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A member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS)

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Divine Service Sundays 10:00 a.m.

5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California



"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

GUESTS! Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who–prior to the service–inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew

during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review* Christian Questions with Their Answers *in the hymnal, pp.* 329-330.

COMMUNION *in the* **PEW**... If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in no one else," His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024 AD

+ DIVINE SERVICE + Setting One

<u>PRELUDE</u>



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The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the* + *Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 Iohn 1:8–9

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

- **C** Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

The Service of the Word

<u>INTROIT</u>

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



I am the good | shepherd.* I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

C The LORD is my | shepherd;* I | shall not want.

P He makes me lie down in green | pastures.* He leads me beside still | waters.

C He re- | stores 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.

C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;* you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

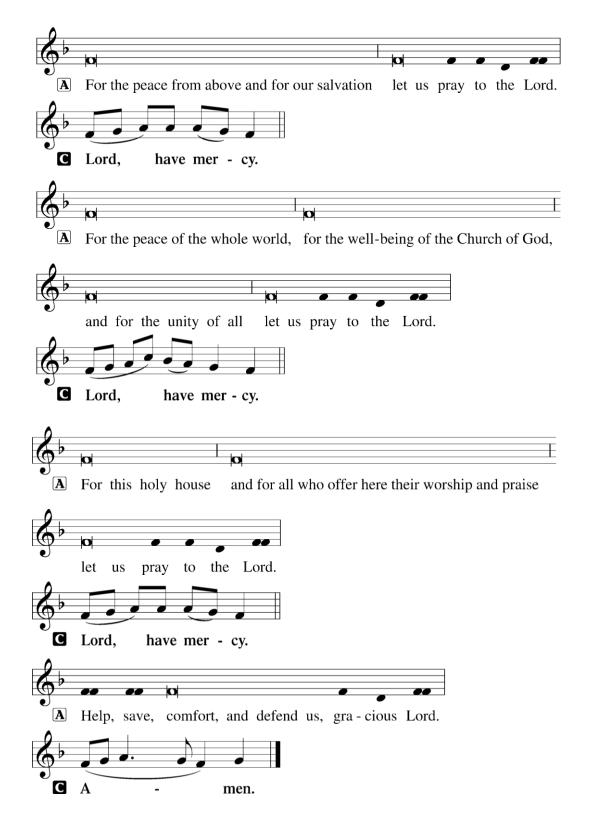
■ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,* and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

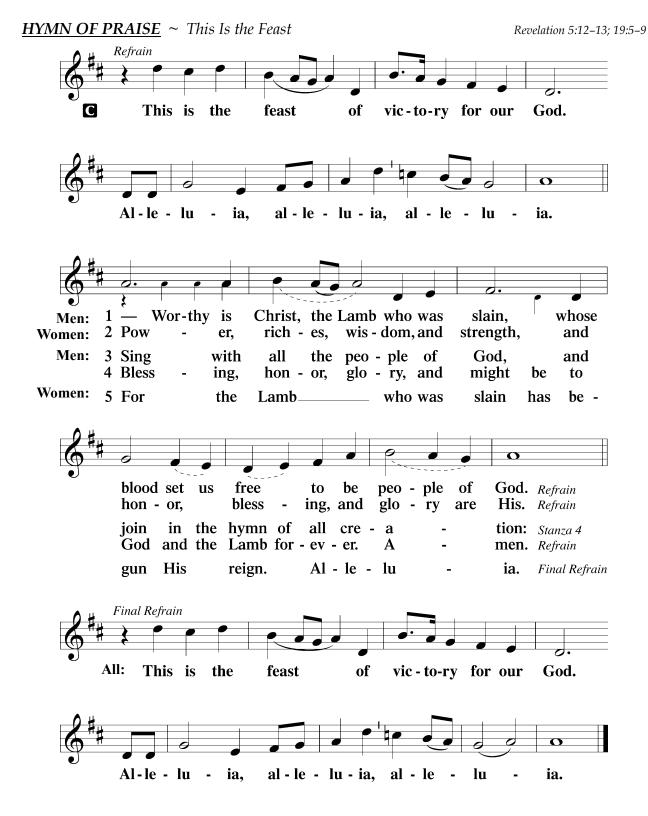
C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.* I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.



Mark 10:47





SALUTATION



COLLECT OF THE DAY

▶ Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

<u>READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE</u> (printed on back cover of service folder)

After first & second readings: **P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C Thanks be to God.**

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the

cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

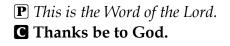
Psalm 23, KJV

Vocal Ensemble	 ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
	⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
	 ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle: 1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.





Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CREED ~ Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY. 1 The King of love my shep herd Whose good - ness is. 2 Where streams of liv ing flow, My wa ter ran - somed fool ish strayed, 3 Per verse and oft Ι But vet in _ death's dark vale ill With 4 In I fear no Thee, dear fail eth if noth ing lack nev er; He And, soul lead eth where the ver dant He love sought me And on His shoul der be side Thy staff Lord, _ me, rod and my His He Ι And is mine for _ am ev er. food ce - les - tial pas - tures grow, With feed eth. re - joic - ing brought gent - ly laid And home me. com - fort still, Thy be - fore to guide cross me. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 5 Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON

"The Shepherd and His Sheep" - John 10:11-18

POST-SERMON HYMN # 710 0 1 The Lord's shep - herd, I'll want; He makes my not me 2 My soul He doth re store a - gain And me to 3 Yea, though Ι walk in death's dark vale, Yet will Ι ble Thou 4 My ta hast fur _ nish - ed In pres ence -5 Good-ness and mer - cy Shall all my life sure ly 6 down to lie He In pas tures green; walk doth make With - in the paths of Thou fear ill; For art with no me, of foes; My head Thou dost with my fol low And God's house for me; in lead - eth me The qui et by. wa ters His righ - teous - ness, E'en for name's sake. own Thy and rod And staff me com fort still. oil a - noint, And flows. my cup 0 ver -_ er - more My dwell - ing shall be. ev place

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:P"LORD, in your mercy," orP"Let us pray to the LORD"C"Hear our prayer!"C"LORD, have mercy."



The Service of Holy Communion

- + Guests (both returning and first-time), please refer to "Holy Communion and Guests" on page two.
- + Communicants, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, extend your hand. To receive our Lord's Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, extend your open hand when the cup you prefer is offered.

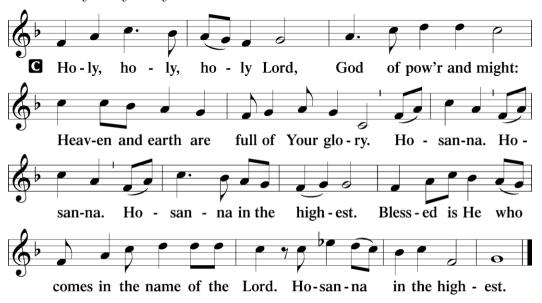
PREFACE



2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
 SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

■ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

C *Our Father who art in heaven,	and forgive us our trespasses as we
hallowed be Thy name,	forgive those who trespass against us;
Thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation,
Thy will be done	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven; *give us this day our daily bread;	For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

John 20:19

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

<u>PAX DOMINI</u> ~ The Peace of the Lord



DISTRIBUTION

FIRST DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 625 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, Mav in Т grace pas-tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, 2 To To rest - ful wa 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free fa - vor, Lord, 4 I do not mer - it My weight of sin pos You. Let me with ho ly food be fed, sess ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide, come with prayer be - fore Your sight re mis sion Ι heart's dis - cord. all guilt - v would break me: In mv In hun - ger Ι ad _ dress You. Pre pare me well wound - ed Your hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin sor - row con tri tion. Your righ-teous-ness, In and 0 Lord, do for sake me. In dis - tress not my for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im - plored, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You ful. a lone I seek, wor - thi - ly, Lord. cov - er me That T re-ceive You gra-cious - ly, this com-forts me That You re-ceive me Give me Your and grace mer cy. То share Your cup of heal ing. As - sured of Your full don. par 0 Christ, Lord of my mer cy!

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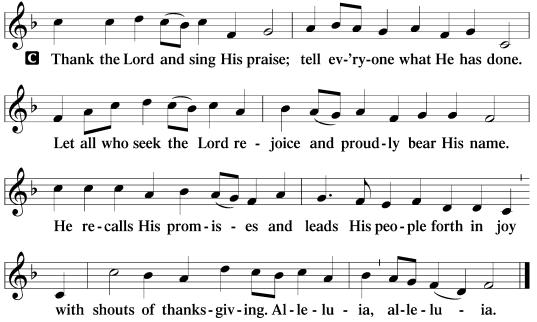


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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

■ O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN ...



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~ Announcements ~

♦ Sunday Christian Education Classes ♦

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings... <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> ... PK-Grade 5 – Meet in designated classrooms. Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

<u>**YOUTH CLASS</u></u> ... Grade 6-High School – "With All the Company of Heaven: Commemorating Triumphant Saints." Class meets in Fireside Room.</u>**

<u>ADULT CLASS</u> ... Topic: "The Word of the Lord Increased: Episodes in the Book of Acts." Class meets in Parish Hall. 'Parent/Child' room available with video/audio of Adult Bible Class.

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mon:	8:30 am – Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy – Meets M-F until 3:30 pm
Tue:	12:00 pm – LCOS Phone-In Bible Study – Meets online or by phone
Wed:	9:00 am – LCOS Homeschool Together Day – Meets until 3:00 pm
	10:00 am – Morning Chapel
	7:00 pm – Catechism
Thu:	10:30 am – All Saints Bible Study – Meets in Fireside Rm
Sat:	10:00 am – Inklings – Study of <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> – Meets in Fireside Rm
Sun:	8:30 am – Christian Education (See above for class meeting locations)
	10:00 am – Divine Service
	11:30 am – Church Directory Photos – Meets in Courtyard (See opposite page)
	1:30 pm – Easter Caroling – Singers depart LCOS at 1:30 pm; sing at 2:00 pm

"<u>BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD</u>" ...

♦ *For the HARD-OF-HEARING* ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers.

[Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,

• *For CHILDREN* ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

<u>**PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION</u></u> ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.</u>**

<u>LCOS USHERS WORKSHOP</u> ... LCOS ushers, an Ushers Workshop is scheduled for <u>TODAY</u>, 11:45 a.m. (to appx 12:30 p.m.). Ushers Workshop meets in Fireside Room.

'<u>EASTER CAROLING</u>'?? ... Join us as we share the joy of the resurrection of Jesus in hymn/song with residents of Belmont Village, Sunnyvale, <u>NEXT</u> Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. (Departing from LCOS at 1:30 p.m.) For more info, contact Pastor J. Bestul.

<u>LCOS PHONE-IN BIBLE STUDY</u> ... Did you know LCOS offers a 'phone-in' Bible study? The LCOS Phone-In Bible Study meets online and/or by phone, and this week begins study of the Gospel according to John. Phone-In Bible Study meets most Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. For more info, contact Pastor J. Bestul (*pastorjbestul@lcos.org*, 408.252.0345).

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY 2024</u> ... If you were unable to have a photo taken for the forthcoming directory and yet would like one to appear in the directory, please send a photo to the church office <u>this week</u>, OR please have your photo taken by LCOS in the Courtyard <u>next Sunday</u> (April 28), after the Divine Service. Also, please notify the church office of *updates* to your contact information (i.e., address, phone, e-mail). Thank you.

<u>NOW ENROLLING FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025</u> ... If you or a friend are interested in Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy for your/their children, contact Agnus Dei at *AgnusDeiLCA@lcos.org*, or call 408.252.0250. Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy is *NOW ENROLLING* students for academic year 2024-2025.

<u>A HELPING HAND FOR AGNUS DEI</u> ... Do you have experience/skill in marketing, and would be willing to use that gift to help promote Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy? Please contact Larry Ristow (*AgnusDeiLCA@lcos.org*) for more information.

<u>**VOTERS ASSEMBLY APRIL MEETING</u></u> ... The April meeting of the LCOS Voters Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 7:30 p.m., to meet in the Fireside Rm. If voters are unable to attend due to illness or business travel, please notify the church office by 5:00 p.m. of April 30.</u>**

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING... In preparation for next Sunday morn... Occasion: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Lessons: Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:1-11, John 15:1-8; Hymn of the Day: 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing."

SERVING:	April 21	April 28
Ushers	J. Bestul, J. Kiiski, N. Mogor	D. Mitby, J. Cox, D. Delaney
Acolyte	Isaac Bestul	Joseph Bestul
Altar Guild	Rachael Bestul, Julie Gould	Elaine Lung, Amy Mitby
Communion Music	Walter Mitby	Walter Mitby
Greeters	Karlynn Emanuel	David & Barbara Bunsey
Counters	Team 3	Team 4