



Jesus the Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Hanover Lutheran Church

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Rev. Rod Benkendorf, Pastor

Welcome!

Welcome to Hanover Lutheran Church! What a blessing from the Almighty God that he calls us and allows us and desires us to be in worship together. We are pleased and thankful that you are here today to hear God's Word and receive His Gifts. As Redeemed Children of God, it is our goal to fulfill the "Law of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:21) which is to Love God and Love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). Again, thank you for joining us in worshipping the One True God who sent His Son to suffer, die, and rise for us! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Pastor Rod Benkendorf (314-704-8202) or the church office (573-335-8583).

We invite you to join us in the Activity Center at 9:00am this morning as we continue our adult Bible study.

Office Hours

The church office will be open with the secretary present 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday

Pastor will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Pastor's day off will be Monday.

Vicar will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Vicar's day off will be Monday.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Benkendorf at (314)704-8202.

Calendar

Sunday 4/21	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am 2:00pm	Worship SS/Bible Study Civil War Roundtable
Tuesday 4/23	4:45pm 7:00pm	Finance Board CALL DAY Potter's Clay-Good Shepherd
Wednesday 4/24	9:30am 6:30pm	Bible Study Bible Study
Friday 4/26	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 4/28	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am 2:00pm	Communion SS/Bible Study Lutheran Home Service

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7:45 & 10:15 am

Prelude/Ringing of Church Bells

Lighting of the Candles

Announcements

Prayer for Worship

(see inside cover of LSB)

Opening Hymn

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB 740*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession,...and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 23 KJV (unison)

C ¹The 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 forever.

Kyrie (sung)

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

LSB 187

C **Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (response is sung)

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Special Music

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (sung)

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel (response is sung)

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709*

Sermon

“What Your Good Shepherd Does” *John 10:11-18*

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Lord’s Prayer

(see inside back cover of LSB)

Collect for the Church

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (sung)

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord...and ☩ give you peace

C Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

Closing Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *LSB 710*

Postlude

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Easter: He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Finally, after forty plus days of reflection and repentance, after seeing Jesus die for us, we celebrate! We celebrate with unbridled Joy! Not only has God paid the price for our sins, He has fully and completely defeated death and Satan. We celebrate that because He Lives, we too shall Live! “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). The color of Easter Sunday and the Easter season is white. The light of the world has returned, FOREVER!

COMMUNION GUIDANCE: We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD's Supper. Indeed, the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Confirmed members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice “Close Communion” and it is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran, Christian faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor Benkendorf. As you are comfortable, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing as you cross your arms in front of you. Please respect our position of love in this matter of Christian and Pastoral care.

Serving in Worship

Ushers **7:45am**-Brett Heuer, Jeff Heuer, Quentin Kelley, Zach Lewis, Fred Vincel, Kevin Eakins
10:15am-Mark Bonney, Nathan Edwards, Jim Frank, Cody Kertz, Jonathon Michael

Serving in Sunday School

Teachers for April – “Littles”, Heather Miller “Middles”, Kim Kelley, 5th-8th grade, Tom Hadler

<i>Acolytes</i>	Garrett Michael	Ian Petzoldt
<i>Next week (4/28)</i>	Mason Biri	Declan Stevens

Announcements

Youth Group-SAVE the date-Spring is here and time to plant. The youth group will have their annual plant sale Sunday, April 28th. It will be between services and after late service. We will have vegetables, herbs, and this year more flowering plants to choose from. Thank you for supporting the youth at Hanover.

Ushers' Meeting. It's that time again. Time for all ushers and would be ushers to meet and go over the responsibilities of ushering. The meeting will take place May 2 at 630p.

Mother's Day Brunch-Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th and the men of Hanover will be serving brunch as has been our tradition for the last couple of years. Men, if you are willing and able to help, please contact Quinten Kelley at (573)519-9480.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altenburg, MO will hold its Annual Fried Chicken Supper TODAY Sunday, April 21, 2024. Serving time 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Adults \$12.00 – Children \$6.00 and Children under 5 free! Dine in or Carry Out. The LWML and Congregation Ladies will provide a Country Store.

Support Trinity Lutheran School by stopping by Scooter's at 2404 William St. on Monday, April 22, 2024

CALL DAY!-April 23, 2024, is Call Day at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Assignment of Vicarages and Internships is at 3:00pm and the Candidate Call Service is at 7:00pm. Please join us via live stream at csl.edu/academics/call-day-services.

Saxony Lutheran Annual Fish Fry-Dine in or Carry Out, Sunday, April 28, 2024. 11:00am-1:00pm. Fish Hush Puppies, fries, slaw, and dessert. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the church office, Saxony Lutheran or see Lynn Petzoldt.

Blood Drive Saxony Student Council is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 6 from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Moeller Commons. You can schedule an appointment online.

Saxony Lutheran High School upcoming events-**May 8, 2024**, Spring Concert. **May 9, 2024**, Awards Assembly and Alumni Reception. Sunday, **May 19, 2024**, Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony at 2:00pm.

Camp SEMO Fundraiser-Camp SEMO is selling 80 pork butts at \$30 each which will be available for pickup on May 23. Please contact George Carey at 573-225-5806 to order. Orders can be picked at Christ Lutheran Church in Gordonville from Noon until 2pm on May 23.

THERE ARE ONLY 80 AVAILABLE so order soon!

Invite your co-workers to a quick lunch! Bring them to the Annual Salad Luncheon Friday, May 3 serving from 11am-1pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N Cape Rock Drive. There will be an assortment of fresh salads, a hot casserole and drink all for \$10. Dine-in or carry out. Proceeds benefit the missions of St. Andrew LWML.

SPARK is Concordia University, Nebraska’s three-day academic summer camp focused on helping middle school students discern God’s calling their lives. Through interactive sessions, fun group activities and daily chapel and devotion sessions, students can explore their interests, develop useful skills, and build meaningful connections with their fellow campers. Session topics include Beekeeping 101, DNA: God’s Molecule of Life, Low Challenge Elements, Get Graphic!: The Art of Reading and Creating Graphic Novels, Mathematical Modeling with Excel, Model Rockets, Improv!, Learning to Code with Scratch, Flying High with Drones, Dirt to Dinner, Recycling in Agriculture. Dates are June 4-6, 2024. Registration Deadline is May 3, 2024.

Those Serving in May

Ushers	7:45 am	10:15 am
Captain:	Rich Behring, 334-0931 Terry Gerlach, 334-7002 Tyler Gerlach, 382-0121 Jacob Koenig, 243-9110 Samuel Koenig, 243-9110 Adam Koenig, 243-9110 Mike Brown, 225-3429 Nolan Brown	Bruce Schmidt, 979-6846 John Hall, 334-2999 Ben Meyr, 275-6604

Acolytes		
May 5	Liam Kelley	Xavier Franks
May 12	Garrett Michael	Ian Petzoldt
May 19	Mason Biri	Declan Stevens
May 26	Liam Kelley	Xavier Franks

Altar Guild
Donna Heuer, Carol Reimann, Lois Conklin, Casey Brown

Sunday School Teachers
Littles Available
Middles Available

“I am the Good Shepherd.” John 10:11

Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd? Because He saves.

He lays down His life for the sheep. See Him in Gethsemane stepping forward: “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth.” I am He... If you are looking for Me, then let these men go” (see John 18:4-5, 8). Then follow Him to Calvary. There hear the victory cry from the lips of our Good Shepherd: It is finished! (John 19:30). Salvation is ours!

Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd? Because He sustains.

“I know My sheep” (John 10:14). He knows more than which sheep belong in His flock, He knows His sheep’s needs and helps them. He knows their hurts and heals them. He knows their weaknesses and cradles them. Your Baptism has numbered you among His sheep and causes Him to say of you, “I know My sheep.”

Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd? Because He seeks.

“I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice” (John 10:16). The Word of promise, first given to Adam and Eve, spoke of God's overwhelming desire to seek and to save. It was spoken through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Finally, in the fullness of God's time, that saving Word of God became flesh. So there could be no mistake as to His identity, the voice of God announced: “You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22).

Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd? Because He saves... sustains... and seeks His sheep.

(Lutheran Hour Ministries Devotion, March 15, 2004
www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/default.asp?date=20040315)

Weekly Catechism and Scripture for Reflection

We are Lutheran! Why are we Lutheran? We are Lutheran because we are people of God's Word - the Bible. We Believe teach and confess that Lutheranism is the absolute best explanation of the Bible.

God wants us to be in His Word and listen to Him (Luke 11:28). With that in mind, each week there will be a teaching from the Bible and a Bible verse upon which to reflect. You and your family are encouraged to discuss, memorize, and own the teaching and the Bible verse. (Note: Some teachings and Scripture will repeat from week to week. That is intentional.)

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Bible Story for the Week

“The Daughter of Jairus”

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories pp. 100-101

Luke 8:40-56

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