

April 21, 2024

10:00AM

4th Sunday of Easter

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Greeting

Prayer for Peace

Lord, lead us from death to life, from lies to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hatred to love, from war to peace.

**Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe,
Peace, peace. Peace. Amen.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though
we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell
in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Prayer of the Day

**Bring to us O God, the sense of your living presence as we go into
this new week. Renew in us the faith you want us to have, the faith
that is not afraid to reach out in your name and to share the treasure
you have given us that treasure which is greater than silver and gold .
In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

•Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

•Call to Confession

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word
and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

•Prayer of Confession

**Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn.
You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong.
Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we
evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help
us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

A Time of Silence

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

•Giving Glory to God

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer of Illumination

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

Scripture *Psalm 23*

Music

Scripture *John 10:11-18*

Sermon *We Meet Again*

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

•Music

Shepherd Me, O God

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Holy God, Good Shepherd, we turn to you in prayer because we need a leader, someone we can trust, someone who can show us the way in complicated and confusing times.

Guide us, Good Shepherd.

The world's problems overwhelm. The burden of suffering is great. We bear witness to tragedy after tragedy on the evening news as wolves circle your innocent sheep, threatening our hope for a just world, a path to peace and a beloved kin-dom. What can we do, God? How can we be of help? What power do we have to transform evil to good?

Guide us, Good Shepherd.

When we doubt our worth and our belovedness, remind us that we are yours, that we belong, that we have place within your flock. Remind us and comfort us with the knowledge that in body and in soul, in life and in death we belong to you, our Savior and Shepherd. Unite your flock with your love and help us be as welcoming of others as you are to us.

Guide us, Good Shepherd.

Just as the shepherd knows each of his sheep, help us to know and care for the individuals that are in particular need of your merciful grace. Hear our prayers for:

- The innocent caught in the cross hairs of war...
- Soldiers suffering from moral injury and PTSD...
- The sick and those who care for them...
- The grieving, the exhausted, the depressed...
- Those in need of resurrection hope...

Now hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us saying, "**Our Father...**"

Invitation to the Offering

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

Offertory

•Doxology

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•Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

•Music

God Be with You Till

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•Charge and Benediction

We are an Easter people! Christ is risen! Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection and follow him as our Good Shepherd.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

•Postlude

•PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



Happy Birthday
 April 21 - Enzo Spagnolo *Happy 10th!*
 April 22 - Tammy Irving *Happy 60th!*
 Jocelynn Stevenson
 April 24 - Jodi Masters



Flowers this morning
 are in loving memory of
Margaret Batrouny
 given by
Suzette & Joe Spagnolo



Lay Reader
 this morning
Stephanie Soos

This morning we thank
Jodi Masters
 for her special music



NEXT SUNDAY
Pancake Breakfast



Sponsored by
 Town of
 Wheatfield
 Lions Club

9:00AM to 1:00PM
 Next Sunday, April 21, 2024
 Cost: \$10 per person (under 5yrs - \$5)
 Five Senses Nature Park 6535 Ward Rd @ Niagara Rd


THIS WEEK



ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE
 12:00PM Monday thru Friday

BIBLE & BREW
 6:30PM Monday, April 22nd
 @ DeMarco's


WOMEN'S HAPPY HOUR
 and/or DINNER



6:00PM
Tuesday, April 23rd
Tin Pan Alley
775 Cayuga St Lewiston

Session Meeting
6:00PM
Wednesday, April 24th

TGIF COFFEE HOUR
9:30AM
THIS Friday, April 26th



Join us then for coffee & conversation!

BAKERS for NEXT Sunday,
April 28th
Team #1

Thank you!
Kim Yung & Jean Westmoore

NEXT SUNDAY... April 28th - Sunday School during worship



Recent Deaths:

Our Shut-Ins: Jean Aureli, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocious, Sylvia Davis, Jean Hansen, Elaine Jelen, Laurie Luick, Jodi Masters, Flora O'Toole, Joan Swearngen, Dorothy Swick, Eileen Tallerico, Kay Vance

Prayer List: Mike Emmick, Doug Roffle (Roberta Bradfield's brother), John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Jimmie O'Toole (Bobbi's brother), Helen Delgrolice, Cassie (friend of Sheila Hare), Pat & Millard Walck (Sue Fallon's family), Onyx Carrig, Scott (Chris Soos' cousin), Corinne Kernin, Elisa Poole, Cindy Ransom, Cathy Rieley Goddard, Jake Cooper (friend of the Buisch family), John Hayes, Becky Holt (Diane's daughter), Amy, Melissa, Arlene, Terry (Patty Geist's friends & boyfriend), Judy (friend of Jane Siever), Tina Jackson, Jack Maggi, D. Ann, Dawn Ralph, Sue Kline (friend of Babs DeMarco), Vicki & Ian Harnden (friends of Kimberly & Roger Yung), Michele Brocious & Family, Bob Kelly