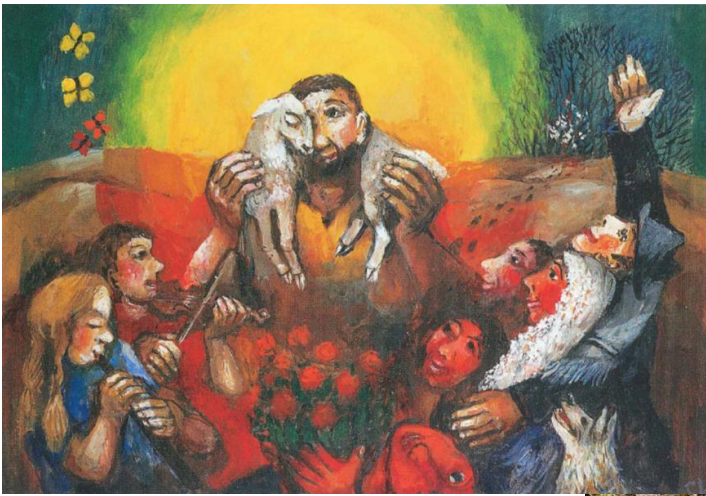


# Fourth Sunday of Easter



*The Good Shepherd*  
Sieger Köder

*Green Space and the courtyard  
outside the Virginia G. Piper  
Cancer Center where  
Stan Heacock received  
treatments, Phoenix, Arizona*



**April 30, 2023**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...  
*an adventure for life!***

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.


## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**                      *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, arr. Thomas Keesecker

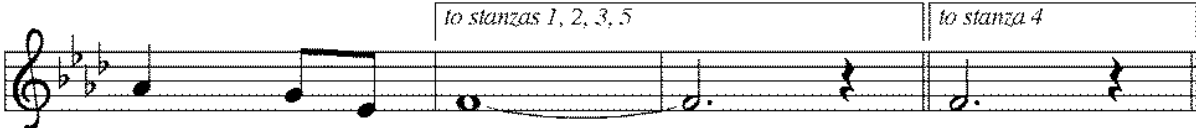
**Welcome**

**Hymn**                              **Shepherd Me, O God**

*Refrain*  
All

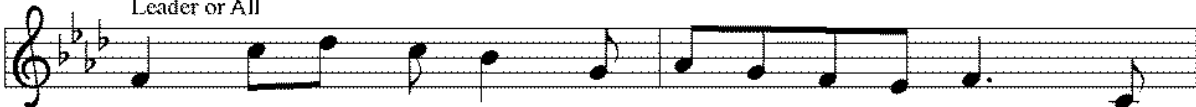


Shep-herd me, O God,                      be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

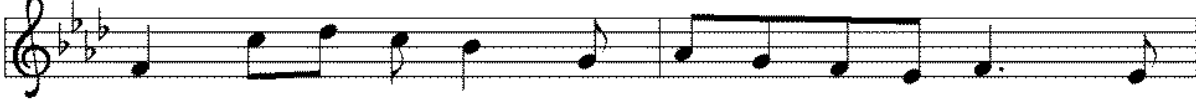


death      in -      to                      life.                      life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd,      so noth - ing shall I want,      I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me      and heal my wea - ry soul,      you  
3 Though I should wan - der      the val - ley of death,      I



rest      in the mead-ows      of      faith - ful - ness and love,      I  
lead      me by path - ways      of      righ - teous - ness and truth,      my  
fear      no      e - vil,      for      you are at my side,      your



*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et      wa - ters      of      peace.  
spir - it shall sing the      mu - sic of your      name.  
rod and your staff, my      com - fort and my      hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



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



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



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



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



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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

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

*Please be seated*

### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

#### **Reading**

**Acts 2:41-47 (The Message)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[After hearing Peter preach that day], about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Amen.**

## **Psalmody**

### ***The Lord is My Shepherd***

Allen Pote  
*Senior Choir*

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.  
And 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 staff will comfort me.

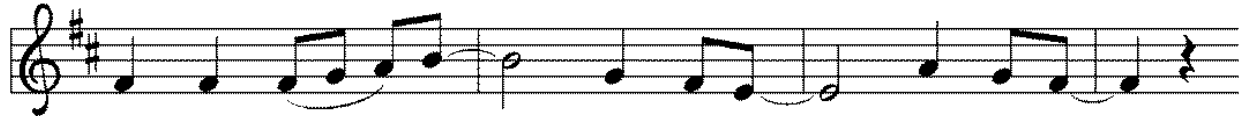
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The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Please stand in body or spirit

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel John 10:1-10 (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the Pharisees,] “The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn’t enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, the one for whom the keeper opens the gate. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads them out. Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd’s voice. They simply won’t follow strangers – they’ll flee from them because they don’t recognize the voices of strangers.”

Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn’t grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again: “The truth of the matter is, I am the sheep gate. All who came before me were thieves and marauders whom the sheep didn’t heed. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe – you’ll go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came that you might have life, and have it to the full.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

## Message

**FOR YOU ARE WITH ME**  
Dave Shull and Carol Heacock

## Musical Reflection

**Brother James' Air**

arr. Larry Shackley  
Kathy Rapp

## Thrive! Moment

### Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

*Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:*

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,  
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleeta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,  
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,  
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister  
Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and  
husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Phillip Hall and  
Kirstin Roberts, Nancy Magargal, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica,  
Ruth Boys

The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall; Redeemer community member  
Zak Hinkle-Moore

### Time with the Young People

#### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.*



## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### **Offertory      By Your Hand You Feed Your People**

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:

*Refrain*

Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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## Great Thanksgiving

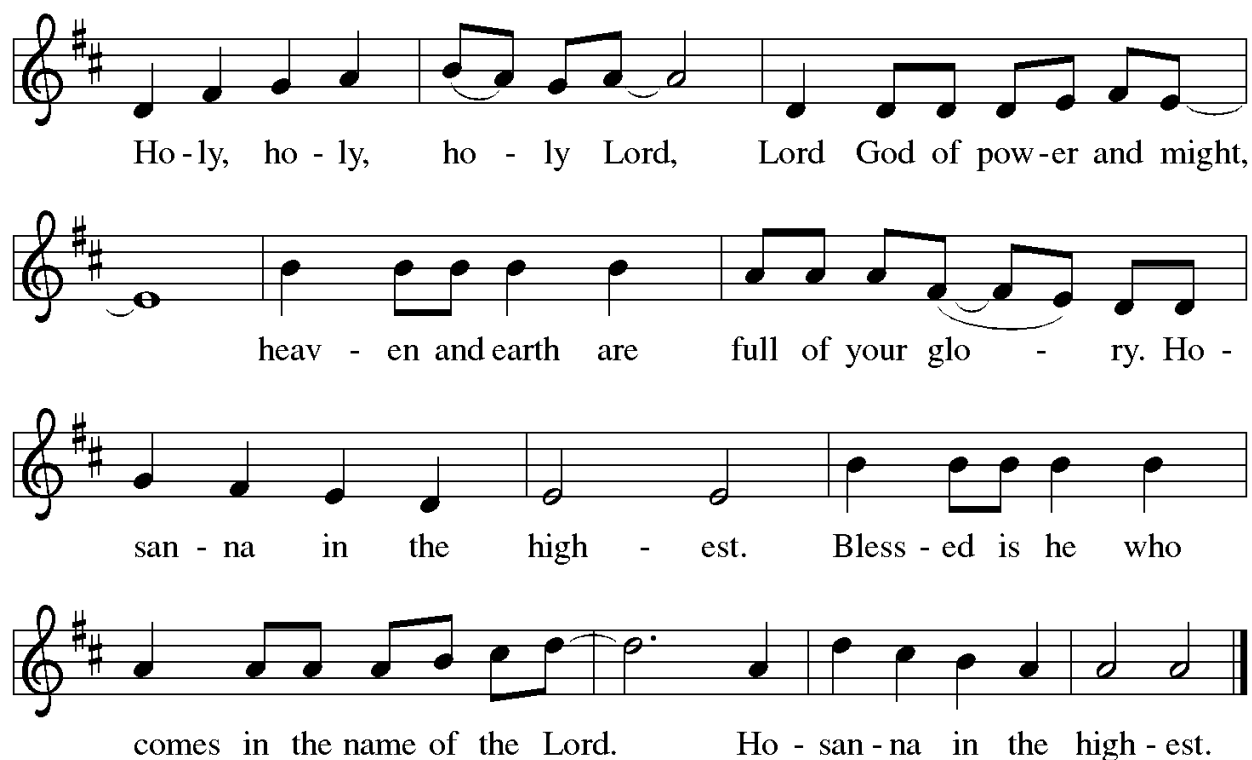
The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 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.

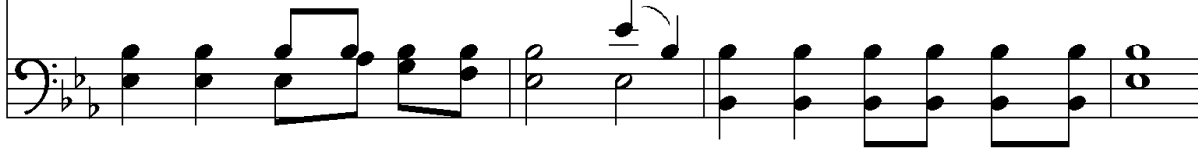
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 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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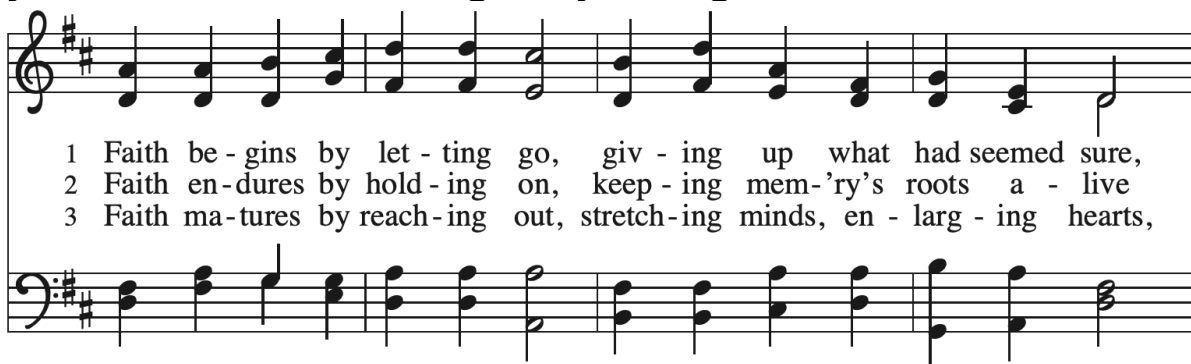
## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

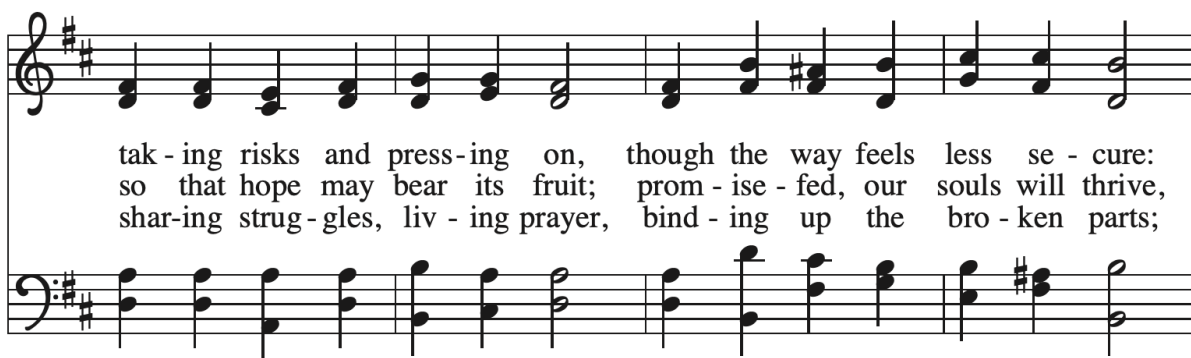
## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Faith Begins by Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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Blessing

Amen.

## Announcements

## Postlude *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*, arr. Thomas Keesecker

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### Adult Education April 30 – May 7



### *Exploring the God We Do and Don't Believe In*

We will look at a couple of articles about God and talk about how our beliefs about God have changed during our lifetimes. Sometimes it's just as important to name what we no longer believe about God – or what we never believed about God – as it is to talk about what we do believe.

These two weeks will give us opportunities to hear from each other about what we do and don't believe, and what that means for how we live today.

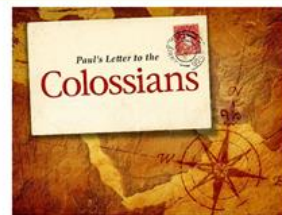
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### Birthdays this week:

- 1 - Daniel Pawlowski
- 2 - Niciolas Amon
- 2 - Trevor Binau
- 2 - Jon Dennis
- 3 - Heidi Sherer
- 5 - Nancy Magargal



### *The Letter to the Colossians*

#### Bible Study

Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

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*LSS Food Pantry*

*First Wednesdays  
12:30-3:30 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer*



*Journaling  
Workshop*

*7:00 pm*

*May 2*

*In-Person - Narthex*

**Southern Ohio Synod  
Youth Synod Day**

For Students  
Completed Grades 7-12  
And Adult Sponsors  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

At Resurrection Lutheran in Hilliard, Ohio

Contact Gary Pecuch at  
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***Sending Marit Johnson Off with Gratitude and Love***

As Marit wrote in her *Reflections* article this week, today is her last Sunday with us as a Learning-in-Context student from Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Soon after leaving here, she will begin a Clinical Pastoral Education summer program at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Gather in the narthex after worship for a time of sharing our gratitude and love with her. ***We are a more faithful, joyful body of Christ because of your ministry with us.***



## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Dave Shull, Pastor
<b>Preachers</b>	Dave Shull and Carol Heacock
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Rider
<b>Readers</b>	Marit Johnson and Karen Rider
<b>Cantor</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Zak Hinkle-Moore
<b>Vergers</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Diane Brobeck, Kay Ernsthansen
<b>Producers</b>	Hitoshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips

*Noisy Offering will go to Kindway, ministry to those impacted by incarceration.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 30 – MAY 7

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
	7:00 pm	Personnel Team / Dave Shull's Home
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Outreach Team
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
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