

## Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## 1 John 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## John 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



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We extend a special welcome  
to all who worship with us in  
God's House today. If you have  
no church home, we invite you  
to make Good Shepherd your  
church home.

**April 29, 2018  
Fifth Sunday  
Of Easter**

## Order of Service

**5 pm & 8 am:**

**Divine Service** Setting 2 p. 167

**Opening Hymn:** 465

**Hymn of the Day:** 474

**Closing:** 706

**10:30 am:**

**Divine Service** Setting 2 p. 167

**Opening Hymn:** In Christ Alone  
(see printout p.6 of bulletin)

**Hymn of the Day:** 474

**Closing:** 465

**Age Two-Five Year old children-The  
"Quiet Activity**

"Tree" is in the back of the church. Pick  
up a bag before church, use it and  
return it and all items to the tree for the  
next service.

**The nursery** is located in the back of  
church, west door. Parents with babies  
please note there is a changing table  
through the south door.

The nursery is not staffed; you are  
responsible for your children when  
they are in the nursery.

**Please sign the registration book &  
include your contact information!!**

Also mark communion attendance!

**Need Communion at your seat?**

Let pastor know before the service.

**Thank you** to the congregation  
for all the donations of  
Personal Care Kits or the  
supplies for the kits. Also, a big  
thank you to the Adult Bible  
Class for their generous  
offering on April 8. With their  
offering and the money from  
LWML, we were able to donate  
\$453 toward the shipping of  
the Lutheran World Relief  
items!

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD  
SUNDAY**

8:00 am – Divine Worship  
9:15 am – SS/Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am – Divine Worship  
11:30 am–5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Nerf/Pizza

**MONDAY**

12:20 pm – LL Preschool

**TUESDAY**

8:30 am – LL Preschool  
9:00 am – Sewing  
12:20 pm – LL Preschool  
6:00 pm - Parents meeting of  
students going to camp  
6:30 pm – Bd. Of Ed.

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 am – LL Preschool  
12:20 pm – LL Preschool  
5:30 pm – Conf. Pictures  
6:15 pm – Shep. Ringers  
7:15 pm – Family Singers

**THURSDAY**

7:00 am – Men’s Bible Study  
8:30 am – LL Preschool  
12:20 pm – LL Preschool  
5:00 pm – Beacon of Hope Meal

**FRIDAY**

8:30 am – LL Preschool  
12:20 pm – LL Preschool  
3-6 pm-Gem & Junque Sale

**SATURDAY**

8:00-1:00 – Gem & Junque Sale  
5:00 pm – Divine Worship

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am – Divine Worship with HC  
9:15 am – SS/Confirmand Social  
10:30 am – Divine Worship with  
Rite of Confirmation

**Acolytes:**

10:30 am  
Mateo & Diego Ron

**Greeters:**

Hank & Rita Milberger

**Ushers:**

Dwight Wedemeyer  
Gary St John  
Marc Ropte  
Chuck Peterson

**Organists:**

Joan Arndt  
Joan Arndt  
Joan Arndt

**In Our Prayers:**

Russ Licht  
Linda Compton  
Betty Pieper  
Beverly White  
Donald Beck  
Gloria Milbrath  
Hallie & Hattie-Great  
Granddaughters of Freida Paulson

**Baptized:** Alma Louise

Kastendieck, daughter of John and  
Mandy Kastendieck

**Celebration of Life Birthdays:**

Mardell Prewitt-April 30  
Marlys Ditzenberger-April 30  
Glenis Joslin-May 4

**Baptismal Birthdays:**

Noah Brown-April 28  
Adam Neavin-April 28  
Ruby Jacobsen-April 30  
Phil Reed-April 30  
Randy Junkman-May 1  
Liam Blomberg-May 4

**Attendance** – 65, 36, 121

**Gifts to the Lord:**

**Budget Giving:**

Envelope/Plate/Auto

**Deposits**-\$10,525

**Total of all Gifts:** \$10,525

Military Bible Sticks-\$525

**Introit**

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

P: I will extol you, my God and King,

**C: and bless your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will bless you

**C: and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

**C: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

**C: and again a little while, and you will see me.**

**Collect**

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**WORD OF GOD VERSE** 833 v 3 *Listen, God Is Calling*

Leader: Listen,

**All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.**

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

**All: Standing steadfast,**

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

**All: Led by Your Word.**

Leader: Listen,

**All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.**

## Camp Okoboji 2018 Program Offerings

Register and get more information at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

**Spring Volunteer Weekend** May 3-6

**Youth Volunteer Weekend** May 11-13

**Spring Men's Retreat** May 17-20

**Memorial Day weekend & Veteran's Retreat** May 25-28

**Kid's Kamp** (Gr. Kind.-2<sup>nd</sup>) June 1-3 Campers attend with a parent or care-giver

**Technology Camp** June 10-15 Make your own video game & how to program your drone!

**Girls' volleyball, basketball & Soccer Sport Camp** June 10-16 Grades 4-8 Cost: \$350

**Minneboji Youth Camp** June 17-23 (Gr. 4-9) Cost: \$370 Register at [minneboji.com](http://minneboji.com)

**IDW District Convention** June 24-27

**LWML District Convention** June 27-30

**Family Retreat** July 1-6 Topic Leader: Rev. John Riggert

**Quilt Auction** July 7

**Jr High Youth Week** July 8-14 (Gr. 6-8) Cost: \$335

**JOY Camp II** (Special Needs) July 12-15

**Concordia Cub Week** July 15-21 (Gr. 3-6) Cost \$355

**Sr. High Youth Week** July 22-28 (Gr. 9-12) Cost \$339

**Family Retreat I** July 29 –Aug 3 Topic Leader-Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz

**Family Retreat II** August 5-10 Topic Leader-Kim Fitzner

**Adult Retreat** Aug 24-26

**In Christ Alone** *ccli#1803619*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

“When we see the unborn ... vulnerable, helpless, destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**Building Healthy Families:** The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent or a husband or wife relating to your spouse, pledge to always be truthful even (and maybe most especially) when it would seem easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. Trust is eroded, which puts the relationship at great risk. *“We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right.” (Proverbs 12:13)* Lutheran Family Service 573-3138 and/or this web address: [LFSiowa.org](http://LFSiowa.org).

### "The Answer to Unhappiness"

What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness. Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour KJYL (100.7) 6 pm. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KHBT 97.7 FM 12 pm Sunday, WHO-1040, 7:30 am Sunday. Log on to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for other stations and details. Hear Woman-to-Woman on Saturdays over Boone station 1260 AM at 1:30 pm

## WHY ARE THE MITE BOXES IN THE PEWS?

National LWML has chosen 22 worthy causes for their mission grants. Good Shepherd LWML is encouraging our congregation to help by contributing mites monthly. OLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting has been promised \$100,000.

**Hurricane Katrina** was the largest residential disaster in United States history. Twelve years later there is no more federal aid, and many inner-city communities are still hurting. New Orleans has the third highest homeless rate in the nation with 1,700 homeless persons every night, much of this due to the hurricane and loss of homes. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out. Many residents lost friends and family and still suffer from loneliness and depression. Six inner-city LCMS churches, their pastors, leaders, and members have come together to serve Christ by serving their neighbors and providing food and shelter. The NOLA 4H churches work closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries such as food banks, clothing, toiletries, Bibles, prayer books, counseling, and clinics. Funds will go towards these ministries and equipping each of the fellowship halls in the six churches to serve more people.

## **GEM AND JUNQUE SALE REMINDER**

- \* Bring donations either Thursday May 3 or Friday, May 4 from 1:00 to 6:00
  - \* Help by putting your donations out on the proper tables
  - \* Shop! Shop! Shop!
- Hours are Friday, May 4 from 3 to 6 & Saturday, May 5 from 8 am to 1pm
- \*Assist as needed (even if you have not signed up)
- \*This is a fund raiser to replace air conditioners. We will all benefit!

**Prince of Peace** Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time secretary, due to the retirement of Linda Hallgren. Job duties will include general office management, preparation of bulletins and worship materials and maintaining church records. Applicant must deal with church members and the public well. Hours will be mornings, 4 days per week. Applications available in church office at 1023 so 27th Street, Fort Dodge or contact the office at 573-8618.

## **C.I.A. Youth**

- Jr & Senior C.I.A.**-Sunday, May 20th from 5 - 8 p.m. We will have oversized games & bonfire with hotdogs & smores. Bring your own drinks.
- SR C.I.A.** (must be confirmed) Adventureland is scheduled for August 2nd. More details to come.
- Jr & Sr C.I.A.** Camping Trip with Pastor - Sunday, June 10th – Wednesday, June 13th - Details to come

**Stewardship Corner:** John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing...and it always comes with some pruning.

**We are** collecting Box Tops for Education for St Paul School. Please leave them in church office if you have any!

**Nerf War/Pizza-today will be for 5th grade through 7th grade** from 11:45 - 2:00 - parents are welcome to stay but do not need to.

**Parents of children** going to camp this summer, you will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 6 pm.

**Recycling collection** is still being encouraged by LWML. Printer cartridges and cell phones may be left in the library. Proceeds from this project are used to help fund LWML grants.

**Support** Good Shepherd by shopping! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. You can select a different charitable organization after signing in. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

**Lotus Project**, emergency shelter and outreach center services for homeless women and children is now seeking funds to establish a local center. (Currently the YWCA only takes women who are recovering addicts.) To learn more about the project go to [www.lotuscommunityproject.org](http://www.lotuscommunityproject.org). Donations can be made out to St Olaf Lutheran with Lotus Project in the memo to Lotus Community Project, P O Box 1654, Ft Dodge, IA 50501.

**Iowa District West Joy** in Ministry Banquet will be Sunday, June 3 at 6 pm. At the Carrollton Inn, 1730 US Hwy 71 North, Carroll, IA. To make reservations contact Sue at the District Office 576-7666 or [sue@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:sue@iowadistrictwest.org)

**“Walk for Life”** will be on Saturday, May 19 at John F Kennedy Memorial Park, Bob Heun Shelter. See the display on the table in the Overflow for information on how to register!

**Beacon of Hope Ministry** needs: Prayers, Financial contributions, grocery and gas cards, cleaning products, Laundry detergent, coffee, sugar, paper products, large trash bags, cereal, potato chips, spaghetti sauce, canned food, foil, zip lock bags, baked sweets, butter, disposable razors, underwear and sock. Items may be dropped off at 1021 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N.

**As many of** you are aware, placement ceremonies took place this week in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. I was present for both ceremonies and am pleased to report the following new placements in Iowa District West:

### **Pastoral Candidates**

Andrew Coop (St. Louis) St. Paul, Ankeny (Associate)  
Joseph Hanson (St. Louis) First, Missouri Valley  
Jeremiah Jording (St. Louis) Immanuel, Spirit Lake (Associate)  
Garret Kasper (St. Louis) Christ, Remsen  
Zachary Viggers (Fort Wayne) St. John, Alta

### **Vicarage Candidate**

Vicar Jared Cooksey (Fort Wayne) Our Savior, Denison/Bethlehem, Dow City  
Please keep all of these men, their families and the congregations they have been assigned in your prayers as plans are made for their Ordinations and Installations. Peace and Joy in our Risen Savior,

**Rev. Dr. Steven Turner, President**