

# **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 30, 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.

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

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.

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** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ELW #385 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice sing! and Now is thc tri umph death's might-y The Lord life this day; of ris'n stone is Praise we songs of that love, that life which in vic to ry Your name we bless. 0 ris cn Lord, and sing to - day with d. of our king! To all the world glad news wc bring: all rolled a way; let. the earth re - joice and say: can - not dic. and sing with hearts up - lift - $\operatorname{cd}$ high: life life the laid down. the stored: one ac cord. rc ia. Al - le - lu al - le - lu al - le - lu ia.

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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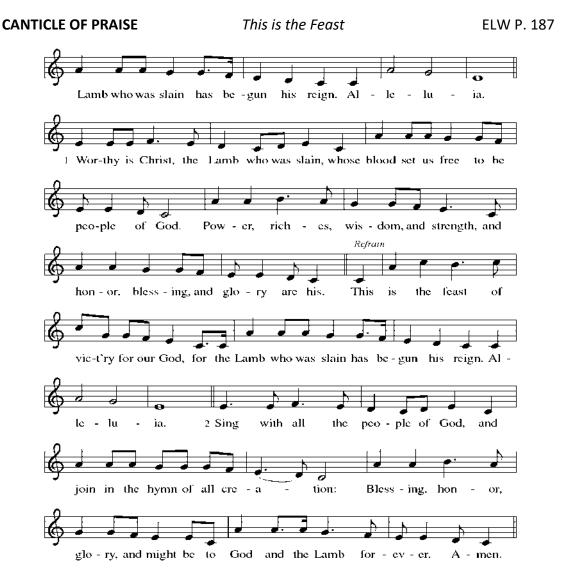
#### **GREETING**

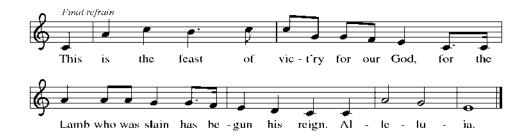
Alleluia. Christ is Risen

#### He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## + WORD +

#### FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hard-ships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

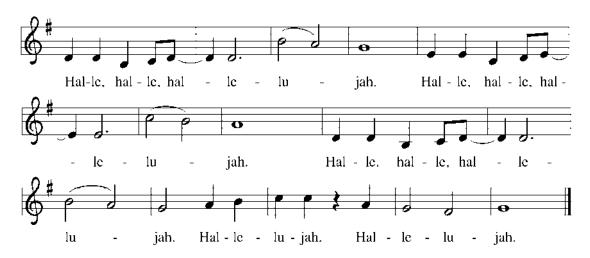
<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH



Music: Caribbean traditional

#### **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

The holy gospel according to John.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ""Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW #778



- t The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
- 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and me to walk doth make
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
- 4 My ta ble thou hast rich ly spread in pres-ence of my foes; 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by. with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake: for thou art with me. and thy rod and staff me com - fort still: head thou dost with a - noint, and my oil my cup o - ver - flows. in God's house for - cv - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and be:



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Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Maebeth Bain

#### 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 Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

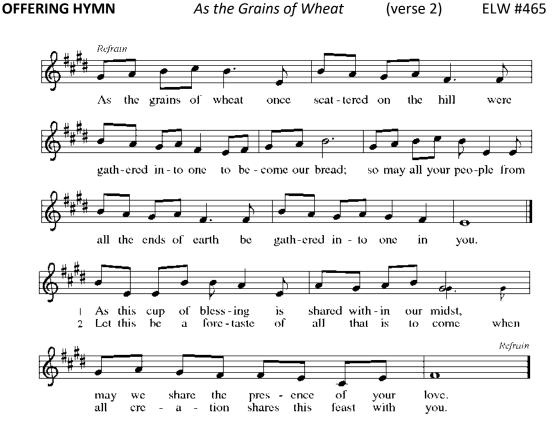
Shepherd of My Life

Composer—Joseph M. Martin

### + THE MEAL +

#### **OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS**

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Text: Didache, 2nd cent.: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen Text and music 40 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, II. 60638, www.giamusic.com, 800.442, 3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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#### OFFFRING 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

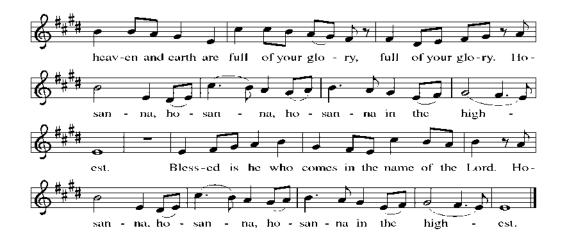
#### **PREFACE**

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





#### 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.

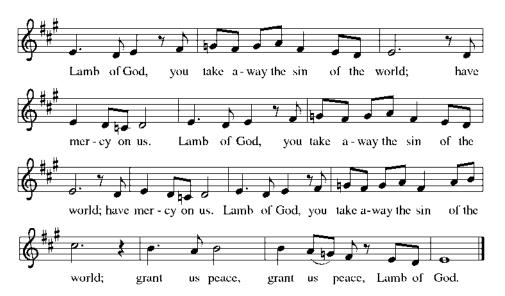
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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



### **CONTEMPORARY/COMMUNION HYMNS**

Goodness, Love & Mercy
Here is Bread ELW #483

#### **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.

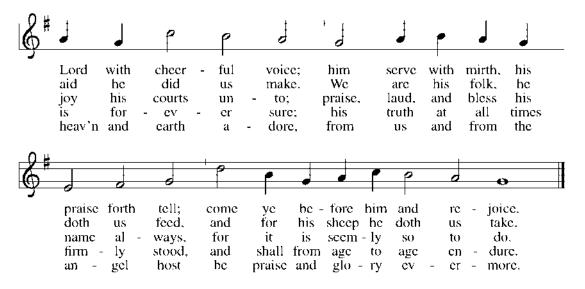
Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

ELW #883





Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in Love.

#### Thanks be to God.

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# **ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT**

TODAY IS SOMETIMES CALLED "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY." JESUS IS CALLED THE "GATE" OF THE SHEEP IN TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE RISEN CHRIST OPENS THE WAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE. HE ANOINTS OUR HEADS WITH OIL AND GUIDES US BESIDE THE STILL WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM. EACH SUNDAY HE SPREADS A FEAST BEFORE US AMID THE WORLD'S VIOLENCE AND WAR. WE GO FORTH TO BE SIGNS OF THE RESURRECTION AND EXTEND GOD'S TENDER CARE TO ALL CREATION.

# **THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, TOM ZUPANSIC, NANCY KIEL, 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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **ASSISTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 30:**

PRESIDING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING MINISTER: VERN KLEEN

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK FELLOWSHIP: SANDY CARLSON

**USHERS:** ANDREA BERRYMAN, ELAINE UREKER

**FLOWERS:** BY GLENNA BRADLEY

IN MEMORY OF HER SON, JOHN (SCOTT) WEILAND

# **ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

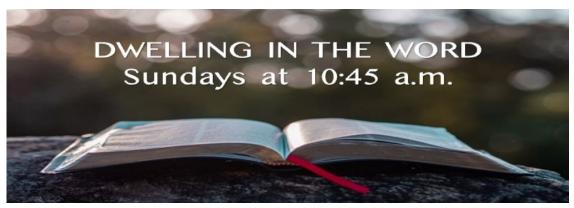
FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM

TUESDAY, MAY 2 COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE—5:30 ZOOM SUNDAY, MAY 7 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM





This special day offers the opportunity to open our hearts and our arms to welcome all into the fold.



"One of the most powerful experiences in a life of compassion is the expansion of our hearts into a world-embracing space of healing from which no one is excluded."

- Henri J. M. Nouwen, Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois







# IMPACT STATEMENT — JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

#### Mission Statement

Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities.

The information below about our programs and the people LSSI served last year represents July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

# Affordable Housing

For adults 62+ and people over age 18 with disabilities, LSSI provides affordable housing at 19 housing sites throughout Illinois. A Social Service Coordinator is available at every site to assist residents.

LSSI provided affordable housing to 1,466 residents, the majority of whom had annual incomes below \$25,000.



# The People LSSI Serves

children, adults, seniors, and families served; one in every 297 people in Illinois By Age

of people served

by all programs

were 25-34

of children served were under age 9 By Income

\$25,000

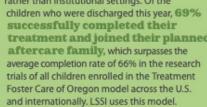
# Foster Care Services

As the largest provider of Foster Care Services in Illinois, we care for children who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and/or neglect and place them with foster families who receive training and support from LSSI. Our primary goal is to help children find their forever home, either by reunification with birth families whenever possible or through adoption. LSSI provides licensing for foster parents and offers Foster Care Services in 12 offices that cover 42 counties in Illinois.

2.747 children were served through Foster Care placements.

# **Therapeutic Foster Care Program Expands**

LSSI launched a fifth Therapeutic Foster Care Team in January 2022 out of the Peoria office and serving the Central Illinois region. LSSI provides specialized Therapeutic Foster Care through an evidence-based treatment program that places children with histories of severe trauma and emotional/ behavioral needs into single-family homes rather than institutional settings. Of the children who were discharged this year, 69% successfully completed their treatment and joined their planned aftercare family, which surpasses the average completion rate of 66% in the research trials of all children enrolled in the Treatment Foster Care of Oregon model across the U.S.



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# Here are some of the ways you can expand your heart to welcome all into the Good Shepherd's fold:

- Become a foster parent
- Share from your abundance with a donation today\*
- Become a member of The Inspired, LSSI's monthly donors
- Remember LSSI in your will
- Pray for the people served by LSSI and for LSSI's staff
- Apply for a job with LSSI
- Sign up to receive LSSI's newsletter and emails at LSSI.org/signup
- Participate in LSSI's peer-to-peer fundraising events
- Become an advocate in your congregation for LSSI
- Designate LSSI for your Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Create a Thrivent Action Team to benefit LSSI

# Use this code to make a gift right now.



Thank you for remembering the people that LSSI serves. Everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential. The expansion of your heart helps make that opportunity a reality.

\*An anonymous donor will match all donations made to Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday 2023 (up to \$5,000 for each ELCA synod in Illinois)



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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- NOODLE SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE

THANK YOU FOR BEING A NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS!



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00. MANY DATES STILL AVAILABLE!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **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.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

# Philip and James, Apostles Monday, May 1, 2023

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

# Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373 Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

# Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387 Thursday, May 4, 2023

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.



# **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.



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PEACE WILL BE DOING A HIGHWAY CLEAN UP DAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 9AM-11AM. GRABBERS AND TRASH BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING GLOVES IF YOU WOULD LIKE. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY THE FRESH AIR AND KEEP OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CLEAN. SEE ELIZABETH MITCHELL FOR MORE INFORMATION.