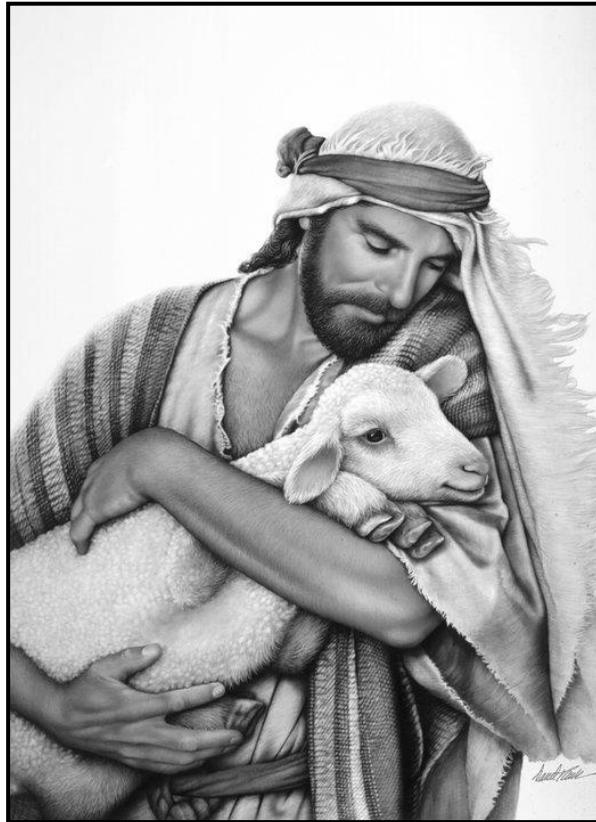


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Good Shepherd Sunday

April 22 & 25, 2021

WELCOME

The Shepherd Leads His Flock Faithfully

OPENING PRAYER

selected verse from the Psalm 23

M We worship in the name of our Heavenly Father, who provides for us.

C **“I shall not be in want.”**

M We worship in the name of our Good Shepherd, whose voice we follow.

C **“He leads me beside quiet waters; He restores my soul.”**

M We worship in the name of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within our hearts.

C **“He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”**

M Our Triune God walks with us wherever we go.

C **“I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.”**

M Our Triune God knows what we need, even before we ask him.

C **“You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”**

M Our Triune God’s goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

C **“And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want

Christian Worship, Hymn # 360

C Verse 1 

**The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

C Verse 2 

**My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

C Verse 5 

**Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M

The Bible reminds us that Our Shepherd is so good. Yet, the Scriptures also remind us that we, His sheep, can be so foolish. The Word says, *"We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way."* As sinful sheep, we confess our sins:

(Our prayer of confession continues on the next page.)

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves in want. It is not because you have neglected to provide abundantly.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often my heart chases after less important things and I wander. Forgive me.**

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves in trouble. It is not because you have failed to lead us properly.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often I listen to the world rather than to your voice of truth. Forgive me.**

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves feeling alone and afraid. It is not because you have abandoned us.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often I left you and turned to my own way. I do not follow you as I should. Forgive me. I long to hear your reassuring voice once again. Lead me to the quiet waters of your grace. Allow me to feed upon the green pastures of your Word and restore my soul. Amen.**

M Our Good Shepherd knows his sheep—with all of our faults. Yet, He still loves us and willingly has laid down his life for us. It was not taken from him, but he laid it down of his own accord to pay the price for our sins. In the stead and by the command of the risen Lord Jesus, I announce God's grace to you. The price has been paid and accepted, and you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Good Shepherd came so that we might have life and have it to the full. Follow Him as He leads you in paths of righteousness and enjoy His blessings in peace.

G **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 3  **Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 7  **Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave
Jesus sinners does receive. *(CW, #304)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

The First Lesson

Acts 4:23-33

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “*“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’*”

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

☐ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1,2

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

MUSICAL OFFERING

SJSJ grades 3-8

10:15 AM service

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Hymn of the Day:

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Christian Worship, Hymn # 432

** Verse 1  I am Jesus' little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

** Verse 2  Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

** Verse 3  Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.**

Psalm 23:1 (KJV)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

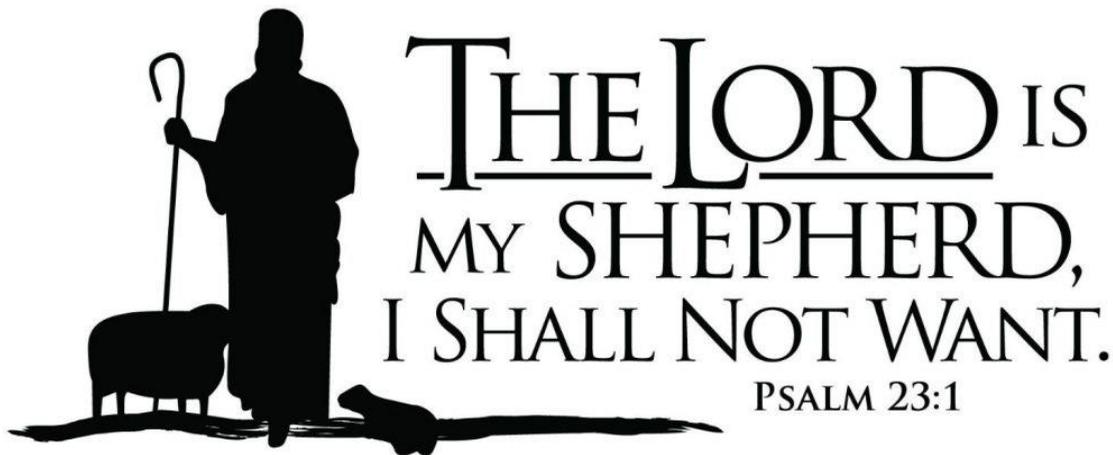
²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, we have heard the sweet sound of your familiar and loving voice in the gospel and have feasted in the green pastures of your Word. Bless your Word in our lives.
- C** **Use its message to nourish and sustain us as we journey through this life to the next.**
- M** Gracious Shepherd, we are truly confused and foolish without you. Forgive us for the times we wander from you and stray from the call of your voice.
- C** **When temporary pleasures beckon us to follow the wide road to hell, use your rod and staff to curb our sinful nature and lead us in paths of righteousness.**
- M** Protecting Shepherd, restore us to your fold, and keep us from traps of the evil one.
- C** **When Satan comes in the sheep's clothing of false teaching, expose his lies and guide us in your truth.**
- M** Tender Shepherd, look with special care on all who suffer from loneliness, disease, accident, or loss. Lift them into your comforting arms, and embrace them with the warmth of your love.
- C** **Carry your sheep through life's troubling times. Renew hope and joy in their lives.**
- M** Loving Shepherd, we pray also for your "other sheep." Let your voice be heard in all the world. Prosper the work of our missionaries at home and abroad
- C** **Give us all the zeal and courage to share with our friends and neighbors the good news of sins forgiven. Use our witness to gather the elect into one fold under your care.**

(Special intercessions may be offered here. Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

M Eternal Shepherd, when our days on earth come to an end and we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, lead us safely to our eternal home.

C **Guide us that we may enjoy your goodness and mercy all the days of our life. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

SONG OF APPROACH

M We join in song to express the common faith that unites us.

C Verse 2

♪ **We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 6

♪ **I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve—
Jesus sinners does receive. *(CW, #304)***

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, as a sinner, I desire to be spiritually refreshed and renewed by your Holy Supper. Strengthen my faith as I partake of your body and blood. May I experience the bond of faith and love that exists among us and my fellow believers in the faith we share. Move me to forgive, serve, and live my faith to your honor and glory. Graciously receive me as your guest. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration:)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M By the love you have shown us inspire us through the Holy Spirit to dedicate ourselves anew as your grateful sons and daughters. With the flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts, let us live each day in confident communion with you until the day when we shall depart this life to be in your eternal presence, where we will sing your praises and be devoted to serving you in righteousness through endless ages. In Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING VERSES

M “May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will,

C **And may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”**

(Hebrews 13:20,21)

Closing Hymn:

Christian Worship, Hymn # 442

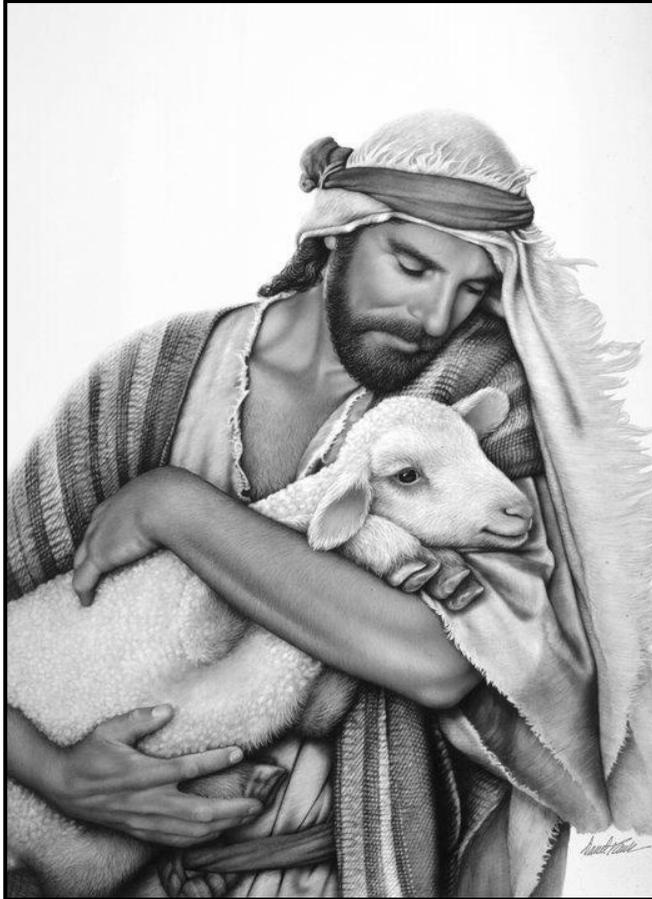
Have No Fear, Little Flock

C Verse 1

♪ **Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

C Verse 2 ♪ **Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

C Verse 4 ♪ **Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**



PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING GOD'S HOUSE

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert Organ Today—Judy Mangin
Wednesday 4/28	Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm
Thursday 4/29	Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Thursday, April 22 and Sunday, April 25

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**— Terry/Karen Prochnow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**— Terry/Karen Prochnow(April) & Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline(May).

DIVINE CALLS—Pastor Aden has returned the divine call he received to serve at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor Aden as he continues to shepherd the flock here at St. John—St. James. Mrs. DeCleene has accepted the divine call she received to serve as a part-time Language Arts teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Newtonburg, WI. We pray that God will bless Mrs. DeCleene as she begins a new chapter with His lambs in Newtonburg.

GIFTS GIVEN—Mary Lou Krepline has given a gift to the Building fund in memory of Randy Habermann. Thank you so very much!

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms are \$3,792.00. Due to Covid 19 we did not have the fundraising help we usually do. Any donations would be greatly appreciated to defer the cost. Any questions contact PTO president Dave Robley 920-772-4959. Cost of uniforms is \$ 3,792.00 we have received \$ 1,920.00, still needed is \$ 1,872.00 Thank you.

HYMNALS - There are exciting changes like multiple arrangements for some of the hymns and psalms as well as a service builder software that will aid in service preparations and offer a three-year service planner to guide us as we spend time in God's word. The voters have approved the purchase of the new Hymnals and Bibles for placement in the pews. If you are interested in donating hymnals, Bibles or purchasing one for your own personal home use, there are donation forms in the West Office. Place your donation and the form in the Church Box next to the forms in the west office or mail it to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville WI 54230. ** Hymnals needed—200; Hymnals donated—73. Hymnals still needed—127. Bibles needed—100, Bibles donated—7; Bibles still needed—93. Donated to the Service Builder and the Playlist—\$243.00 still needed—\$582.00. (**Service Builder and Play List are an annual fee**). The Organist and Altar books have been donated. Thank you.

HOME-BOUND MEMBERS LIST—There have been some recent up-dates to our Home-Bound members list. If you would like to send a card, letter, or give them a call the list is in the West Church Office.

BAPTISM—Congratulations on the baptism of Maisie Grace Waack on Sunday, April 18. Timothy and Amy Waack are Maisie's Parents. Tammy Murphy and Nick Staudinger are the Sponsors for Maisie. Welcome to our church family Maisie!

SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICES CLOSING EARLY—The School/Church Offices will be closing at noon on Friday, April 30th.

EASTER LILIES—If you would like an Easter Lily they are now located in the Choir Room. They are looking a bit weathered so this will be the last week they will be available to take home. Thank you for taking them off our hands!

AMAZON SMILE—Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St John St James Lutheran Church when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6000447.

MLC/MLHS SCHOLARSHIP—This fall Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$28,690.00 We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the student's home congregation gives each student \$1000.00, MLC will match it.

All of our eighth graders will be attending MLHS this fall. The majority of these students do not have a School Choice Voucher. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.00. We'd like to help these students with their tuition costs. We have set a goal of \$8,000.00 to provide our MLC and MLHS students with tuition assistance. We will run this special offering from March 28th to June 6th. If you wish to contribute, mark your envelope **MLC/ MLHS Scholarship Fund**. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or email Dan at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com Presently we have \$3,000.00 for MLC and \$900.00 for MLHS. Still needed, \$4,100.00.

VOTERS' MEETING—The CEC and Church Council would like to offer more Principal Administrative time to Mr. Zimmerman next school year. There are a number of reasons for this recommendation; the most noteworthy is the added administrative responsibilities from School Choice. Shelly DeCleene (who currently teaches while Mr. Zimmerman has Admin time) has accepted a call to St. John's in Newtonburg. We are scheduling a voter's meeting on Sunday, May 16th at 9:15 am in the Commons. On the agenda is discussing and approving the extra cost for this part time teacher. If the voters approve, we intend to extend a call at this meeting. We will also have quarterly reports at this meeting, so that our June meeting can focus solely on the budget. Those submitting a report should send it to Cindy before April 30th.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION—Our 8th Grade Graduation has been moved to Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:00pm. In order to accommodate more people & allow our K-8 students to sing, we will hold this year's graduation ceremony either outside or in the gym rather than during the Thursday evening worship service as originally planned. Please watch for more details to come as plans are being finalized!

Thank You

Words cannot express the gratitude that our family has for our congregation. We know that God was looking out for us that day. Somehow this fire was part of His plan and even though we do not understand why these things happen, we must trust in Him. Your generous gift has helped us with the financial burden of restoring our home and replacing what was lost. Thank you all very much for helping our family move forward.

Matt, Alison, Rosalynn, Mathias & Kayleigh Hills

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—April 12-18

Church Attendance:

Thursday 6:30pm Service—54

Sunday 8:00am—69, 10:15am—89, Total: 212

Offerings:

General Fund—\$7,036.00*, Synod—\$185.50*, MLHS—\$235.50*, Total \$7,457.00*

Special Offerings:

Building Fund—\$1,900.00* (needed each week \$2,312)

MLC Scholarship—\$350.00

MLHS Scholarship—\$150.00

* Electronic Offerings Included