

"So there shall be one flock, one shepherd." John 11:16

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (426:1-4)

HYMNS: 27; 783; 410; 631

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:23-31

The Lord promised to establish one shepherd over His people, His servant David. With this prophecy being written long after David died, this is a prophecy regarding Jesus and how He would be our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He will provide for us, and keep us in a safe place and deliver us from all our enemies. The Lord assures us, "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture, ... and I am your God."

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 3:1-6

Jesus sent letters to the churches in Revelation. As our Shepherd He expresses His concerns that we may have a reputation of having a living faith, but actually be dead, or dying. He urges repentance, exhorting us to remember how we heard at the beginning, and to hold to that truth as we had before. He knows who has been true. Let us be diligent to be faithful and true that we may overcome the enticements of the world, and be clothed in the white garments of Jesus' righteousness. Only then shall Jesus confess our name before the Father that we might inherit eternal life.

THE SERMON: John 10:1-11

Theme: What Makes Jesus Our Good Shepherd

- I. The Good Shepherd's Personalized Care of the Sheep
- II. The Good Shepherd is the Way to Eternal Life
- III. The Good Shepherd Gives His Life for the Sheep

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class will follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class this week at 4:30 p.m.

<u>SATURDAY</u>: Spring cleanup day for church inside and out! Work day begins at 9:00. There will be signup sheets for people to volunteer for specific jobs, or to take on certain jobs if they cannot come on May 17.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council will follow the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 5:1-7.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>June 1</u>: Minnesota Delegate Conference in Sleepy Eye, MN at 3 p.m.

June 8: Pastor Barthels will be preaching in Hales Corners, WI.

June 16-19: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI.

<u>June 22</u>: MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY: Foreign Missionary Ed Starkey will serve as our guest speaker.

June 22-28: Camp Koyquin in Pillager, MN

SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels <u>Ushers:</u> Arnie Ottjes, Melvin Eichstadt, Joe Ubl <u>Cleaning:</u> Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: Attendance: April 20 Worship –20, Sunday school 2 Bible class -8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	882.00		
Needed for Year:	19,440.00		
Received for Year:	18,719.50		

Memorials: Jacob & Martha Tuinder – Property Imprv. Fund - \$25.00

<u>Request for Volunteer(s)</u>: The Ladies Aid is (still) seeking a volunteer(s) for the Card Committee. If you may be interested, please contact President Deb Berg for details on what this may involve.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Yes, it is that time of year again! Please consider which month of the mowing season you would be able to volunteer to mow, and sign up on the sheet that can be found on the mailbox table. Thank you!

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor David and Mary Koenig Retirement Gift – At this summer's CLC Convention, Pastor David and Mary Koenig will be recognized for their many years of service to the Lord. Pastor Koenig served our church body as a resident foreign missionary to Nigeria and India, and also as our visiting representative to many other countries. CLC President Michael Eichstadt has authorized a special collection so that we might present Dave and Mary with a monetary gift to show our love and appreciation for their dedicated service. Monetary gifts by check should be made out the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC), and may be put in the regular offering plate. Please write "David Koenig Retirement Gift" on the memo line. You may also mail your check, before June 9, to the ILC Business Office, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Anita Meyer did accept the call to teach at Immanuel School in Mankato.

BRANCHES NEWSLETTER: The Ladies Aid subscribes to the CLC women's newsletter called "The Branches". It contains many different edifying and interesting articles even healthy recipes! It is available for members to borrow and to take home for a week to read.

Please examine this sample and consider if you would like to support this extension of our CLC fellowship with a subscription. See the insert!