing table/restroom in the back.

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C: when brothers dwell in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

C: running down on the collar of his robes!

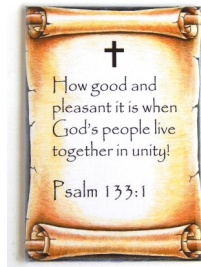
P: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C: when brothers dwell in unity!



Collect

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE

833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Peter replied, “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.”
Acts 2:38

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary has TWO scholarships available yet for 2026. If you know of someone in need of financial assistance for Camp this year, please contact camp@campokoboji.org, and we will send the application.



VBS will be June 14th thru June 18th

We need volunteers!

Cheryl Eichler will be the director again this year. She will be coordinating volunteers interested in helping. Please contact Cheryl if you can help out. Thank you.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent."

Holy Gospel cont.

So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Voters' Meeting agenda

Sunday, April 26-Following Adult Bible Study

1. Open with prayer
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Board & Committee Reports
 - Trustees
 - Elders
 - Christian Management
 - Christian Outreach
 - Endowment Committee
 - Bd. of Education
 - Sunday School
 - Pastor
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
7. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Corner:

1 Peter 1:18–19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next paycheck. Here’s an important message: Don’t ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say “Yes” when someone calls for help who doesn’t have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. LFS accepts most major insurances and offers a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Pregnancy counseling is always provided with no fee. Don’t hesitate to call. Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before con-

ception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“Not in Vain” Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour
WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.

HELP NEEDED

Lutheran Family Service is looking for volunteers to help with a large mailing in April. We need hands to fold materials, stuff envelopes, apply address labels, as well as stamps. If you are able to give a little bit of time or a lot this month, we’d appreciate it. We have 4 different time slot opportunities for you to grab your friends and come help out:

Wednesday, April 22nd 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 22nd 1:00 pm

Thursday, April 23rd 9:00 am

Thursday, April 23rd 1:00 pm

The materials will be ready on the 20th, so if you can’t attend one of the groups above, there is still opportunity to help anytime between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from April 20th through the 30th. Just stop in the office, at 409 Kenyon Road, Ste. C, and we’ll get you started.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Wanda Pritzel;
wpitzel@lutheranfamilyservice.org or 515-573-3138.



4 Year Old Lead Preschool Teacher Needed

Position is Part-Time with Full-time Potential

Sign on Bonus for Qualified Candidate

Must have BA in Early Childhood Education

Contact Joan Arndt @ Little Lambs Preschool

515-576-6308

littlelambs@goodshepfordodge.org



**LWML Iowa West District
42nd Biennial Convention
Camp Okoboji–Milford, IA
June 11-13, 2026**

Deadline is May 10, 2026

Registration fee BEFORE May 1, 2026 - \$50 / AFTER May 1 - \$60

Lodging/Meal Options:

Option 1: Camp Lodging/Meal/Snack Bundle (2 nights air-conditioned including Thursday lunch- Saturday lunch) entry **\$210**

Option 2: Friday only Lunch/Snack bundle entry **\$25**

Option 3: Friday Lunch/Dinner/Snack bundle entry **\$40**

Option 4: Meal/snack bundle (Thurs lunch-Saturday lunch) available to those staying offsite desiring to eat meals at camp entry **\$115**

OFFSITE LODGING OPTIONS–You are responsible to reserve and pay for your Hotel Room, and your own transportation to camp.

Ingathering items are Swaddling Clothes Organizations across the District.

If you are interested in attending please contact Carol Johnston for an application. 515-570-4635