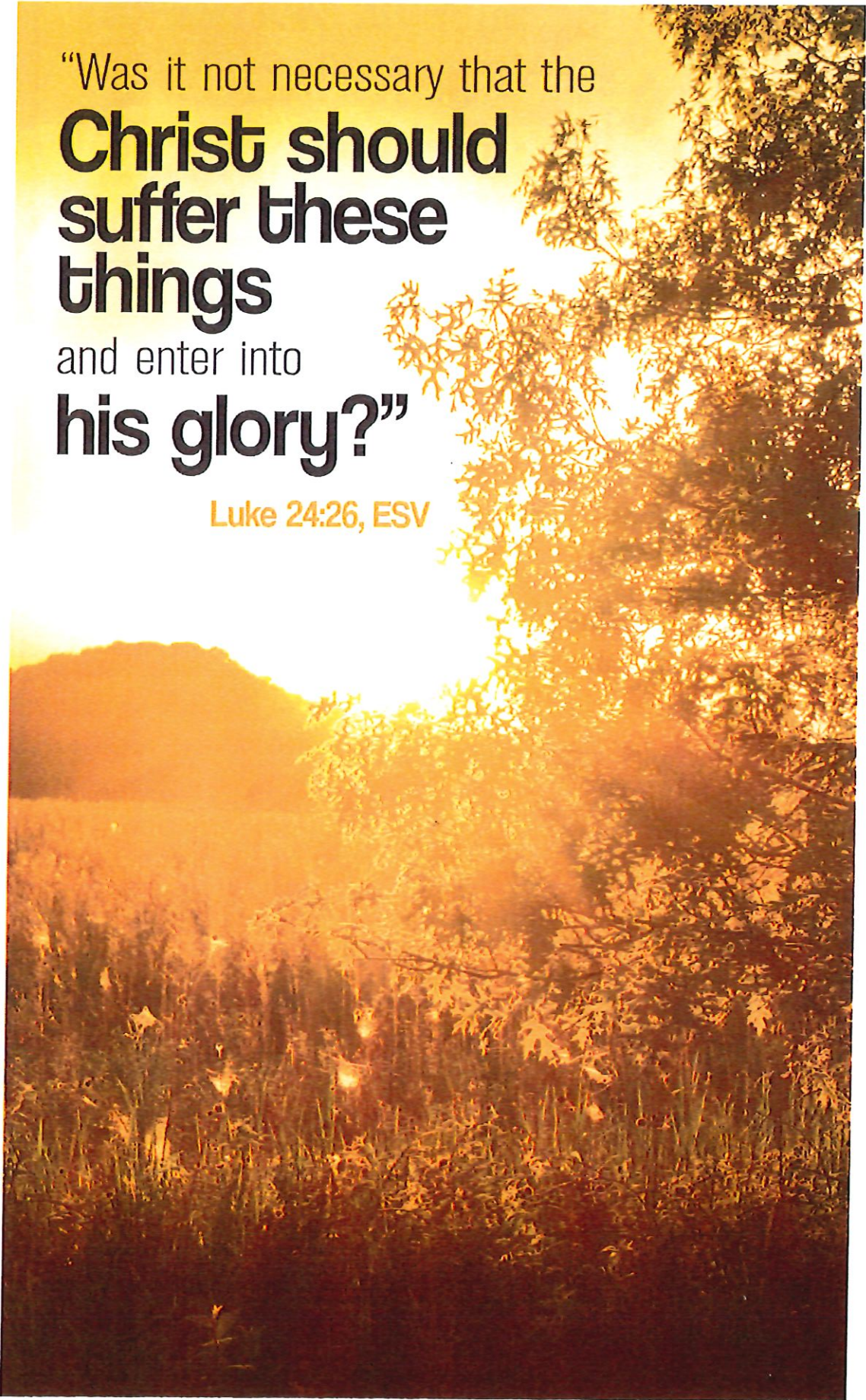




“Was it not necessary that the
**Christ should
suffer these
things**
and enter into
his glory?”

Luke 24:26, ESV

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

Members Needing

Prayer:

Steven Smith
Jo Anderson
Pat Hayner-Slusser
Cate Casa
Yvonne Smith
Chris Dueker
Arlene Robbins
Robert Harris
Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Ro (Sandy T.)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Dan Taylor (Wilk)
Nels (Harris)
Karen Tabler (Vonny)
George Pisching (Woody W.)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Pauline Ritterbush
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phil (Anderson)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

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

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
April 19, 2026 - 10AM
Third Sunday of Easter
Earth Day**

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" Gaelic Folk Melody,
Arr. By Herbert Colvin
Susan Berg, Organist

Announcements

Opening Songs "Friend of Sinners"
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
"Jesus Messiah"
Praise Band and Congregation

Confession and Forgiveness

C: God of Perfect Rest, we confess before you and one-another that we have failed to love you and our neighbor fully, and that we have tried to cover our sins by our own power. We have run busily from one activity to the next, one possession to the next, one achievement to the next, and one love to the next, all to avoid admitting our need for your grace. Uncurl us from our self-obsession by the love of your Son. Forgive our sins, help us to accept your love, and guide us on right paths for the sake of the world you so deeply love. Amen.

P: God Creator, who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, hears our prayers and crosses eternity to come alongside us. It is my honor and delight as a fellow saint and sinner, created, redeemed, and loved by the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier to announce to you the complete forgiveness of your sins and your birth into new life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: God of Life, You called everything You have made Good. We are gathered now in your Spirit, by Your Word, to offer our prayers, our songs, our confessions to you; trusting in Your mercy, Your goodness, and Your joy. Make us aware of Your Spirit on the move in the world, that where You lead, we follow.

C: Amen.

Special Music

"Sing, Rejoice, the Lord Is Risen" Words by
Charlotte Lee, Music by Douglas E. Wagner
Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Page 993 in the cranberry Bible Page 124 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	1 Peter 1:17-23	Page 1104 in the cranberry Bible Page 250 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	Page 964 in the cranberry Bible Page 92 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

"Jesus Miles"

Julie Werfelmann

Sermon Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!"
Song Leaders and Congregation

Hymn 413
(vv. 1-4)

Confession of Faith

A New Creed (1968) United Church of Canada
We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the Church Written by Revs. Chelsea & Mandy Achterberg.

Sharing the Peace

Special Music "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Words by Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8, Music by Tom Fettke
Choral Ensemble

Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Words by C.F. Alexander, Music by John Rutter
John Montgomery, Solo

Offering Response "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" Hymn 207
Congregation

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 "This Is My Father's World" Hymn 824
Song Leaders and Congregation (vv.1-3)

Blessing

Closing Song "He Reigns"

Sending

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Classical Postlude" by Franz Joseph Haydn, arr. By James Mansfield
Susan Berg, Organist

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations. —Oliver Goldsmith

I have enjoyed hiking since my youth. The longest backpacking, back-country hike I've experienced was a three-day foray up Cascade Canyon in the Grand Teton National Park, to Lake Solitude and over Paintbrush Divide. But I have friends who've walked more than 400 miles on the Camino de Santiago until they reached the great Spanish cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Truth is, some journeys in life are long, slow and sometimes difficult, unless we realize that the road itself is as meaningful as the destination.

Luke 24 tells us about two disciples making another kind of pilgrimage. They were walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discouraged after Jesus' death. Their hopes were shattered. But as they walked, a stranger joined them. He explained the Scriptures, reminding them of God's promises. Later, when they sat down to eat, the stranger broke bread — and suddenly their eyes were opened. It was Jesus himself, risen and alive!

This story shows us that *faith is a journey*, too. The journey may not involve long roads or mountains, but it's still real. Every day has its steps: time in prayer, a word of encouragement for others, patient endurance in hardship. And here is the good news: *Jesus walks beside us*, even when we don't immediately recognize him. He listens to our worries, opens our hearts, and strengthens our hope.

Like the Camino pilgrims, we're on our way to a holy destination — our eternal home with God. But we don't travel alone. Jesus is our companion, making himself known in the breaking of bread, in the reading of Scripture and in the quiet assurance of his presence.

So, when the road feels long, we keep walking in hope, knowing the risen Lord is with us.

*Oh, when I come to the end of my journey,
Weary of life, and the battle is won,
Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption,
He'll understand and say well done.*

—Lucie Eddie Campbell (1885-1963)

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for walking with me every step of life's journey. Open my eyes to see you, even in ordinary moments. Keep my heart burning with hope until I arrive at my true home with you. Amen.

Week of April 19, 2026

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 10-13

Monday: Judges 9-12

Tuesday: Judges 13-15

Wednesday: Judges 16-18

Thursday: Judges 19-21

Friday: 1 Samuel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 40-42

FISHY WORDS

There's something fishy about these words. What is it?

See answer below.

CARPET

CODES

SPIKED

SOLEMN

RUTH

Last week, we read the book of Ruth. Let's review. It is a very moving love story. The words to the right are in the Word Search, and they are all from the book of Ruth. Can you find them?



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barley, Bethlehem, Boaz, David, Elimelech, gleaning, grain, harvest, Jesse, Judah, Kilion, kinsman, Mahlon, Mara, Moab, Naomi, Obed, Orpah, Ruth, sandals, threshing, vinegar, winnow.

RIDDLE

What is greater than God,
more evil than the devil?
The poor have it, the rich need it,
and if you eat it, you'll die?

Fish: carp, cod, pike, sole; Riddle: **Nothing** is greater than God, and **nothing** is more evil than the devil. The poor have **nothing**, while the rich need **nothing**. Finally, if you eat **nothing**, you will die. This riddle is known as Paul Harvey's riddle.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] 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.^[b]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,^[c] 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.^[d] 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!"²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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

Psalm 104* (remix) by Rev. Christyn Koschmann

I am awestruck, Holy One

at this beautiful and boundless universe—

cultivated over eons with love and care.

Your creative intent envelopes the world like a cloak.

I see it shining in the heavens; hear it whispering in the winds,

feel it crackling in the fire.

For you energized the dust of the universe

— the galaxies, the stars, the planets, right down to this jewel of an earth.

You are wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the waves of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

You paint the earth with your holy spirit,

each stroke and color with purpose, place and song.

You put a restlessness in our hearts that leads us to seek you always.

Therefore, I will sing your songs all my days

and care for all you have created

and keep my heart ever open to your Love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts

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

Food Pantry Needs Restocking



We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables, canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9 - 1PM.

Many Thanks!!

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteer Counters who have committed for the month of Apr. to sort the Sunday Offering and prepare the weekly deposit.

April 5th Art Mehl

April 12th Woody Wilk

April 19th Mary Norris

April 26th Jim & Ruth Thompson



Property Shout-Out!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

This is a shout-out to everyone who has had the honor of taking care of our huge property. I would like to set aside an early morning walk through our property. I will take note of any issues that are in need of attention. I will then put this list up for everyone to see the needs we have. I have not decided on a date; any suggestions are welcome. Please let me know if you have interest. You may call or text me, **Mary Norris 559 905-0615**. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION Hooties!

Our next stop is at the home of Gordon and Diane Fake on April 20th at NOON.

Gordon will showcase pictures from trips around the USA from CA to Key West to New York City and more. Buckle up!

Please bring:

- * Your ENTIRE table service
- * A LABELLED dish to share
- * & maybe some Dramamine



HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live

The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website. <https://gofund.me/05d79cff>

Please send this link: to family, friends, businesses etc., via Facebook, email and any other social media platforms to get the word out to raise funds for a new HVAC system. We have a fundraising goal of \$150,000 to support the purchase of a new HVAC system.

Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support.

We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

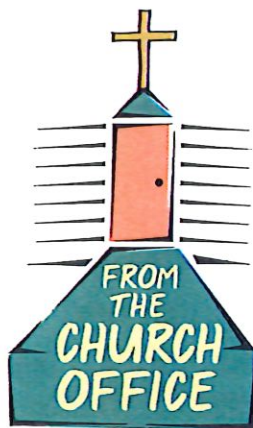
Blessings, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno

Thank you, Reynaldo Villalobos

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd Fresno



Church Office Organization



For those members who may not be aware, the Church office organization has changed. Ever since Kathy has moved into the Church house with her family, the financial office and computer have been relocated downstairs and are now located in the office.

Therefore, financial information, personal financial information and personnel information are now stored in the office. Our Treasurer, Dana, has these things at her desk and in drawers and other locations in the office. As with Kathy's desk, Dana's desk and various places within the office are now very sensitive areas and should not

be accessed or items used.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kathy and secondarily, to Dana, if you need anything within the office. They are very happy to help you and accommodate your needs.

Mail Boxes can still be accessed, but all efforts should be made to come to the office when Kathy and Dana are there during the week or when Dana is there on Sunday after Church.

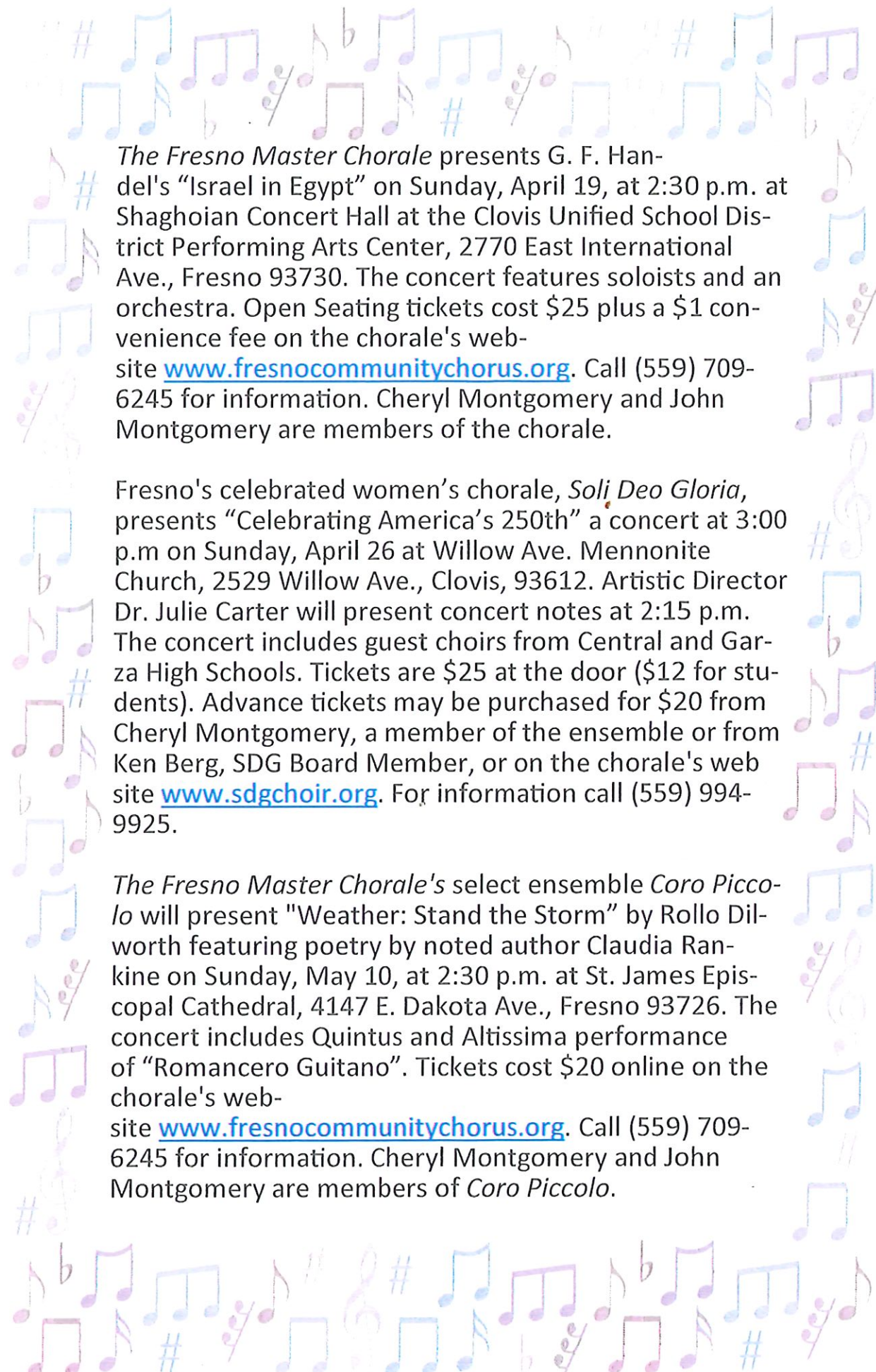
Your help and understanding with maintaining the confidentiality of records is very appreciated. Our members and employees need to feel their information is secure and not accessible to anyone entering the office. Thank you.

KingsMen/KingsKids Returns 4/29/26 @ 6:30PM



KingsMen and KingsKids will be returning on April 29 at 6:30 pm in the Comm Ctr. Dinner will be a KingsMen classic...pizza. Additional plates and desserts are appropriated. Thank you and hope to see you there. Will Hayes.



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The Fresno Master Chorale presents G. F. Handel's "Israel in Egypt" on Sunday, April 19, 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. Open Seating tickets cost \$25 plus a \$1 convenience fee on the chorale's website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org. Call (559) 709-6245 for information. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of the chorale.

Fresno's celebrated women's chorale, *Soli Deo Gloria*, presents "Celebrating America's 250th" a concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 at Willow Ave. Mennonite Church, 2529 Willow Ave., Clovis, 93612. Artistic Director Dr. Julie Carter will present concert notes at 2:15 p.m. The concert includes guest choirs from Central and Garza High Schools. Tickets are \$25 at the door (\$12 for students). Advance tickets may be purchased for \$20 from Cheryl Montgomery, a member of the ensemble or from Ken Berg, SDG Board Member, or on the chorale's website www.sdgchoir.org. For information call (559) 994-9925.

The Fresno Master Chorale's select ensemble *Coro Piccolo* will present "Weather: Stand the Storm" by Rollo Dilworth featuring poetry by noted author Claudia Rankine on Sunday, May 10, at 2:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno 93726. The concert includes Quintus and Altissima performance of "Romancero Guitano". Tickets cost \$20 online on the chorale's website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org. Call (559) 709-6245 for information. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of *Coro Piccolo*.