

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.



Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of

Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."



The Epistle 1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



The Gospel - John 10:11-16

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE BLESSED BY THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 97; Communion: 46; Visitors: 8; Bible Class: 11; Sun School: 14.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of April 15 - April 22

TODAY: Holy Cross Quarterly Voters' Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Couples' Club Meeting at Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m.

Junior Youth at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

TUE.: LWML Sedalia Zone Spring Rally at Peace, Camdenton, Reg. at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Instruction Class at the Lutheran School, 7:00 p.m.

WED.: LSA Chapel at Trinity, 8:05 a.m. All are invited!

LSA Partners In Education Meeting at LSA, 6:30 p.m.

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7AM

Women's Bible Study at Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

Good Samaritan Care Center Holy Communion, 2:30 p.m.

Ambrose Communion, 3:30 p.m.

FRI.: Marriage and Family Conference at Trinity, 5:30 p.m.

SAT.: Marriage and Family Conference at Trinity, 8AM – closing vespers at 4PM

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at Holy Cross, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 10:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: April – Rusty Harms.

HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES: Apr 15—Kadence Hargrave; Apr 22—Jenna Harms

Apr 29—Tyler Hickman; May 6—Destiny Kestner; May 13—Grant Louiselle.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: April 22 – Jim Goosen and Marvin Dieckman.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Brockman, Thomas Eckhoff, Lora Harms, Barbara Pope, Ruby Hemme (Mary Talbott's mother), Evan Cornett (8 yr old cousin of Robert Henley), Bonnie Fitzpatrick (niece of Dorothy Holtzen), Tim Purdy (friend of Sam Henley) diagnosed with terminal cancer and members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes.

BAPTISM TODAY: Our most gracious and merciful God will bring Warren Carter Bartel the son of Shaun Bartel and Marilyn Howard under His Covenant of love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today. We pray that our Lord would continue to bless both Warren and his/her parents, as they experience together the love of God and of one another. Sponsors are Kaleb Zink and Chelsea Rogers.

OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be held TODAY after our worship service.

ROGATE SUNDAY, also the 6th Sunday of Easter, will be on May 6th this year. As was done last year, we will observe Rogate Sunday during our regular worship service.

Please plan to bring seeds and planting equipment to be blessed during this service.

DIAL-A-DEVOTION: 1-660-463-7595

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at The Schnell Auditorium from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. If you know of anyone in the community that has a child that will turn 5 before July 31, 2018 and would be interested in sending their future Kindergartener to LSA, they should contact the school office at 660-668-4614 or www.lsaschool.com with their name and address so we can contact them. The child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, and baptismal certificate will be needed at the round-up for early enrollment.

THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CONFERENCE, sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and the Sedalia Circuit will be held at Trinity, Cole Camp, on April 20-21. On Friday evening, Check-in/Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer and Plenary 1, "God's Gift of Marriage and Children". At 8:45 p.m., the event will move to The German Table for Gemutlichkeit. On Saturday morning, the conference will open at 8:00 a.m. with Matins. At 9AM will be Plenary 2, "Confessing the Truth of Marriage in a Hostile World, followed by various break-out sessions throughout the day, and ending with a Panel Discussion. The closing Vespers Service will begin at 4:00 p.m. Due to the conference, there will be no Saturday evening worship service held at Trinity—please attend the Vespers Service at 4:00 p.m. The featured speaker at the Conference, is Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Associate Professor of New Testament at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

HATS OFF TO JESUS! Wear a hat to celebrate the love of Jesus! Sedalia Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on (Tuesday) April 17 at Peace Lutheran Church, 9307 North Highway 5, Camdenton, MO 65020. Host Societies: Peace Camdenton, Faith Warsaw, Hope Hermitage. Speaker: Carolyn Bowling, Executive Director for Medical Missions for Christ (There will be a love offering for Medical Missions for Christ) Lunch: \$7.00

Directions from Versailles: Drive 28.2 miles south on North State Highway 5 to 9307 North State Highway 5. Peace Church will be on your right. **Directions from Warsaw:** Drive 6 miles south of Warsaw on Highway 65, turn left onto Highway 7, drive 41.1 miles to Highway 5, turn left, go ½ mile, Peace Church is on the left just past the lumber yard.

THE SEDALIA CIRCUIT L.L.L. SPRING RALLY will be held on Sunday, April 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp with registration beginning at 5:00 p.m. The business meeting will start at 5:30 and will be followed by a delicious banquet meal, sponsored by Thrivent. What is LLL? The Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is an auxiliary of the LC-MS and founding partner of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Its mission is "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the "Nations to the Church." This ministry relies solely on the diligent donations of individuals and groups wishing to share the love of Christ. Please remember their work in your prayers and the sharing of your gifts.

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ELMER DIECKMAN will be held today, April 15, at the American Legion Hall in Cole Camp, from 2 to 4pm. Cake and Ice cream will be served. This special event is hosted by Elmer's sons: Marvin & Carolyn, Doug & Veronica, Roger & Linda and their families. Cards may be sent to Elmer c/o Ambrose Park, PO Box 252, Cole Camp MO 65325.

ST. PAUL (Concordia) LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S SERVANTS OF THE SAINTS SPRING RUMMAGE SALE will be Thursday April 26, 6am-7pm, Friday April 27, 8am-7pm and Saturday April 28, 8am-noon will be our \$5.00 bag sale.

Today's Service

The Third Sunday of Easter
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The Order of Matins

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Hymn of Invocation: 685

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

The Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16 – God will shepherd
His own people.

1 Peter 2:21-25 – We stray like sheep,
but return to our shepherd.

John 10:11-16 – Jesus – the Good
Shepherd.

Hymn of the Day: 709

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The Sermon

Text: Ezekiel 34:11-16
Theme: The Shepherd
Brings Us Home

Closing Hymn: 735

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"