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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

***Hanover Lutheran Church***

2949 Perryville Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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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 4/28	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am 2:00pm	Communion SS/Bible Study Lutheran Home Service
Tuesday 4/30	5:30pm 7:00pm	Elders Meeting Potter's Clay-Hanover AC
Wednesday 5/1	9:30am 6:30pm	Bible Study Bible Study
Thursday 5/2	5:00pm	Meeting Room Rsvd
Friday 5/3	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 5/5	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am	Worship SS/Bible Study

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

“Lift High the Cross” *LSB 837*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered... and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father...through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Psalm

*Psalm 150*

**P** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

**C** **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

**P** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**C** **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

**P** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C** **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**C** **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.**

### Kyrie (sung)

*LSB 204*

**C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**C** To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.  
To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—  
For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading**

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>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.

**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 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:1–8*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn**

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care” *LSB 779*

**Sermon**

“Teach Us to Pray” *John 15:1-8*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory

*LSB 783, vs. 1,4*

1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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### Prayer of the Church

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

#### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus (sung)

*LSB 208*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 209*

#### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 209*

#### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 209*

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** (sung)

*LSB 210*

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Distribution & Hymns**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*  
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB 611*  
“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” *LSB 865*

**Nunc Dimittis** (sung)

*LSB 211*

**C** O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.  
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord ...and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

**Closing Hymn**

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB 474*

**Postlude**

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

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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, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Tom Hadler*

<b><i>Acolytes</i></b>	Mason Biri	Declan Stevens
<b><i>Next week (5/5)</i></b>	Liam Kelley	Xavier Franks

## *Announcements*

**Youth Group-** The youth group will have their annual plant sale TODAY Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 7 at 6:30pm.

**Mother's Day Brunch-**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saxony Lutheran Annual Fish Fry-**Dine in or Carry Out, TODAY 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.

## ***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 Ninth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

### **Philippians 4:8**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

### ***Bible Story for the Week***

*"Jesus Walks on Water"*

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories pp. 110-111  
Matthew 14:22-33

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