

Shepherd of the Mountains

April 2022

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Worship with us!

Sundays at 9 am

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A Repast Message

By William E. Flippin Jr.

In the African-descent tradition, a funeral is a homegoing celebration to venerate our ancestors through libations and to reunite with ancestors in the past. After the interment, we usually gather (pre-COVID-19, at least) for a repast of fried chicken, potato salad, a dinner roll and green beans. The repast is the culmination of the grief shared with the decedent's family members and friends.

The disciples were prepared to mourn on Easter morning but instead got reports that incited the most incredible joy. Today we are, as one pundit has suggested, disciples who have lived in a death-denying culture that erases the Easter message with bunnies, speeches and Easter-egg hunts. But we are confronted with the in-your-face reality of death: COVID-19 and alarming violence. And Easter today confronts us with the in-your-face reality of death that is countered in being alive in Christ.

Reorientation of a life

Being alive in Christ is depicted in Acts 10 in the reorientation of a life. Peter, future holder of the keys of God's church, had witnessed the traumatic realities of death, which he tried to avoid by denying the one to whom he had pledged his life. Through encounters with a gentile Roman centurion named Cornelius, Peter dreams and realizes that the Easter message is found in not hoarding the key's to God's chosen.

Instead, God extended the invitation to that party, a party to which everyone is invited.

The Easter message for us is not to create another social statement or proclaim our commitment to a socioeconomic mission but to have hard conversations, just as Peter had regarding his own bias-his own racism-toward the "other." It is to proclaim, as Peter did to Cornelius and his household, that "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34).

Peter, in other words, had partied with the risen Christ. It wasn't feasting at a funeral but fellowshiping over a new kind of reality. Now that feast, this new repast, would be extended to gentiles such as Cornelius. The Spirit fell on the household, and all were baptized (44-48).

When death is defeated, we experience a spiritual repast of letting go of our antiquated assumptions and making room to dispel the barriers between people and God. What happened that day wasn't an end-of-life celebration but a beginning-of-life party!

We can celebrate this new repast in Christ, who has defeated both sin and death on the cross, and who, in the empty tomb, opens this pathway to eternal life to all people, regardless of their ethnicity or past. All who believe in him and respond to the good news with their lives have a secure future in a new creation.

That's something to celebrate!

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Every Week

SUNDAY In-person Worship at 9 am.

Adult Education- Stay after church with Pastor Ben for a discussion about passages in the bible.

Hole Food Rescue - On Sunday mornings, volunteers pick up bread and baked goods from Persephone & Picnic to be distributed to those in need. Would you like to help? Talk to Robyn Lunsford (rlunsford@jorgeng.com). Please check our weekly email for new opportunities at Hole Food Rescue.

TUESDAY Bible & Breakfast, our coed group that looks at the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, meets via ZOOM from 8 - 9 am (Jackson time). Email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for the link.

Events in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Lent 5 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church	4	5 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	6	7 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church Council meets after church 	11	12 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	13	14 Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday service at 6pm JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm 	15 Good Friday Good Friday service at 6pm at the Presbyterian church of JH 	16
17 Easter Sunday Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Easter Brunch after the church service  	18	19 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	20 Blood Drive 11:30am 	21 Blood Drive 7:30am  JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	22	23 Spring Clean Up 9am - noon 
24 Easter 1 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church	25	26 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	27	28 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	29	30

Easter Week Schedule



Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist Service at 9am
with Pastor Ben Nardi

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist Service at 9am
with Pastor Ben Nardi

Maundy Thursday

Service at 6pm
with Pastor Ben Nardi

Good Friday

Service at 6pm
with Pastor Ben Pascal
at the Presbyterian Church of JH

Easter Brunch

Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch

On April 17th, after the worship service

Bring a dish to share!

You can find a sign-up sheet on Sign-Up Genius
or in the church narthex



Spring Clean Up



Join us on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00am until noon for a church spring clean up. Bring your gloves, rakes, and any lawn tools you think we will need. If we don't get it finished in one day then we will meet again on another day to finish the work. Please see Dale Jeske for more information.

Worship and Bible Study Feedback Needed

The Worship Board is considering a change to our worship and Bible Study schedules. They are asking for feedback from members regarding the possibility of changing the time for Bible study to 8:30 or 9 am, and Sunday worship to either 9:30 or 10 am. They are considering this for a couple of reasons. Currently, Bible study is held after the 9 am worship service. On those Sundays when the Church Council meets after worship, council members who usually attend Bible study cannot do so. Changing the time for Bible study to before worship would enable council members to attend and allow the council to continue to meet on Sundays rather than another time during the week. They also hope that it would result in greater attendance at Bible study.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Helping Ukraine Through Lutheran Disaster Response

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine on Feb. 24, nearly 3 million people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. **Your gifts will support people impacted by this crisis. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.**

Give Now

You can also send a check in the mail

Make checks payable to
Lutheran Disaster Response.
Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response"
on your check's memo line
and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Synod Gathering



Northwest Intermountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Every year our Synod gets together and meets to discuss Synod business and common worship. Last year the meeting was virtual, and this year there will be 3 regional meetings' Ours will be in Burley Idaho on Saturday, May 14. We are encouraged to send as many of our congregation that wish to attend! Please contact Nancy if you're interested! More information can be found at <https://nwimsynod.org/regional-gatherings>.

Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

April 20th & 21st

Don't forget to sign up!

Blood donors are always needed. If you don't have an appointment for the next blood drive and want to donate please go to the Vitalant website at <https://www.vitalant.org> to make an appointment.

Your donation can make a difference. Donating blood saves lives!

Blood Drive Dates for 2022

April 20 & 21

June 22 & 23

August 24 & 25

October 19 & 20

December 21 & 22 (other location)

Your donation matters!

Prayers

Elaine Skatrud, healing from a broken elbow.
David Svendsen, strength as he heals from back surgery.
Lars Schou, who continues to heal after an accident.
Patrick Corun (son of Dan & Kay Corun) healing prayers while his body adjusts to his new heart.
Robyn Lunsford, who is still navigating health issues.
Betsy (friend of Di Mattios), diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.



For prayers or prayer updates please email or call the church office.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

Church Council

While we are in transition please know that your Church Council is always here to serve you and listen to your questions and concerns.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Church Council or chat with them after church on Sundays.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Tom Ninnemann - April 13th
Elaine Skatrud - April 19th
Rick Hunt - April 26th

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is.

Your church family would like to wish you birthday or anniversary greetings.





The Quilters Were at it Again!

Left: The Quilt Ladies had a luncheon to wish Janelle Weber safe travels on her journey back to Minnesota.

Below: the Quilt Group shows off all the quilts they made for LIRS. Three boxes were shipped out in March.



Circle of Care Outreach

Above: Circle of Care collected food and clothing to send out to Foundations for Nations in Riverton, Wyoming.



Fellowship

Our SMLC Fellowship Committee, Jolene Moulder and Mary Lou Klene, arranged a fun fellowship Meet & Eat event to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. 26 attended the dinner on Friday, March 18th. Everyone enjoyed Jolene's Shepherd's Pie along with many delicious potluck dishes.

Watch our church emails and newsletters for more fellowship events in the future. Don't miss the fun!



Online Giving



Have you ever thought about giving your offering online but don't know how?

You may sign up to give one time, weekly, monthly, or yearly .

You can give by text (307-207-3866), by credit or debit, or by online checking. Go to this link and you're on your way!

<https://sotmlcjackson.breezechms.com/give/online>

Giving While You Shop at Smith's

Help the church while you buy your groceries

Link your Smith's card to Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church.

The church will receive a check for .5% of your purchases!
It's easy:

1. Sign in to your account and choose "My Account" in the top right corner.
2. This brings up a list on the left. Choose "Inspiring Donations."
3. Look for our organization number—YJ339



Sign up to assist or read via our "Sign Up Genius" volunteer system (email Tanya Shedd (thobbs6@hotmail.com) for more details).

Signing up is easy - visit **Sign Up Genius** at [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer.

You may also mail in your donations to
Shepherd of the Mountains
P.O. Box 3257
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Your financial support is important to us!

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

March 2022		
Week of 6th	13	\$ 360.00
Week of 13th	19	\$ 4,360.00
Week of 20th	15	\$ 1,369.00
Week of 27th	20	\$ 890.00

HELP NEEDED!

	April 3 Lent 5	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 14 Maundy Thursday	April 17 Easter Sunday	April 24 Easter 1
Preacher	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi
Assistant Minister	HELP NEEDED	Tanya Shedd	HELP NEEDED	Mizelle Family	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Dale Jeske	Mizelle Family	HELP NEEDED	Tanya Shedd	HELP NEEDED
Ushers	Rose & Dale Jeske	Mizelle Family		Mizelle Family	Tanya Shedd
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED		HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Sherry Kinsella or Rose Jeske	HELP NEEDED		HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Council Greeter	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED		HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Piano	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark