

Caring for God's Creation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS April

Apr. 27 EARTH DAY CELEBRA-TION

Apr. 27 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

Apr. 30 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

Apr. 30 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr **Apr. 30 -** KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson

May

May 3 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM

May 7 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office

May 7—28 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr

May 12 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

May 15 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

May 18 - Memorial Garden Meeting after church, Comm Ctr

May 18 - GSLC Book Club @

4PM, Comm Ctr

May 19 - OWLS @ 12PM, Gloria Miller's

May 28 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

May 28 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall



SUNDAY, April 27

10am: Worship Service 11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light,

Class Rm 2

4pm: GSLC Book Club,

Comm Ctr

MONDAY, April 28

TUESDAY, April 29

6pm - 10pm: Voices United,

Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal

Tabernacle, Jacobson Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 30

10am: Staff Meeting, Pr.

Ted's Office

6:30pm: Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: KingsMen/

KingsKids', Jacobson Hall

THURSDAY, May 1

FRIDAY, May 2

7pm: Accion De Fe, Comm

Ctr

SATURDAY, May 3

SUNDAY, May 4

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light,

Class Rm 2

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Worship Service April 27, 2025 - 10AM Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" By Roland

H. Prichard, Arr. By Lani Smith

Susan Berg, Organist

Announcements

Opening Songs

"Everything Glorious"

"Give Thanks"

"Everlasting God"

Praise Band and Congregation

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the peptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

| Baptized into you, O living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

Make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

Amen.

"This Is the Day" By Jay Althouse

Choral Ensemble

Lesson 1

Acts 5:27-32

Page 1002 in the cranberry Bible Page 134 in the red Bible

Lesson 2

Revelation 1:4-8

Page 1048 in the cranberry Bible

Page 187 in the red Bible

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Page 988 in the cranberry Bible Page 119 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Julie Werfelmann

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in classroom 2 during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

Sermon

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Julie Werfelmann

Sermon Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hymn. 879 -

Song Leaders (Congregation Join)

(vv. 1-2, 4-5)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Words By Mrs. C.

F. Alexander, Music By John Rutter

John Montgomery, Solo

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

Communion Hymn "T

"This Is My Father's World"

Hymn 824

Song Leaders (Congregation Please Join)

(vv. 1-3)

Blessing

Closing Song

"Better Than Life"

Praise Band and Congregation

Sending

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Rise, Go Joyously into Life" By Lani Smith

Susan Berg, Organist

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

4-27-2025 Contemporary/Traditional Worship Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs.

Lord God, we are living in the resurrection power of Jesus. His purpose was accomplished at Easter. Jesus rose from the dead. As Acts records, "God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who

obey him." Lord in your mercy...

Jesus' first message to His disciples was "Peace be with you." Even to doubting Thomas, Jesus allowed confirmation of the resurrection by allowing Thomas to place his fingers in the wounds of the crucified One. And in all generations, to those who don't have that physical reality of His resurrection, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and

yet have come to believe." Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world that the eyes of all creation would be opened to the New Life available because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In our message from Revelation, John describes Jesus as "the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth." What's more John gives the hope of the second coming to all of human-kind when says, "Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So be it." Lord in your mercy...

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and new life. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? *Lord in your mer-*

cy...

According to John, the purpose of his writing an account of Jesus' life and death was that "[All] may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing [we] may have life in his name." And in Revelation, John declares, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Yes, come Lord Jesus! In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.

CAROLYN T. LINN



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. —Lewis B. Smedes



The Parable of the Two Brothers

Once upon a time, there were two brothers: James, the older; and John, the younger. They lived on neighboring farms. They had always lived in harmony. One day, however, a conflict arose. It began with a small misunderstanding and soon snowballed into a major dispute. Words were exchanged, and they stopped speaking to one another. Years went by.

One day, there was a knock on James' door. It was a carpenter looking for work. "What's your name?" James asked.

"Manuel," said the carpenter.

"Well, Manuel," James said, "I want you to build a fence on my property. Build it so high that I won't have to see my brother John again."

Manuel nodded and went to work. But instead of building a fence, he built a bridge that spanned the stream between the two farms. When John saw the bridge, his heart was touched. He realized that his brother James still wanted to reconcile, despite their differences. James, for his part, was astonished. When John walked across the bridge, James was there to meet him, and they embraced in a tearful, joyous reconciliation.

"Thank you, Manuel," said the brothers in unison.

"My pleasure," said the Carpenter. "Some people call me Immanuel, but I also go by Jesús." The Carpenter gathered his tools to leave. "Stay, stay!" the brothers cried in unison. "We have more work for you!"

But the Carpenter smiled and said, "I have many more bridges to build elsewhere," and went on his way.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the gift of reconciliation. Through your grace, you restore broken relationships, and heal wounded hearts. Thank you for the peace that comes from forgiveness and for the unity found in your love. Help me to be an instrument of reconciliation in the world. Amen.

Week of April 27, 2025





Wednesday: Judges 19-21 Thursday: Ruth 1-4

Tuesday: Judges 16-18

Friday: 1 Samuel 1-3 Saturday: Psalms 40-42 Some words that we use, such as these described below, come from the names of people. Identify the words and transfer the circled letters to the corresponding spaces in the diagram below to form a set of words in both directions.

1. A candy bar named after President Cleveland's daughter: <u>B</u> <u>O</u>					
2. A type of button-up sweater named after an English earl: <u>C</u> <u>O</u>					
3. A tight-fitting garment with long sleeves and a high neck that is worn by a dancer — named after a French trapeze artist:					
<u>L</u> O.					
4. A Christmas flower named after a botanist: P O					
5. A type of engine named after its German inventor. Many pickup trucks use fuel with this same name:					
\underline{D} $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$					
6. A method for sterilizing milk named after a French chemist: P					
7. A beef dish containing sour cream named after a Russian count: <u>S</u>					
8. A unit of electrical power named after a Scottish inventor: <u>W</u> O					
9. A device found in amusement parks that consists of a huge wheel with seats on it is named after what American inventor?					
<u>FO</u> .					
10. Denim trousers named after a German immigrant who participated in the California gold rush: <u>L</u> <u>O</u> '					
11. A hoisting device used on oil wells named after an English hangman: D					
12. A type of thin, crisp toast named after an Australian opera star: M _ O					
13. A kind of driver used on a four-slotted screw named after its inventor: P					

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Verse to Remember

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

---Psalm 40:1



ANSWERS: 1. Baby Ruth 2. Cardigan 3. Leotard 4. Poinsettia 5. Diesel 6. Pasteurization 7. Stroganoff 8. Watt 9. Ferris 10. Levi's 11. Derrick 12. Melba 13. Phillips	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Sunday Celebration TODAY

You are invited to give n' take plants of all sorts, as well as any items to add to our Give & Take Table in Jacobson Hall. Take a look at the display on the table at the entrance of sustainable products.



Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts

The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

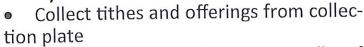


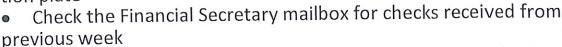
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Need-

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Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):





- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this)

 Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer)

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

• From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON

Quarterly:

Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors

. We are also in need of a Property person.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Wednesday Bible Study



We have begun The Gospel on the Ground which picks up as the gospel begins spreading with the new church. The book is available from your usual book seller. The Gospel on the Ground is also written by Kristi McLelland. Mark you calendars, get a copy of the study book, and plan to join us

in the Community Center, Wednesday's at 6:30pm.

Collecting Books for Summer Reading!

We will once again be providing books to the entire student population over at Roeding. We have a good start thanks to Thrivent's generosity, but we can always use more. Please bring in new or gently used books for preschool through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!

Kinsmen/KingsKids' Wednesday April 30th



The next KingsMen and KingsKids' meeting will be on Wednesday April 30th at 6:30 pm. We will be kicking off Spring with a KingsMen classic: pizza!! I shall provide the pizza. If you can provide a salad or dessert, that would be appreciated of course. Thank you. Will

Directory Correction

Birthdays for Neil & Verna Walden are incorrect. Please make the following Changes:



Neil Jan. 26th; Verna Nov. 25th

OWLS Gathering May 19th @ Noon

Hooties, let it all hang out at Gloria Miller's on May 19th, NOON. Diane will conduct the activities.

Bring:

A LABELLED dish to share Your ENTIRE tableservice Energy to play UNO ???

See Sandy T for a map & to sign up.

BIG Easter Thanks!

Many thanks to all who brought in candy and other items for the Easter Egg Hunt and to everyone who came on Saturday to stuff the eggs. Thanks to the many hands that helped decorate both Jacobson and the sanctuary. Everything looked beautiful! Finally, thank you to the food shoppers and all the men who showed up early to cook and serve Easter breakfast. He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

The Fresno Master Chorale presents F. J. Haydn's "The Creation" on Sunday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Shaghoian Concert Hall at the Clovis Unified School District Performing Arts Center, 2770 East International Ave., Fresno 93730. The concert features soloists and an orchestra. A pre-concert talk with Alan Peters and Director Anna Hamre begins at 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 plus a \$1 convenience fee on the chorale's website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of this acclaimed chorale.

Fresno's celebrated women's chorale, Soli Deo Gloria, presents "In Love's Shadow," a concert at 7:30 p.m on Friday, May 2, at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts, Fresno 93710. Director Dr. Julie Carter will present concert notes at 7:00 p.m.

The chorale invites you to bring your favorite companion and enjoy songs exploring all kinds of love. Tickets are \$25 at the door (\$12 for students). Advance tickets may be purchased for \$20 from Cheryl Montgomery, who is a member of this outstanding ensemble or on the chorale's web site www.sdgchoir.org.

The Fresno Master Chorale's select ensemble Coro Piccolo will present "Considering Matthew Shepard: A Chorale Suite" by Craig Hella Johnson on Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno 93726. The suite is from an oratorio that presents an anti-hate message intended to leave audiences filled with compassion. The concert includes a special appearance by Quintus and Altissima. Tickets cost \$20 online on the chorale's web-

site <u>www.fresnocommunitychorus.org</u>. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of *Coro Picco-lo*.

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Trinity Lutheran Church First Annual Cornhole Tournament

Double Elimination Regulation Play

Saturday, May 31, 9:30am

Trinity Lutheran Church invites other local church members to represent their church in our first annual Cornhole Tournament.

Each church can have several teams.

Teams consist of two or four members. Cost: \$60 / team

First place prize for the winning church will be a custom-made regulation size Cornhole board set. The event will take place in our courtyard with plenty of shade. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

Our youth group will be selling hot dogs, nachos, bags of chips, milkshakes, soda, and cotton candy.

Other yard games available while waiting for your turn in the tournament.

SPECTATORS WELCOME!

Sponsored by FMAT (Facilities Mission Action Team) and our youth. Proceeds will go to updating our facilities and the Children's and Youth programs, including summer field trips.

For information and to rsvp: tlccornhole@gmail.com
On-line registration/payment:

https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9972765

Register your teams by May 25

We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers and thank God for His goodness.

Members Needing Prayer:

Dee Wright

Rev. Dr. Arlynne

Turnquist

Mona White

Kay Schumacher

Betty Montgomery

Neil and Verna Wal-

den

Liz Smith

Bill Biggs

Mary Norris & Family

Connie Alvarado

Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Steve Lower (Terstegen)

Jade Dixon (Julie)

Kathy (Secretary) and Family

Elaine (Werfelmann) Linda Healy (White)

Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)

Barbara Shakespeare

Phoebe (Neer) Phil (Anderson)

Gary Assmussen (Deuker)

Irene Goldman (Dueker)

Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)

Betty (Anderson) Tonya (White)

Shanese (White)

Zyg Zee (Norris)

Claire (Vonny)

Janet Sharp (Fake)

Anthony Collichio (Norris)

Mickey Cecil (Norris)

Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)

Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)

Jacob, Abbe & Family

(Werfelmann) Melissa (Sandy T.)

Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)

Pam (Smith)

Grace Johnson (Fake) Hudson Otten (Anderson) Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

Prayers For

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness, Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. I Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. I fyou forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Wessiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.