

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326*

*May 21, 2023*

*Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am*  
*18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612*

**Worship Christ**

**Grow with Others**

**Serve Christ**



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!  
May He bless our worship.**

## CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

## Announcements

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn

### Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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 and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

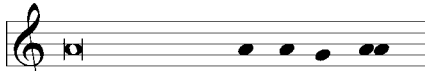
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

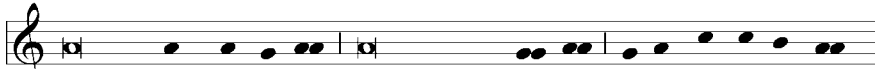
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



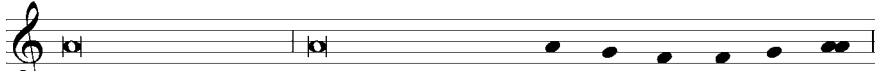
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



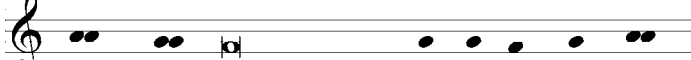
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



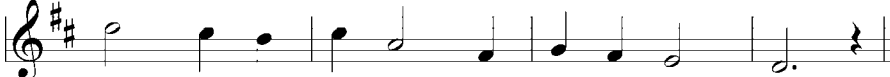
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading****Exodus 11:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. <sup>2</sup>Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” <sup>3</sup>And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and in the sight of the people.

<sup>4</sup>So Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, <sup>5</sup>and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. <sup>6</sup>There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. <sup>7</sup>But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. <sup>8</sup>And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, you and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## Exodus 12:21-30

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup>You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup>And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup>And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ <sup>27</sup>you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

<sup>28</sup>Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

<sup>29</sup>At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. <sup>30</sup>And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29-34

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children’s Message

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

## Prayer of the Church

### Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)  
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)  
Carl Schubert  
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)  
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)  
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)  
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)  
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)  
Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)  
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)  
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Al Nelson  
Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)  
Kim Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)  
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Paul Massmann  
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)  
Robert Lingenfelter  
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)  
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)  
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)  
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)  
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)  
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)

### Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)  
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)  
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)  
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)  
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)  
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)  
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)  
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
Shirley Vogel  
Marilyn Schubert  
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)  
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)  
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)  
Andria Butz  
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)  
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)  
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Dimaris Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)  
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)  
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)  
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)  
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)  
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)  
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)  
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)  
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)  
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Pastor Graeme Rosenau  
Ruth Rosenau  
Mark Shurtleff  
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)  
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)  
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)  
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)  
Linda Condon (*co-worker of Julie Giron*)

### Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)  
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)  
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)  
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)  
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)  
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

### Grieving

Friends and Family of Dick Roche (*grandfather of Jolie Roche*)  
Friends and Family of Cliff Kenyon (*friend of Butz & Iverson families*)

### Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

## Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

## Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

## Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

### *Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Lord's Prayer

- 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

### Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

### Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

### Distribution Hymn

### Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.

Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthral;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.

Alleluia!

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **And His mercy endures forever.**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; 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

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen**

## Closing Song

### I Leave All Things to God's Direction

LSB 719



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me  
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for  
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,  
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -  
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -  
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -  
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress  
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be  
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# *Weekly Announcements*

## **Family Fun Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Family Fun Day is quickly approaching, and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to help run the different booths and games. Please sign up on the board located by the coffee and donuts for a 30 min. time slot. You can also help by signing up to donate some drinks or bake a cake for the cake walk!

## **Building Campaign Announcement:**

Thanks to all who came to the **Thy Will Be Done** Lunch Launch of the \$6.5 million building campaign! You are invited to sign up for a home visit with members of the building committee. Why do a home visit? I'm glad you asked. We can discuss giving options, gift designations, ways to gift assets, legacy giving, and answer general building questions. Sign up by emailing Eric at the church office: ([churchoffice.loc@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.loc@gmail.com)) Then you will be contacted by Mark Siekmann to schedule your visit. We look forward to the opportunity to visit with you! As always, please keep this project in your prayers.

*Matt 6:10 Thy Will be Done*

## **2023-2024 Council Positions**

We have some openings on our Church Council for 2023-2024. We have openings for two at-large spots and a secretary. Meetings are mostly business related. We deal with budget items, repair items and get updates on how the various ministries are doing. Meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Meetings usually are done in an hour. We meet about 10 months of the year. This is an important role for the life of the congregation. These positions are for members only. If you would be interested in helping in one of these roles, or you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jim.

## **Sermon Series: Exodus**

We will be working through most of the book of Exodus between Easter and summer (April 16-July 2). It is a great book and a lot of foundational theology that will carry through all of scripture and through today. Our daily readings will cover Exodus for part of this series. Read up on Exodus as we learn about God's plan of deliverance- for them and for us.

## **Adult Ed. - Theology of the Cross**

Pastor Jim will be continuing Luther's Theology of the cross. We will be meeting from May 21 to July 2. We will be looking at the Heidelberg Disputation which Luther wrote a few months after he nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle door in Wittenberg. The main points we will be talking about are good works and free will. Whether you are a new Christian or a life long Lutheran. The topics are helpful for all of us.



### **Men's Kegger Bible study:**

We will meet for four weeks- May 10, 17, 24 and 31. We meet at 6pm and finish at 7:30pm. We have hotdogs, chips, beer and coke. If you want something else- different drink, desserts, etc., bring your own. If you have never been to a kegger you are missing out! It is a relaxing and casual time. If you can show up at 5:15 or so to help set up that would be great!

### **Men's Retreat:**

We will have our summer retreat August 4-6. We will be going down to Palm Desert. The best part of the trip is the food. We usually eat at a couple of 'Diner, Drive ins and Dive' places. There will be golf on Saturday and/or Sunday for those who are interested. If you want to hang out at a pool all weekend, you can do that. Basically, the mornings and afternoons are yours to do what you want. We will have a bible study in the evenings. We try to keep the costs down. It will be about \$100 for the condo for the weekend. And yes, it will be hot.

### **Reading the Bible in a year.**

Do you want to read the bible in less than a year? If you read four chapters a day, you will finish the bible in about 10 months. The readings will take between 25-30 minutes. You can read two chapters in the morning and two at night or two in the morning, one in the afternoon and one at night? Add your five minutes of prayer and you will be good to go. THIS CHALLENGE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! Maybe now is not the time. You can build up to it. Try reading at least two chapters a day and you will be developing the discipline to get to this project. There is a reading guide to help you with this reading project. I recommend a Psalm a day and three chapters starting with Genesis 1. When you complete the book of Psalms, read one chapter from Proverbs and three chapters of where you are at the time. Don't be afraid to try this one. It is hard but it is doable. Look for the yellow card stock sheet on the counter as you enter the sanctuary.

### **Prayers for Navajo**

LOC family for starters, I want to thank you for the financial generosity that many of you displayed to myself and my team of students for our upcoming trip to the reservation. I was truly overwhelmed by the tremendous blessing of so many monetary gifts. Second, beside funds there is something even greater that I desire from you all and that is the generosity of prayer for myself and my team as we travel and spend time on the "Rez" this week. We leave very early Monday morning (May 15) and return early evening on Monday, May 22. I look forward to sharing our adventures with you when I return.

### **Online Giving**

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

## LOC Ministry Update

*Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.*

### May Reading Plan



2023

			Tuesday	May 16	Exodus 16
Monday	May 1	Exodus 1	Wednesday	May 17	Exodus 17
Tuesday	May 2	Exodus 2	Thursday	May 18	Exodus 18
Wednesday	May 3	Exodus 3	Friday	May 19	Exodus 19
Thursday	May 4	Exodus 4	Saturday	May 20	Exodus 20
Friday	May 5	Exodus 5	Sunday	May 21	Exodus 21
Saturday	May 6	Exodus 6	Monday	May 22	Exodus 22
Sunday	May 7	Exodus 7	Tuesday	May 23	Exodus 23
Monday	May 8	Exodus 8	Wednesday	May 24	Exodus 24
Tuesday	May 9	Exodus 9	Thursday	May 25	Exodus 25
Wednesday	May 10	Exodus 10	Friday	May 26	Exodus 26
Thursday	May 11	Exodus 11	Saturday	May 27	Exodus 27
Friday	May 12	Exodus 12	Sunday	May 28	Exodus 28
Saturday	May 13	Exodus 13	Monday	May 29	Exodus 29
Sunday	May 14	Exodus 14	Tuesday	May 30	Exodus 30
Monday	May 15	Exodus 15	Wednesday	May 31	Exodus 31

# Sunday Youth Announcements

## Spring Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Room next to the Kitchen with Charles & Ross

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Sam, Kandie & Jeremy

## High School Spring Sunday School

Today we continue our study The Lineage of Jesus. *Today we discuss Ruth & Boaz.*

Can't wait to see you there!

**Summer High School Youth Group** is now on SUNDAY nights from 6-8 pm. Starting June 4th!!! We are kicking off the Summer with a Movie Night and all the movie treats. See you then!

## Middle School Spring Sunday School

Today we continue our study called The Life of David. *Today we discuss David and Absalom.*

**Summer Middle School Youth Group** is now on TUESDAY nights from 6-8 pm. Starting June 6th!!!

## Summer Serve Trip to Nevada

Our Middle and High School youth are heading to the desert to Serve God in amazing ways. We will travel to Christ Lutheran Church in Boulder City, NV to lead Vacation Bible School. CLC is an older church and they do not have the "man-power" to run VBS. Our youth will serve each day to reach their community. Each day we will also do a fun activity like kayaking in Lake Mead, bowling, and touring Hoover Dam. Dates are June 25-30, 2023 and the cost is \$200 per person.

-Planning Meeting is TODAY from 4-6 pm at the Fellowship Hall

## CollegeLampLight Bible Study

Meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday in our Fellowship Hall.

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