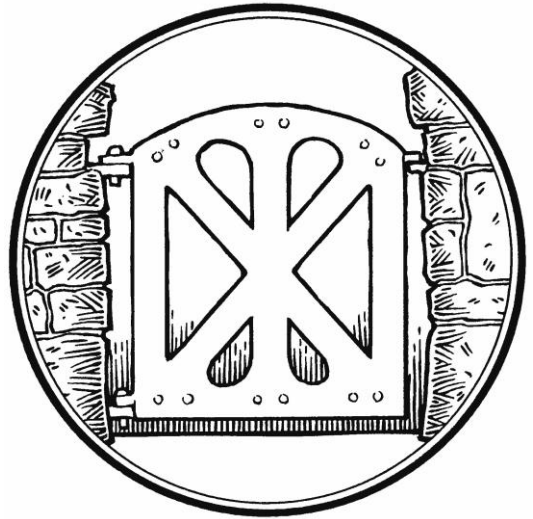


Divine Service  
for the  
**Fourth Sunday  
of  
Easter**

10:00 a.m.  
April 26, 2026 A.D.



## Saint John's Lutheran Church

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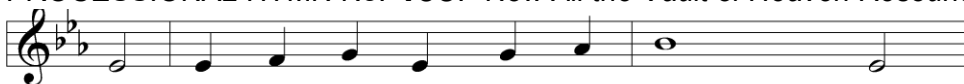
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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!**

It is a great joy to have you with us today. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book located in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Should you wish to include a prayer request in the Prayers of the Church this morning, please speak with one of our pastors before Divine Service. For those with little ones, a nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

AS WE GATHER: Although we were straying like sheep, the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins in His body on the tree. We are healed by His wounds, and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we have life and have it abundantly. Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also hear His voice and know His voice in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship and in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. **465**: *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*



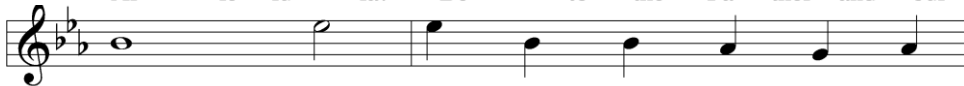
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!"



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✠ CONFESSON and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

✠ INTROIT

P: I am the good | shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

**C: Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!**

P: For the Lord is a | great God,  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

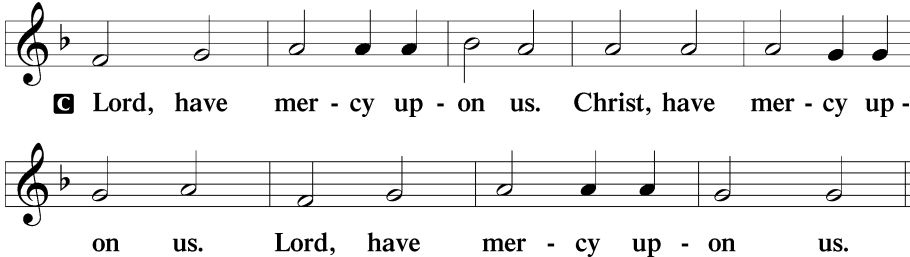
**C: Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!**

P: For he | is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**C: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

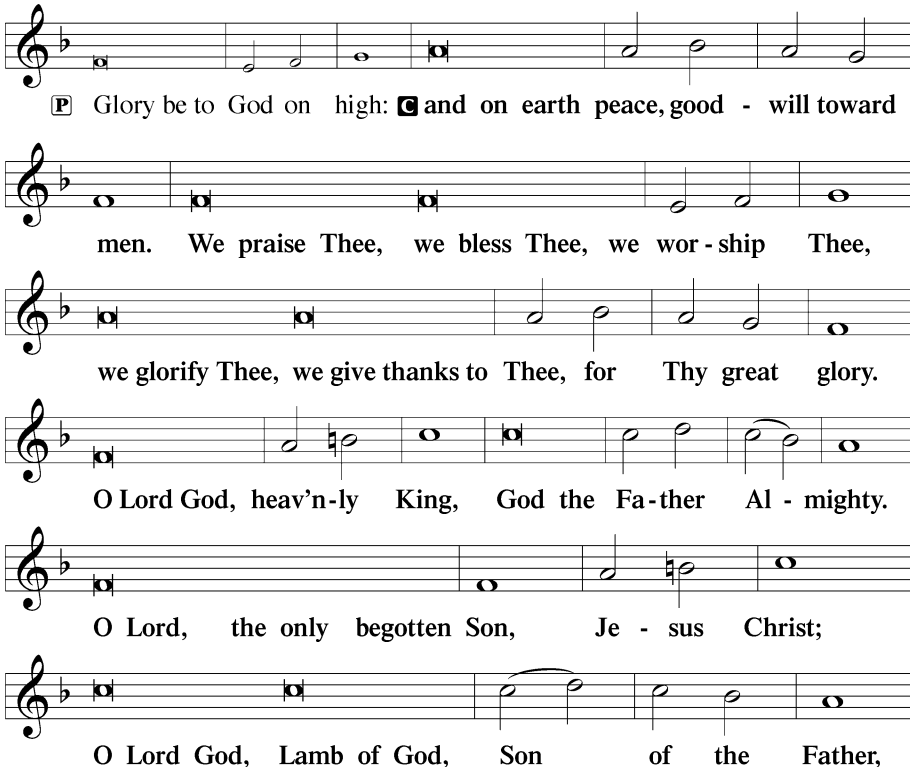
P: I am the good | shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

† KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† GLORIA IN EXCLESIS



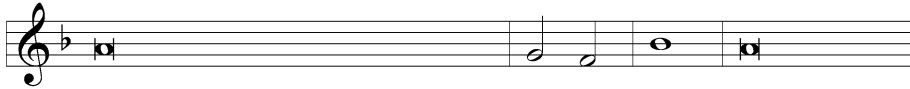
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



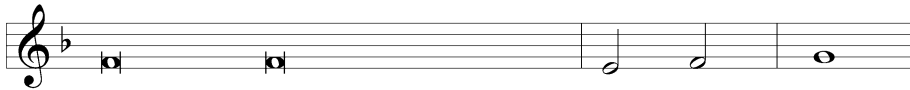
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir-it.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A-men.

*(Be Seated)*

✠ **FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✠ **GRADUAL:**

**Christ has risen | from the dead.  
God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

✠ **EPISTLE READING:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

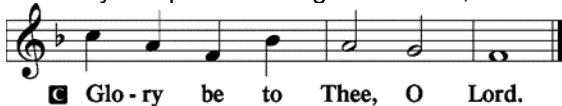
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*



✠ **HOLY GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

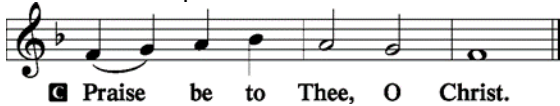
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

✠ CHILDREN'S SERMON

† SERMON HYMN NO. 710: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

† SERMON

† CHOIR ANTHEM:

*(Please Stand)*

† OFFERTORY



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***Service of the Sacrament***

P: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

✠ PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

✠ AGNUS DEI



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**(Be Seated)**

Regarding the Reception of the Lord's Supper

*At Saint John's we believe, teach, and confess according to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions that in the Lord's Supper we receive not merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Holy Supper is not only a gift of Christ, but also a confession of the faith and doctrine confessed at this altar. Because Holy Scripture warns that those who eat and drink unworthily do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and because communing together is also an expression of unity in doctrine and confession, we joyfully invite to the Lord's Table all confirmed members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who are in good standing with their home congregation, who have been instructed and who publicly confess this faith. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we are thankful for your presence today and warmly invite you to come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor approaches. Following the service and in the coming week, our pastors would be glad to speak with you about the Lord's Supper and to share more about what we believe, teach, and confess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*

† DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **458**: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
 de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
 con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
 From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
 The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
 more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
 plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

**5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
 Whom God so freely gave us;  
 He died on the accursèd tree—  
 So strong His love—to save us.  
 See, His blood now marks our door;  
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
 And Satan cannot harm us.  
 Alleluia!**

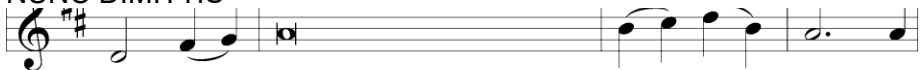
**6 So let us keep the festival  
 To which the Lord invites us;**

Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

(Please Stand)

† NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

✠ THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

✠ SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠ BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN NO **480**: "He's Risen, He's Risen"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

† POSTLUDE

**THIS WEEK:**

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice  
 Midweek Service

4:45 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Pastor Riley's Bible Study  
 German Supper

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 5:30 p.m. Dine-In

FRIDAY

4:30, 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. Take-Out

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 AM Bible Study - Led by Herb Greenspan (*In the Lounge*)  
 Divine Service 10:00 a.m.