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Little Lambs Preschool
576-6308

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.



May 3, 2026
The Fifth 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 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 913
Sermon Hymn: 912
Distribution: 633, 644, 797, 468, 464
Closing Hymn: 480

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Service/Rite of Confirmation w/HC
Confirmand Social to Follow

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
6:00pm-Board of Ed Meeting

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL Preschool
6:30pm-LWML Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:00pm-Confirmation Pictures
5:15pm-CC Classes
6:00pm-Singers
7:00pm-Ringers

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study
8:15am-LL Preschool
10:00am-Mary's Circle
12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:00pm-Beacon of Hope

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Service w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study
Mother's Day



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
Debbie Monical

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Nancy Mann-May 2
Glenis Joslin-May 4

Baptismal Birthdays:

Melinda Bass-May 6
Jessica Ferry-May 6
Donald Brand-May 8

Attendance – 45, 98

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$2314

Mission Central-\$40

Online-\$150

Total of all Gifts: \$2504

Acolytes

5/3-Paityn Ahrens &
Piper Kastendieck

Organist/Pianist

5/2&5/3-Joan Arndt

May Ushers

Gary Koch
Darrell Sturtz

Elders in charge of communion:

5/2-Mike Wiese
5/3-Dennis Detmering and
Mark Johnson



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

BOE Meeting

Monday, May 4th at 6pm.

Please make a note of the date change.

Little Lambs Preschool

4yr Old Graduation
May 20th at 6pm

3yr Old Program
May 22nd at 10am

*Attn Prayer Partners-if you would like to provide a gift or a card, please have them here by Tues May 19th.

Stewardship

Spring reminds us that staying rooted in Christ yields abundant fruit; our giving fosters growth. of God’s kingdom.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

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 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!

P: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C: and you have healed me.

P: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C: and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

P: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Collect

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁹For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

Let not your heart be troubled:
ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:1



Donations needed for our DCE Intern's Apartment

We are looking for furniture items such as a dining room table, chairs, couch, etc.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please put your name and what you would like to donate. This way we won't get duplicate items.

**We will reach out when we know his final needs.



Thank you for your help!



Confirmands:

Garrett Begalle & Lukas Ferry



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.

Stewardship Corner:

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His

own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

Building Healthy Families: Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the 4th commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story.

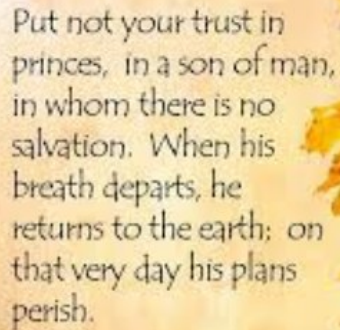
www.LutheranFamilyService.org
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“When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: ‘I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ’ (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!”
Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“Planning Is Everything” Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. (Psalm 146:3-4)

[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.



Put not your trust in
princes, in a son of man,
in whom there is no
salvation. When his
breath departs, he
returns to the earth; on
that very day his plans
perish.



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

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MEMORY VERSE



**Sanctify
them in
the truth;
your word
is truth.**

JOHN 17:17