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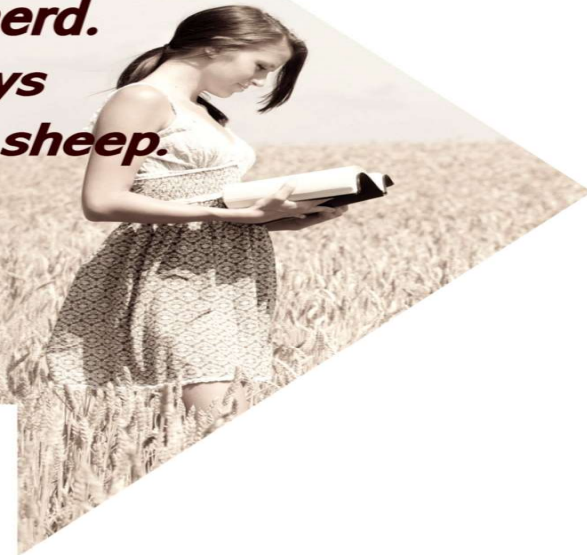
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***I am the Good Shepherd.
The Good Sheperd lays
down His life for the sheep.***



John 10:11

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS: Because of the great sign-up another day (Thursday, May 23) has been added to take pictures for the pictorial directory! You may schedule from home, or this morning during fellowship hour or call Dorothy Bassingthwaite at 605-882- 1372 and she will schedule you.. Thank You !!

VBS HELP IS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering your time to help serve our treasured children during VBS. Volunteer registration cards are on the back table. You may also register at www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch.

VBS COMING SOON: Fun and adventure awaits you! Join us for the Great Jungle Journey from Genesis to Revelation. Volunteers & Children register @www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch. You can pick up a card on the back table. For more information contact Brittany Luoma, Director 605-520-6637 or luoma.tb@live.com

When: June 2nd-6th

Time: @ 6 pm—8 pm

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

CONFIRMATION: Mt. Olive will be celebrating the rite of confirmation with four students on Sunday, May 5. There will be a reception held Friday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM when the confirmands will read their faith statements. All are invited to attend.

Leland Harding IV

Nora Pownell

Treva Schoenefeld

Eli Wold

VOTERS MEETING: is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th starting about 12:15 PM. There will be a potluck dinner at 11:30 AM. Any communicant member over 18 is eligible to be a voter, just submit your intention at one meeting and you will be received as a voter at the next meeting

PRAYER: Please join the Nebraska District in prayer for Pastor Birtell each day at Noon and 6:00 PM.

NEW ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: Osiro Newsletter, Jenkins Newsletter, *April Reporter*

THE FAITH AND CARE FAMILY for April is **Christopher**. May is **Daniel**. The sign-up sheets are on the back table. If you are in this family, please sign-up to help in some way.

TODAY'S ELDERS: Neil Schamber & Brent O'Bryan

GREETER: Marsha Kapp

ACOLYTE: Eli Wold

USHER: Craig Brown

Attendance: (4/14)

Sunday Worship:178

Attendance: (4/7. 14)

Sunday School: 11, 11

OPENING HYMN**CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY****LSB 469**

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
 Saints on earth and angels say;
 Raise your joys and triumphs high;
 Sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
 Fought the fight, the battle won;
 Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
 Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 Death in vain forbids His rise;
 Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 Once He died our souls to save;
 Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Stand**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES*Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;*

Pastor: Jesus said: "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

People: **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

People: **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

People: **And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness. We begin our time of Confession and Absolution as we sing the hymn "Out of the Deep I Call."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, Jesus forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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ACTS 4:1-12

the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 JOHN 3:16-24

²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

JOHN 10:11-18

my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"COME, FOLLOW ME" THE SAVIOR SPAKE

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1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

2 "I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words My lips express,

With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heavenly life obtain.

SERMON

"Follow

John 10:11-18

APOSTLES' CREED

Stand

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*The ancient text: the holy catholic Church

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially . . .*].

People: **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

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OFFERING

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1 Savior, I follow on,
Guided by Thee,
Seeing not yet the hand
That leadeth me.
Hushed be my heart and still;
Fear I no further ill.
Only to meet Thy will
My will shall be.

2 Riven the rock for me,
Praise, and adoration.
Thirst to relieve,
Manna from heaven falls
Fresh ev'ry eve.
Never a want severe
Causeth my eye a tear,
But Thou dost whisper near,
"Only believe."

SAVIOR, I FOLLOW ON

3 Often to Marah's brink
Have I been brought;
Shrinking the cup to drink,
Help I have sought,
And with the prayer's ascent
Jesus the branch hath rent,
Quickly relief hath sent,
Sweet'ning the draught.

4 Savior, I long to walk
Closer with Thee;
Led by thy guiding hand,
Ever to be
Constantly near Thy side,
Quickened and purified,
Living for Him who died
Freely for me

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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

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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 HYMN

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,

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He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer;
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF

APRIL 21-APRIL 28, 2024

Today

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Bible Class

Monday

- **NOON** **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Work Day
- 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- **5:00 PM** **Bulletin Deadline**
- 6:00 PM 4-6 Midweek

Offerings:

(4/14)

General (Checking)

5394.00

Missions Cunningham (Savings)

100.00

Total

5494.00

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Next Sunday

- April Faith and Care Family

Christopher

- 9:00 AM Worship w/communion
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Bible Class
- Greeters: Marsha Kapp
- Reader:
- Acolyte: Nora Pownell
- Fellowship: Yvonne Ellis, Kim Konrad

May Faith and Care Family **Daniel**

To meet our 2024 budget goals, we need to average **\$5048** in our weekly offering collection