

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP.

We hope you will find the service meaningful and our fellowship friendly.
If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

8:30AM LEWIS VALLEY

10:00AM MINDORO

AND LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

Please stand as able at parts marked *

WORSHIP LEADERS

LAY LEADER Jason Knipe
ACOLYTE AT MINDORO
LECTORS Carol Taylor, Ginny Wegner
ORGANIST Sharon Pfaff
AV VOLUNTEERS Jason Knipe, Russell Van Riper
..... Becky Whalen, Lara Hines, Kay Pfaff, Crystal Sbraggia
HEAD USHERS Jerome Nelson, Russell Van Riper, Dave Whalen
..... Jim Hines
USHERS Steve & Kay Timm, Ronnie & Faith Storandt
COMMUNION HELPERS no communion
FELLOWSHIP HOST AT LEWIS VALLEY Carol Euler
COUNTERS Nikki Christopherson, Carol Taylor

Pastor Emma will be on vacation through Wednesday, 04/24/2024.

If you have a pastoral care need while Pastor Emma is on vacation,
you can reach out to another pastor:

Date	Pastor	Contact Number
Today, April 21	Libby Howe	608-397-9623
Monday April 22	Paul Sannerud	218-355-1957
Tuesday April 23	Kathy Ingbritsen	608-606-2903
Wednesday April 24	Kathy Ingbritsen	608-606-2903

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed at Mindoro Lutheran

If you would like to volunteer, there is a clipboard with a sign up sheet in
the Narthex - or call Mona in the church office, 608-857-3474.

Volunteers are needed for all of May.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we
have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on
us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live
in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*HYMN *Have No Fear, Little Flock* **764**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek
the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be**

satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Psalms 23 *read responsively*

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 21 Pastor Emma & Heather’s Wedding Day
- April 21 Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
- April 21 Joint Sunday School at Mindoro, 9:00am
- April 21 Worship at Mindoro, 10:00am
- April 22 Norden Cemetery Spring Clean-up, 3:00pm
- April 22 Eagle Crest/Bethany Lutheran Homes Annual Meeting
- April 24 Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- April 25 Rebekah Circle meets, 1:00pm
- April 28 Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
- April 28 Joint Sunday School at Mindoro, 9:00am
- April 28 Worship at Mindoro, 10:00am
- April 29 Campus Ministry Cookies to Mindoro Lutheran by 3:00pm
- April 30 Parsonage Team meets, 11:00am
- April 30 Worship Team meets, 3:30pm
- May 1 Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- May 5 Honorary Sunday at both worships
- May 5 Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
- May 5 Joint Sunday School at Mindoro, 9:00am
- May 5 Worship at Mindoro, 10:00am
- May 6 Men’s Breakfast at Top Dawg’s, 8:00am
- May 8 Confirmation 7th & 8th graders & their families Banquet of Honor at
..... Mindoro, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- May 12 Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
- May 12 Jt Sunday School at Mindoro (last day for this school year), 9:00am
- May 12 Sunday School sings at Mindoro’s Worship, 10:00am
- May 12 Confirmation Sunday at Mindoro’s Worship, 10:00am
- May 13 Councils meet at Lewis Valley, 6:30pm

**North Bend Presbyterian Church Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
TODAY, Sunday, April 21, 2024, 8:00am-Noon**
at North Bend Lions Club Park, State Road 54, one mile west of North Bend.

TODAY is Noisy Offering Sunday.

Our Noisy Offering today will go to Holmen's Hope.

No Spring Clean-Up for Mindoro Lutheran today

Mindoro Lutheran's yard is looking good so no spring clean-up is needed.

Thank you to Cindy Tracey for weeding and to David & Mary Kastenschmidt for fertilizing.

Spring Clean-Up at Lewis Valley's Norden Cemetery

Monday, April 22, 2024, starting at 3:00pm

The Holmen FFA students will be there to help with the clean-up.

There will be a light meal at the clean-up.

Bring your favorite rake and work gloves.

WATER PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Each year for Synod Assembly all the congregations in the La Crosse Area Synod raise funds for the same project. You may remember a few years back the cow project where each congregation was challenged to raise enough funds to buy 1 cow through ELCA Good Gifts for people in need around the world. Last year we took socks and underwear for local clothing closets. This year each congregation is raising funds for water projects around the world: wells, irrigation systems, latrines, and water filters. There is a metal bucket at each congregation with envelopes hanging above it. To participate, grab an envelope and fill it with the cash or check amount specified on the envelope. Drop the envelope in the bucket or in the offering plate to donate to this project. We'll be having a friendly competition between Lewis Valley and Mindoro Lutheran Churches. Each week between Sunday April 28 and June 2, we'll have running totals in the bulletin to see which congregation wins bragging rights for raising the most money!



PROPERTY SIGN-OUT FORMS FOR BOTH CHURCHES

Just a reminder that we have Property Sign-Out Forms to fill out when you are borrowing items from the churches. If Mona isn't in the office to give you a form to fill out and leave with her, there are blank forms in the basement that you can fill out and leave on the kitchen counter. At Lewis Valley, the forms are hanging on one of the cupboards in the kitchen. At Mindoro, the forms are hanging on the outside door (on the inside of it) into the basement.

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Alleluia*..... page 151

*The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Jason Knipe

*HYMN.....*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*789

*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we lay before you all of our needs and joys...we especially lift up in prayer today: **Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Carol Dobbs; Mike Dobbs; Lori Ernstes; Emma Goodenough; in celebration with Pastor Emma & Heather on their wedding day today; Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean; Brian Koss; Ila Krueger; Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelson; Rusty Opland; Ben Pfaff; Mary Christina Pfaff; Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Chuck Pietscher; Amelia Pike's mom; Jeff Severson; Brian Sinotte; Monroe Skotak; Nancy Spangler; Gary "Jingles" Stetzer; Laurie Strano; Sam Tracey; Russell Van Riper; Gary Wortman; Heather Young; our healthcare workers; our military men & women; and Family & Friends of Sharon Zibrowski.** Today we also lift up all of our home and nursing home bound, especially **Audrey Baker, Joan Danielson, Bob Everitt, Grace Kastenschmidt, Ruby Knudson, Audrey Makes, Yvonne Meyer, Ron & Mary Phillips, Chauncey & Mary Stetzer, and Eloise Thum.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
You may choose to share the peace with a handshake, wave, peace sign, or touching elbows. In the midst of cold and flu season, and always, you are encouraged to share the peace in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *inspired by Psalm 23 and 1 John 3*
The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance.

The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action.
May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care.
May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

OFFERING AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HOLMEN'S HOPE

*OFFERTORY HYMN..... *Give Thanks*..... **screen**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER *inspired by Psalm 23 and 1 John 3*

God of love,
you abide with us;
you provide for all our needs
and guide us in your ways.
Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you.
Use them for your work of caring,
that all may feast at the table of abundance,
walk without fear,
and drink deeply
from the cup of compassion. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN..... *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* **536**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Invitation to the Offering and Offering Prayer written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on Ministry Matters. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>