Welcome! We're grateful that you here aim to be edified by our Lord’s Word. While in these unique times, due to the current “Shelter-in-Place” order, we can’t assemble in person to be fed together by our Lord’s Word and His Sacrament, we can be edified in the faith by our Lord’s Word, even online. We therefore now give ear to His words, which have not ceased to be spirit and life (cf. John 6:63).

Note the following newly-added features to the home page of Lutheran Church of Our Savior (lcos.org) by which members and guests during these days can find resources by which they may be fed in the faith and kept up-to-date with developments pertaining to the congregational life of LCOS. Visit lcos.org to find...

- “Worship” Tab – Here find the latest online ‘services’...
- “Devotions” Tab – Here find devotions offered regularly by the pastors
- “Pastoral Letters and Notices” Tab – Here find letters and notices of info

As you would — under normal circumstances — make regular use of God’s Word, so now we urge you to make regular use of the same, even returning regularly to lcos.org to be edified in the faith during these days. Let us as His people give ear to His Word, love one another (call to check on each other), and pray for the Church and for all.

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd
Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).
The Office of Matins

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more His praises sing: Alleluia,
2 Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress; Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia,
3 Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia,
4 Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia,

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OPENING VERSICLES

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1

[Music notation]

L O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

C 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.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON (EASTER)


C O come, let us worship Him.
VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

ANTIPHON (EASTER)

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
4 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
5 and to the Holy Spirit;

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 and a great king above all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
4 and to the Holy Spirit;
5 as it was in the beginning, with songs of praise.

1 Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the beginning, our maker.

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for ev er. Amen.

ANTIPHON (EASTER)

L The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

C O come, let us worship Him.
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.

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.

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.
Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

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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**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

19 This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 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.
Holy Gospel: St. John 10:1-10

1[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

RESPONSORY (EASTER)

Psalm 96:2; Psalm 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:20

SERMON

“Thieves and Shepherds, Sheep, and Door”  
- John 10:1-10
CANTICLE

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, belove and raise; Cherubim and seraphim, bowing before Thee. All in heav’n above adore Thee. In infinite Thy vast domain, ever lasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Prophets swell the glad refrain, sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord! set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

3 Lo, the apostles’ holy train Join Thy sacred bow are raising; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow, bars of death, Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed, set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
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,*
*hallowed be Thy name,*
*Thy kingdom come,*
*Thy will be done*
*on earth as it is in heaven;*
*give us this day our daily bread;*
*and forgive us our trespasses as we*
*forgive those who trespass against us;*
*and lead us not into temptation,*
*but deliver us from evil.*
*For Thine is the kingdom and the power*
*and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

Psalm 102:1

*C* And let my cry come to You.

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.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING
COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

1 The Lord’s my shep-herd, I’ll not want; He makes me
down to lie In pas-tures green; He
lead-eth me The quiet wa-ters by.

2 My soul He doth re-store a-gain And me to
walk doth make With-in the paths of
righteous-ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.

3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.

4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
follow me; And in God’s house for-

5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly

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POSTLUDE

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS ... The Lord bids us pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1; Jms. 5:16); therefore, we pray for members who are ill, homebound, or hospitalized; those suffering from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and those treating them.

LCOS CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ... Due to the state-wide Shelter-in-Place directive issued by the Governor of the state of California, all on-site-worship services, all on-site Christian education classes, and all other LCOS activities have been cancelled until further notice.

LCOS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ONLINE ...

- **Adult Education:** A “Vimeo” of a new on-line adult education course is now posted on the webpage [www.lcos.org](http://www.lcos.org). The class is being taught by Pastor John Bestul, and is entitled “*The Faith Once Delivered: An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions.*” Learn why next to the Holy Scriptures we treasure our Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord) more than any other writing. Learn what particular writings comprise our Lutheran Confessions. Learn why to study the Confessions is to study Biblical doctrine. And sample the Lutheran Confessions by a survey of the ‘crowned jewel’ of our confessional writings: The Augsburg Confession. View the video lesson on-demand. **Check it out in days to come, at [www.lcos.org](http://www.lcos.org)!**

- **Confirmation Classes** continue to meet via Zoom. Because we are not likely to be returning to the sanctuary in more than small groups for months to come, the catechumens who are prepared to receive the Lord’s Supper will be able to do so as soon as the rest of us are allowed to gather in family units to do so. Their actual Rite of Confirmation will be delayed until a later time when it can be conducted in the sanctuary among a greater number of members.

- **Sunday School Classes** are being conducted on-line as well. Our thanks to Alyssa Delaney and others who are assisting her in teaching the children via Zoom.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY APRIL MEETING ... The LCOS Voters Assembly successfully meet online or by phone via the teleconference platform Zoom last Thursday evening, April 30. It was very well attended and—as one would expect—the issue of COVID-19 and its impact on the congregation and the church at large was a primary topic of discussion. After receiving pastoral reports, the secretary and treasurer’s reports, the various Board chairman gave their reports. Confident that our Lord will sustain us by His Word as we wait to again receive His Sacrament, the Assembly concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and Benediction.
LCOS DEVOTIONS RESUME ... During Lent, audio devotions on Christian hymns were supplied by the pastors. A new series of weekly audio devotions began this past Thursday. It’s entitled, “The Word...in Glass” – devotions based on each of the faceted glass windows in the sanctuary. The devotions are available every Tuesday and Thursday and can be found at www.lcos.org at the ‘Devotions” tag.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... Would you like a copy of the latest installment of the popular quarterly devotional from Concordia Publishing House, Portals of Prayer? If so, e-mail Heidi Carlson (strawwb3rry@gmail.com) for a mailed hard-copy, or find it free to you online at www.cph.org.

NEED SOME ASSISTANCE, IN SOUL OR BODY? ... If you’re in need of individual pastoral care, please contact the pastors by way of their home or cell phone numbers. If you’re in need of groceries or supplies, please contact Larry Ristow or Pastor A. Debner who will contact members who have volunteered to assist those in need of help.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OFFERINGS? A number of members have made their offerings on-line using the “Online Offering” tab on the upper right side of the webpage at www.lcos.org. You can make offerings using a credit card or through your bank account. Those using the service have all indicated that it is easy to use and has proven safe and secure. Immediate confirmation of your offering is sent to you via email. Others have chosen to mail their offering check to Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino, CA, 95014. Whatever way you choose, sincere thanks for remembering your congregation in your prayers and offerings during this ‘sheltered-in-place’ time. Our Lord loves His Bride, the Church. He will enable us to weather this ‘viral storm’ ---spiritually, physically, and financially.

THANKS FOR THE ‘FEED-BACK!’ ... Thanks, too, for all who have let us know that you’re making use of the Sunday services, the devotions, and the classes offered on-line. It helps us know if what we’re doing from our homes is making its way into your homes. How good it is to know that our Lord Jesus is in all of our homes!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT...? ... In today’s sermon, the ordination of women to the pastoral office was mentioned. If you’d like to learn more about what the Scripture says and what we confess concerning it, see “What About…The Ordination of Women to the Pastoral Office?” here... www.lcms.org/about/beliefs.