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Good Shepherd Fort Dodge

Little Lambs Preschool
576-6308

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.



May 10, 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151

Opening Hymn: 616

Sermon Hymn: 490

Distribution: 556, 618, 844, 792

Closing Hymn: 923

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC
10:30am SS/Adult Bible Study

Happy Mother's Day

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL Preschool
1:30pm-Friendship Haven
6:30pm-Kingsmen
6:45pm-Hannah's Circle

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
5:00pm-Christian Outreach
6:00pm-Swaddling Clothes

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study
8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool
3:00pm-Dorcas Circle
6:00pm-Ascension Service w/HC

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Ardys Mae Bible Study
12:00pm-LL Preschool
2:00pm-4yr Old Graduation

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Service w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service w/HC
Sunday School Kids Singing
10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study

In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Dorothy Kester
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Lynette Bossart
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson
Violet Dencklau
Debbie Monical

Baptismal Birthdays:

Dean Barnett-May 14
Delaney Kastendieck-May 15
Tenley Kastendieck-May 15

Attendance – 34, 114

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$5807.06

Mission Central-\$20

Online-\$400

Total of all Gifts: \$6227.06

Acolytes

5/10– Lillian Fevold & Violet Newell

Organist/Pianist

5/9-Judy Zoch

5/10-Mandy Kastendieck

May Ushers

Gary Koch
Darrell Sturtz

Elders in charge of communion:

5/9-Mike Wiese

5/10-Jerry Bossart &
Dennis Detmering

The nursery is located in the back of church. Parents are welcome to take their children in there at any time during the service. Please note, there is a changing table/restroom in the back.

Little Lambs Preschool

4yr Old Graduation

May 15th at 2pm

****Please note change of date and time for 4yr olds****

3yr Old Program

May 22nd at 10am

*Attn Prayer Partners-if you would like to provide a gift or a card, please have them here by Tues May 19th.

Flowers gracing our chancel

today are given by Wayne & Rita Lussman in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary and in honor of all Mothers.



Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 17th.

*Kids will be singing during the service on May 17th.

Stewardship

As we celebrate the gift of nurture and care, we practice stewardship by becoming givers of God's good and perfect gifts.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." — James 1:17

Introit

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

P: Forever, O LORD, your word

C: is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C: you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P: By your appointment they stand this day,

C: for all things are your servants.

P: If your law had not been my delight,

C: I would have perished in my affliction.

P: I will never forget your precepts,

C: for by them you have given me life.

Glory be to the Father & to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

P: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Collect

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.” ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”



Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."



Donations needed for our DCE Intern's Apartment

We are looking for furniture items such as a dining room table, chairs, couch, etc.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please put your name and what you would like to donate. This way we won't get duplicate items.

****We will reach out when we know his final needs.**



Thank you for your help!



OUTDOOR SERVICE AND
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 9AM

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS
WORSHIP WITH US
STAY FOR BREAKFAST!

THANK YOU TO THE ELDERS FOR
PROVIDING BREAKFAST!



VBS will be June 14th thru June 18th

We need volunteers!

Cheryl Eichler will be the director again this year. She will be coordinating volunteers interested in helping. Please contact Cheryl at 620-366-3023 if you would like to help.

****We are in need of solid color bedsheets to make togas. Any size will work. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church office.**



Stewardship Corner:

John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

Building Healthy Families: How do you put a mother’s love into words? It’s steady and selfless, quiet yet powerful—woven into everyday moments and lifelong sacrifices. Scripture paints this kind of love in many places, and while 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 isn’t always labeled as a “mother’s passage,” it beautifully reflects what so many mothers live out each day: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother’s Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. No texting or snapchatting today: call or visit your mother!)

www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“If you’re a single parent, don’t count yourself out ... If you’re widowed or divorced, don’t count yourself out. If you’ve never married, don’t count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, ‘How does this apply to me?’ The answer is that the glory of Christ’s resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together.” *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour”*

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“The King Who Reigns” If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. (Luke 24:36-53)

[Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour](#)
WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday,
KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday,
KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT
(97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.





4 Year Old Lead Preschool Teacher Needed

Position is Part-Time with Full-time Potential

Sign on Bonus for Qualified Candidate

Must have BA in Early Childhood Education

Contact Joan Arndt @ Little Lambs Preschool

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MEMORY VERSE

*Rejoice in hope,
be patient in
tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12



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