

A photograph of a mother sheep and two lambs in a green field. The mother sheep is on the left, looking towards the right. Two lambs are in the foreground, also looking towards the right. The background is a lush green field.

Jesus said,
"Take care
of my sheep."

JOHN 21:16, NIV

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

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

May 5 - Roeding Teacher Appreciation Day @ 7:45AM, Back of Jacobson Hall

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

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

May 10 - Roeding Saturday Sport @ 10AM—12PM, Roeding Elementary

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

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, May 4

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

MONDAY, May 5

7:45am: Roeding Staff Appreciation, Meet at the back of Jacobson Hall

TUESDAY, May 6

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jacobson Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 7

4:30pm: Worship Committee Meeting, Pr. Ted's Office

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

THURSDAY, May 8

FRIDAY, May 9

SATURDAY, May 10

10am—12pm: Roeding Saturday Sport, Roeding Elementary

SUNDAY, May 11

10am: Worship Service

11:15: Coffee Social

11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
May 4, 2025 - 10AM
Third Sunday of Easter**

Prelude

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Ancient Irish
Hymn Melody, Arr. By Albin Whitworth
Susan Berg, Organist

Announcements

Congregation Singalong - Happy Birthday to all those with May birthdays!

Opening Songs

"10,000 Reasons"
"Above All"
"I've Always Loved You"
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 baptized 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: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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| Lesson 1 | Acts 9:1-6 | Page 1000 in the cranberry Bible Page 132 in the red Bible |
| Lesson 2 | Revelation 5:11-14 | Page 1120 in the cranberry Bible Page 270 in the red Bible |
| Gospel | John 21:1-19 | Page 989 in the cranberry Bible Page 120 in the red Bible |

Kids' Talk

Pr. Ted Niemi

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.

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| Sermon | "Do You Love Me?" | Pr. Ted Niemi |
| Sermon Hymn | "One Bread, One Body!" Song Leaders (Congregation Join) | Hymn 496 (vv. 1-3) |

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music "This Is the Day" By Jay Althouse
Choral Ensemble

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

5-4-2025 Contemporary/Traditional Worship

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Jesus' ministry on earth was over; he had preached, healed and raised people from the dead. He had proven his Oneness with God the Father. His next step was to leave His ministry to others who would spread the Good News of God's love. For the Jews, Jesus chose Peter to lead the flock. ***Lord in your mercy...***

But God was Lord not just of the Jews, but of the gentiles, as well. And Paul was to be His global messenger as the Word of God went forth in power, led by the Holy Spirit, into the uttermost parts of the earth. ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city, our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. May the eyes of the blind be opened. Just as the scales fell off of Saul's eyes, so may the blind eyes of the wicked world be opened to the truth of Jesus Christ. And, as described in our lesson from Revelation, may we join with every creature in heaven, on the earth and in the sea, singing, "*To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*" Yes, Lord, we wait for the New Heaven and New Earth, God's New Kingdom where righteousness dwells. ***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 mercy...***

And with "*myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!'*" In His Mighty Name we pray, ***Amen and Amen.*** CAROLYN T. LINN

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn 733

Song Leaders (Congregation Please Join)

(vv. 1-3)

Blessing

Closing Song

"Forever"

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!

******HEALING STATION****** Anyone who would like personal prayers for healing for themselves or loved ones is invited to come forward to the pulpit to receive them - with laying on of hands if desired.

Postlude

"Postlude in G" By Henry Kihlken

Susan Berg, Organist

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

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

Julie Werfelmann
Dee Wright
Rev. Dr. Arlynn
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

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion; it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. —Billy Graham

Today's Bible reading tells the incredible story of the apostle Paul's dramatic experience on the road to Damascus. As I read the account, I reviewed other conversion stories from the annals of church history. My mind immediately went to Saint Augustine of Hippo (354–430), then to Martin Luther's experience a little more than a thousand years later in A.D. 1517.

But then consider the case of an 18th-century slave trader. His name was John Newton (1725–1807). Newton had a troubled youth, working on slave ships and living a life of moral recklessness. His conversion occurred in 1748 during a violent storm at sea. Fearing for his life, Newton cried out to God for mercy, and the ship was miraculously spared.

The experience was unnerving and understandably caused Newton to reevaluate his life. He abandoned the slave trade and became an Anglican priest. He later became a passionate advocate for the abolition of slavery, working alongside figures like William Wilberforce and others. So complete was his transformation from sinner to saint, that it was memorialized in one of the most famous hymns of recorded history, "Amazing Grace."

One more example of amazing conversions: C.S. Lewis (1898–1963), the renowned author and Christian apologist. For much of his early life, Lewis was an atheist, deeply skeptical of religion in general and Christianity in particular. However, after a series of intellectual and spiritual struggles, he began to feel drawn to Christianity. Influenced by his friends, such as J.R.R. Tolkien, and through his own reading, Lewis eventually converted in 1931.

He described his conversion in his book, *Surprised by Joy*, where he writes about the moment he reluctantly gave in to God's call, calling himself "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." His conversion led him to become one of the most influential Christian thinkers of the 20th century with works like *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *A Grief Observed* and others — reaching millions with the message of faith.

God's power to transform lives is truly powerful and amazing!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: All-merciful God, thank you for bringing your transformative grace into my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOME TOUCH® Activity Page

Week of May 4, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 14-17
Monday: 1 Samuel 4-7
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 8-10
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 11-13
Thursday: 1 Samuel 14-16
Friday: 1 Samuel 17-20
Saturday: Psalms 43-45

Verse to Remember

*Why are you cast down,
 O my soul ... Hope in God.*
 —Psalm 43:5

May 2025

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BIRTH DATES ... OR NOT?

DIRECTIONS: Is the year following each person's name the year he or she was born, or the year he or she died? Write a B for "born" or a D for "died." *Answers to the right.*

| PERSON | YEAR | B or D? | PERSON | YEAR | B or D? |
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| William Shakespeare | 1616 | | Mahatma Gandhi | 1869 | |
| Martin Luther | 1483 | | Beethoven | 1827 | |
| Napoleon | 1769 | | Joan of Arc | 1431 | |
| Henry Ford | 1863 | | Aristotle | 322 BC | |
| Julius Caesar | 44 BC | | Elizabeth I | 1533 | |
| Cleopatra | 30 BC | | Charles Darwin | 1882 | |
| Christopher Columbus | 1451 | | Saint Francis | 1181 | |
| Marco Polo | 1324 | | Constantine the Great | 337 | |
| Saint Augustine | 354 | | Johann S. Bach | 1685 | |
| Michelangelo | 1564 | | Rembrandt | 1606 | |
| Galileo | 1564 | | John Milton | 1674 | |
| Charlemagne | 814 | | Harriet Tubman | 1913 | |
| Abraham Lincoln | 1809 | | Babe Ruth | 1895 | |
| Daniel Webster | 1852 | | Jane Austen | 1775 | |
| Thomas Edison | 1931 | | Edgar Allan Poe | 1849 | |
| Cicero | 43 BC | | King Henry VIII | 1491 | |
| Calamity Jane | 1903 | | Indira Gandhi | 1917 | |
| Florence Nightingale | 1820 | | Leonardo da Vinci | 1452 | |

Answers (in alphabetical order by first or only word [name]):

Abraham Lincoln-B
 Aristotle-D
 Babe Ruth-B
 Beethoven-D
 Calamity Jane-D
 Charlemagne-D
 Charles Darwin-D
 Christopher Columbus-B
 Cicero-D
 Cleopatra-D
 Constantine the Great-D
 Daniel Webster-D
 Edgar Allan Poe-D
 Elizabeth I-B
 Galileo-B
 Harriet Tubman-D
 Henry Ford-B
 Indira Gandhi-B
 Jane Austen-B
 Joan of Arc-D
 Johann S. Bach-B
 John Milton-D
 Julius Caesar-D
 King Henry VIII-B
 Mahatma Gandhi-B
 Marco Polo-D
 Martin Luther-B
 Michelangelo-D
 Napoleon-B
 Rembrandt-B
 Saint Augustine-B
 Saint Francis-B
 Thomas Edison-D
 William Shakespeare-D



MAY the Lord bless you, and MAY he keep you; MAY the Lord make his face shine upon you and MAY he be gracious to you; MAY the Lord turn his face toward you and MAY he give you peace. —Adapted from the Aaronic Blessing of Numbers 6:24-26

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, ^a Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."