April 21, 2024 Easter 4

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Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us remain in your Word. Since false doctrine endangers faith, preserve our congregation and synod from all error. Since everyone needs to know your saving truth, bless our efforts to promote pure doctrine and practice. Mercifully prevent us from tolerating a falsehood. Keep us from any fellowship that is not based on complete doctrinal unity. May we always believe, teach, and confess everything you have revealed in Scripture. Grant us true unity! Amen.

THE GODLY AND SCRIPTURAL PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

As a visitor or guest of Gloria Dei, you may be interested and relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our congregational practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact, as an expression of fellowship this observance is intended only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the essence of the Sacrament, and who have previously expressed their communicant fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and our congregation. This is what is meant by the godly and Scriptural practice called "Close Communion".

While in former years nearly all Lutheran church bodies held firmly to this practice, in recent decades most have abandoned it. It is with a measure of godly appreciation and forthrightness that we still retain it. We joyfully extend altar fellowship at the Lord's Table to the communicant members of the WELS and also to those of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) with whom we are presently in fellowship. If you have any questions about our practice, please contact Pastor Hacker.

May God grant that this Scriptural practice be welcomed by all who worship here today.

Come Let Us Worship

Hymns: 551, 552, 804, 554 Choir: 23b First Lesson: Acts 20:28-32 Second Lesson: 1 John 4:1-6 Gospel: John 10:11-18

Resurrection Reality

The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING OU THIS MORNING:

Ushers: Tom Furnner, Scott Mortimer, & Allen Mortimer Communion Set Up: Mortimer Communion Assistant: Rod Davies Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo Livestream Assistant: Jeff Edgett Counters: Mortimer & Major Cleaners for April 28: Allar

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON APRIL 28:

Ushers: Rocky Bessolo, Eric Bessolo, Eric Metz Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer Counters: Callahan & Furnner Cleaners for May 5: Moore

OUR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD & WORK

April 14 At	<u>tendance</u>	Fund	Offering
Worship	79	General	\$5,097.03
Thursday Adult Bible	Class 5	Flowers	20.00

Weekly General Fund Budget \$5,118.00 Quarterly Mission Project*: Friends Network



Daily Dible Readings Daily						
Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.		
April 21	Joshua 23,24	94: 12-23	21	I Corinthians 7,8		
April 22	Judges 1,2	95	22	I Corinthians 9,10		
April 23	Judges 3,4	96	23	I Corinthians 11,12		
April 24	Judges 5,6	97	24	I Corinthians 13,14		
April 25	Judges 7,8	98	25	I Corinthians 15		
April 26	Judges 9	99	26	I Corinthians 16		
April 27	Judges 10,11	100	27	2 Corinthians 1,2		

Daily Bible Readings Daily

This Week at Gloria Dei

Monday	4:45pm	Bible Information Class	
-	6:30pm	Confirmation Class	
Tuesday	7:00pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday	9:00am	Adult Bible Class	
	6:30pm	Board of Elders Meeting	

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by the Zochs in celebration of their 49th anniversary. Happy Anniversary Geri & Paul!

FELLOWSHIP: We'd like to thank the Moores for providing the refreshments this morning.

CALL: At our last call meeting there was a unanimous vote to call Pastor James Strand. Pastor Strand is currently the pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He welcomes your calls and prayers. You can reach him at 715-933-2550 or welspastor@bloomer.net.

GERANIUMS: We will be purchasing red geraniums for Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday. The 6" pots will be \$15.00 each and the last day to order will be May 5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Cass Moore.



