



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
 Empower our witness to your resurrection.
 Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
 Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
 Where despair prevails, grant hope.
 Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
 We ask this through Christ,
 who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise,
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

ELW P. 185

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the

bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD. (*Ps. 116:13*)

¹ I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1 Peter.

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

ELW #172 (twice)

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he

said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams. *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all creation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ THE MEAL +

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

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OFFERING HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

(verse 2)

ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
 you alone are holy,
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
 beyond the stars;
 beneath the sea;
 within each cell;
 with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191



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, Lamb of God.

CONTEMPORARY/COMMUNION HYMNS

Open the Eyes of My Heart

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW #484

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy;
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in Love.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

TODAY'S GOSPEL BEGINS WITH TWO DISCIPLES WALKING TO EMMAUS, OVERCOME WITH SADNESS, LOSS, AND DISAPPOINTMENT. THEY HAD HOPED JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED, WOULD BE THE ONE TO REDEEM ISRAEL! YET THE RISEN CHRIST WALKS WITH THEM AND THEN OPENS THEIR EYES IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD. EACH SUNDAY OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED AND CHRIST APPEARS TO US AS BREAD IS BROKEN AND WINE IS POURED. THE STORY OF EMMAUS BECOMES THE PATTERN OF OUR WORSHIP EACH LORD'S DAY.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER,
PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, TOM ZUPANSIC,
DALE KRUCKEBERG, NANCY KIEL, KATHLEEN HAWKS, MARY LOKEN

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23:

PRESIDING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC
ASSISTING MINISTER: LOIS MOORMAN
MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK
USHERS: RON KRAUSE, SUSAN KRAUSE
FLOWERS: RON AND LOIS MOORMAN—**IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS
POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE
FELLOWSHIP: LOIS MOORMAN

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM

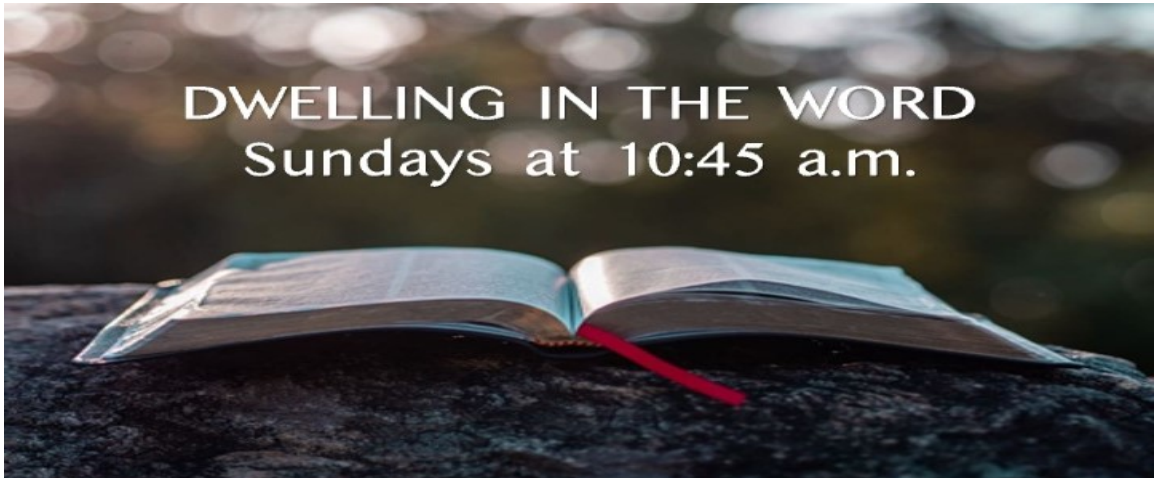
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM

SUNDAY, APR. 30

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DWELLING IN THE WORD
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

DWELLING IN THE WORD

THE EVANGELISM / FAITHFUL INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN A TIME OF "DWELLING IN THE WORD" SUNDAY MORNINGS AFTER WORSHIP. WE WILL GATHER IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER WORSHIP (APPROX. 10:45), WE'LL READ SOME SCRIPTURE AND THEN DISCUSS THE TEXT USING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS OUR GUIDE – WHAT QUESTIONS DO I HAVE, WHAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, WHERE MIGHT THE SPIRIT BE NUDGING US THROUGH THIS TEXT?



PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT FROM PASTOR MARY OR YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL PASTOR ON HER CELL PHONE AT 920.671.4338. YOU MAY ALSO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE OFFICE PHONE AT 217.546.7646.

Congregations of the ELCA are tasked with calling forth ministry leaders to be pastors and deacons. Congregations of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod hope that you will take an active interest in helping to call forth new ministers to serve the whole Church.

What Is Candidacy?

Becoming a rostered minister in the ELCA begins with a sense of call to serve Christ and his church as a pastor or deacon. Discovering this call and what it means is a process of discernment: prayerful exploration of gifts and skills and conversation with one's pastor, synod leadership, and the wider community of the church. This ELCA process is called Candidacy.

Candidacy is a formalized, yet personally and relationally focused journey in discernment and formation as leader in the church. While the candidate discerns their own call to rostered ministry, the community of the Church is also discerning its relationship with and endorsement of the candidate through the Candidacy Committee.

Candidates for rostered ministry journey through a three-phase process of entrance, endorsement, and approval. These take place in conjunction with academic coursework, ministry formation experiences, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), and internship.

If you know someone with gifts for ministry, tell that person today! If you yourself sense a call to be a pastor or deacon, begin a conversation with your pastor or spiritual mentor to continue your discernment. Then contact the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Pastor Ken Sandlin, ken.sandlin@csis-elca.org to begin the candidacy process. Candidates should be entranced into ELCA candidacy before enrolling in seminary.

CSIS-ELCA.org/candidacy



Serving as a Minister

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has two rosters for those who serve the church as public leaders.

Ministers of Word and Sacrament are pastors who offer the hope of the sacraments and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in congregations and other ministry settings, like chaplaincy or campus ministry.

Ministers of Word and Service are deacons whose ministry focuses on connecting the church with the needs of the world.

Every rostered minister goes through theological training and a candidacy process. With new technology, theological training no longer happens solely on a seminary campus. Seminaries offer various programs of online, in-person, and contextual learning. For those preparing to be a pastor, education generally consists of an equivalent of three years of coursework, a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and a twelve-month internship. For more information about ELCA seminaries visit ELCASeminaries.org.

"It's not only the job of our seminaries and universities to identify and raise up leaders in the church. This is something that belongs to all of us."

—Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Synod-Authorized Ministry assists the church in providing Word & Sacrament ministry to congregations when ordained pastors are not available. The synod bishop, with the consent of the congregation, may authorize a lay person to serve in a particular congregation for a designated period of time. Lay people who are members of an ELCA congregation and authorized to serve have been educated through selected adult faith formation classes and mentored by ELCA pastors. Educational courses cover topics such as Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran Confessions, preaching, and more. For more information about serving in Synod-Authorized Ministry contact Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Ken Tegtmeier at kenneth.tegtmeier@csis-elca.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you would like to provide cookies for fellowship after worship, there are two ways you can help:

Contact Linda Rice at 217-494-2658 or lrice10650@gmail.com and sign up to bring cookies on a certain date (baked or bought)

OR

Make a donation and cookies will be bought in your name.

THANK YOU!

IT HAS BEGUN!

AS DISCUSSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND OUTLINED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S VISION OF "REFRESH AND RENEW" HAS BEGUN. THE NARTHEX, COAT CLOSET AND ENTRY HAS A FRESH COAT OF PAINT. THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MANY HOURS OF PAINTING, CLEANING, AND REFURBISHING IN THAT AREA. CARPETS WILL BE CLEANED APRIL 24TH. SOON, WE WILL BE MOVING TO THE LOUNGE AND LIBRARY AREA.



SPRING IS HERE AND IT IS TIME FOR YARD CLEAN UP. THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP TO GET OUR GROUNDS, PATIO AND FLOWER BEDS CLEANED UP AND READY FOR THE SUMMER. IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEND A FEW HOURS, ANYTIME OF YOUR CHOICE, TO HELP WITH THIS PLEASE LET CLAIRE EDGEComb OR LINDA SHUDROWITZ KNOW. COME ON OVER, EVEN JUST ONCE, AND HELP US GET THE GROUNDS FRESHENED UP. WE NEED HELP.

Upcoming Commemorations

Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Saturday, April 29, 2023

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.





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