

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 25, 2010

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WELCOME: *"Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of signing."* (Psalm 98:5) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

Theme: "Our glorified Savior is our Good Shepherd."

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: Jesus is the Almighty Lord -victorious over the grave and ruler over the universe. We are weak and frail. We are dust. We need the Lord. We need his loving, caring and forgiving touch in order to have life. Praise him for he tenderly loves you. He is your Good Shepherd.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Order of Worship: The Common Service (p. 15)-adapted

OPENING HYMN: 436 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

Choir: "In the Garden"

INVOCATION and CONFESSION OF SINS (p. 15)

Choir: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SONG: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (See insert)

Lesson: Revelation 7 :9-17 (Pew Bible p. 1855)

Jesus, the Lamb of God, also serves as our shepherd. He lived and died and rose again that we might be cleansed from all our sins and live with him in the perfection of heaven.

Children: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

SERMON: John 10:11-21 (Pew Bible p.1614)

"The Good Shepherd Truly Cares"

1. Jesus applies himself to the task
2. Your place in the picture

Choir: "God Will Take Care of You"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT (Hymnal page 21)

DIST. HYMNS: 449 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

451 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

375 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

THANKSGIVING and PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 327 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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Organist: Christy Ittel

Pianist: Catherine Templin

Kathy Stuedemann

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

At worship, Sunday, April 18th:96

Attendance at weekly Bible Studies:34

Monthly offerings thru April 18th: General Fund: \$5,881.25

Missions: \$3,215.00 Building: \$1,939.00

THE LORD'S SUPPER: *We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. All those planning to partake, please review the information about the Lord's Supper printed on the laminated sheet in the hymnal racks or pews in the balcony.*

NEWSLETTERS *for the month of May are set out. Please take yours with you today.*

THIS WEEK AS GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship w/ Communion
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Youth Ditch Clean-up
Monday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teacher's Mtg.
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	3:45 pm	Jr. Catechism
	4:45 pm	Sr. Catechism
	6:30 pm	Chimes
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares Ministry
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship w/ Confirmation
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class

BIRTH: *We rejoice that the Lord has blessed David and Vanessa Willmsen with a baby boy. We will have even greater joy when he is brought to a new life in Christ through Holy Baptism.*

NEW MEMBER: *We welcome Kelsey Larson into membership by profession of faith. May God continue to encourage and bless Kelsey as she becomes involved in our ministry here at St. John's.*

YOUTH DITCH CLEANUP *will be Today at 3:00. We will meet here at church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to help with this project.*

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: *We will conclude our sermon series of Jesus' 8 "I Am" statements next Sunday May 2nd. Jesus' statement is "I Am the Vine".*

SIGN-UP TO BE A GREETER: *We are looking for members who are willing to greet our fellow church goers and guests before worship services. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.*

WARM COATS: *We are beginning our 4th annual year of collecting and distributing coats to McLeod County residents in need. Good used, clean winter coats are needed for distribution on Oct. 21st and 22nd. Especially need are children and youth sizes. There is a box in the entry for your donations. We will be collecting through Sunday, May 16th.*

THE GLENCOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *is collecting recipes for a community cookbook. In addition to featuring local recipes, the cookbook will include trivia, photos, and other historic milestones celebrating the community. Up to two recipes per person can be submitted by email to kwebster@ci.glencoe.mn.us or dropped off in person at the Chamber of Commerce office at 630 10th St. East. The deadline for submissions is May 31st. **Recipes must include a name, phone number and address.** (Contact information will not be published)*

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: *Many books have been written on the topic of "Christian Living". So, what is the very basic principal to know for good, Christ centered, Christian living. Come next week to learn more about it. In preparation read John 15:1-8.*

The Vine and the Branches

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

1. I am weak, But though art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be more;
Guide me gently, safely, o'er
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

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SPRINGFEST 2010: *Due to lack of interest (only those on the committee signed up to attend) and too many scheduling conflicts, **we have decided to cancel Springfest this year.***

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY CHORUS CONCERT:
*The 43- member Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary chorus will be at Martin Luther College on Saturday, May 8th to present a sacred concert titled "**Love Divine**" in the Chapel of the Christ. Scheduled to begin at 7pm, attendees are encouraged to arrive early. We look forward to welcoming these alumni back and thank them for taking time away from their studies and employment to share their concert and encouragement with us.*