

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School



TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn: Shepherd of Tender Youth 864
 Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is 709
 Distribution Hymns: Christ the Eternal Lord..... 829
 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me..... 683
 The Church's One Foundation 644
 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb..... 740
 Recessional Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People..... 710

PRAYER CONCERNS

David Hansen Sr., struggling with cancer and radiation treatments
Lois Scott, Loren's mom, recovering from surgery due to a broken femur
Louava Wideman, struggling with COPD
Carolyn Blyseth, sister of David Alder, suffering with undiagnosed and spreading pain.
Jason Crowley, nephew of Thomas Crowley, diagnosed with multiple myeloma.
Irene Pickering, who fell and broke her kneecap.
Astrid, Ingrid Umland's sister, whose cancer (leukemia) has returned.
Diane Ronchetto, hip replacement recovery. Diane is having a hard time with the pain. Please continue to pray for her.
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico.
Shut-ins: Elsie Albanese, Don Krahn, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette, Gloria Paulus, Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering



Altar Flowers
 The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God by Beth Smith in honor of her mom Sandra.

| SERVANTS for THIS WEEK | | SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK |
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| Crucifer | Samuel Lombardo | Aiden DeCent |
| Acolytes | Emma Hinkleman & Hayden Hinkleman | Jilian Belli & Ava Belli |
| Altar | Margaret Nowak | Alise Smith |
| Elders | Anthony Lombardo | Loren Scott |
| Finance | Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke | Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke |
| Flowers | Beth Smith | Dwayne and Rebecca Muguishi |
| Ushers | Joe Vasquez & Chris Blank | Hayden Ramsey & Joe Belli |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9:00AM..... Divine Service
10:30AM..... Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
NO Confirmation Class- Happy Mother's Day!

TUESDAY 7:00PM School Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY 9:30AM..... Bible Study

SATURDAY 8:30AM..... Bible Study

(Congregational Assembly May 15)

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)



Lesson 12 "The Rescuing Queen" is the title for this week's lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti's behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther's guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king's officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice.

Happy Mother's Day!

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"
Proverbs 31:28-29



VBS is happening this summer and we are hoping to make an amazing comeback! There will be more information to come regarding volunteer opportunities. Sign up forms are on the table in the narthex. Please take some to share with family and friends with kiddos who are the appropriate age to join us!

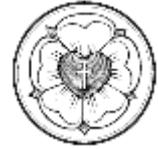
Photographer Needed

Would someone please consider serving as our formal/informal congregational photographer? We need pictures to spice up our newsletter and other publications. The responsibilities are simple. Bring your camera/phone to various activities, snap a few shots, and forward them to the church office. Presently, our Family of Faith wall in the narthex needs the new happy faces that are a part of the congregation to join the collage of saints that presently adorn the wall. Benefits include eternal bliss in heaven for all volunteers.





THE READINGS



Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John 10:22-30: ²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, *"they will never perish"* (John 10:28), for *"no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand"* (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") *"care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood"* (Acts 20:28), *"testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"* (Rev. 7:10).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “psalm”?

If you open a Bible to the middle, you might find the book of Psalms. The psalms are prayers and praises to God. During Old Testament times, the psalms were sung during worship in the temple. The book of Psalms was like the hymnal of the Old Testament.

Why do we sing them in church on Sunday?

Many of the psalms were written use in worship. Christians have been singing psalms to the Lord since the beginning. Colossians 3:16 instructs us to use psalms, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”



Parents: Before or after the service, show your child where to find the book of Psalms in the Bible. Remind them that these are prayers and praises to God that He gave to us. There's no better way to worship than with the words He has given! Try using one in your devotions at home.



