

Welcome to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

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By the love of Christ, our vision is to work together, reaching out to all people, through the Gospel, in our various activities and events. As we encourage each other to worship and grow in God's Word, we will be a Christian influence in our community.

> April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

<u>Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.</u>

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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GREETING

- P Peace be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Opening Hymn

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise: 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at has met de-feat: last \wedge 3 Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry God on high: be to hymn of glad-ness, Sing to Sing to God a God a hymn of praise; See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat; the Sav - ior Al - le - lu - ia to Who has gained the vic - to - ry; He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled— Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more, to the Spir-it, Fount of Al - le - lu - ia love and sanc-ti - ty! Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead. Je-sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

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- 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 to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Prayer for Forgiveness

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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Service of the Word

Introit

- P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C make known his deeds among the peoples!
- P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C tell of all his wondrous works!
- P Glory in his holy name;
- C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- P Seek the LORD and his strength;
- C seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
- P He remembers his covenant forever,
- C the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- A 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.
- P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

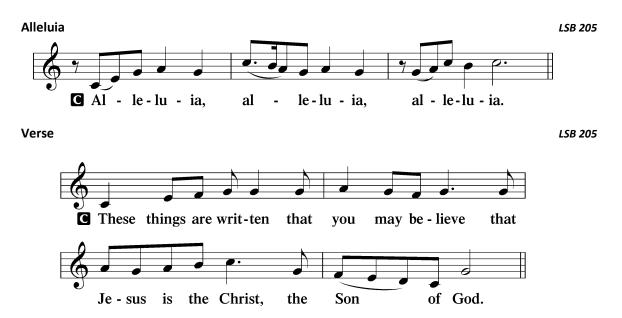
1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Alleluia

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

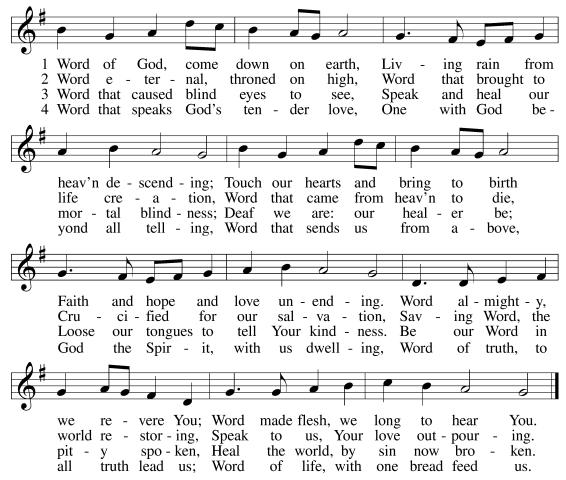
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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. 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each segment:

P Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

After prayers:

- P In Your Name we pray
- C Amen.

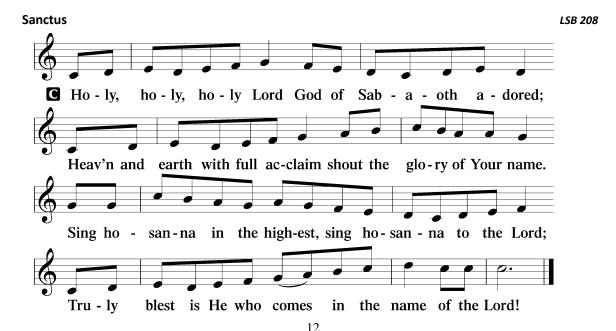
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

 C 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.

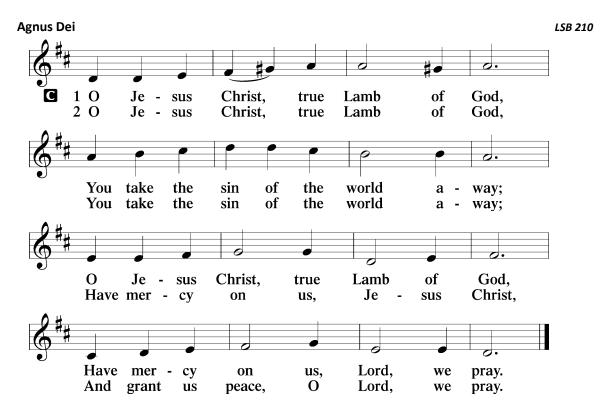
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

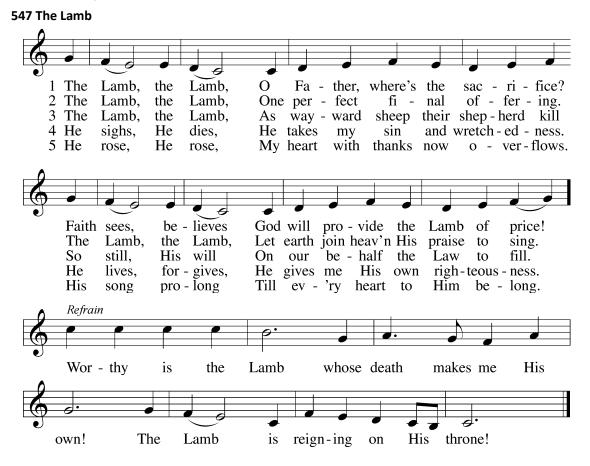
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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Distribution Hymns



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- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward; Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!
- 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

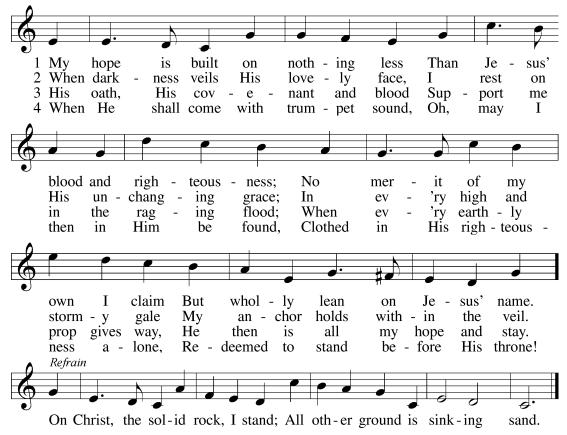
Benedicamus

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

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Second Reading* 1 Peter 1:17-25 *Holy Gospel:* Luke 24:13-35



Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal Elder: Dave Jansen Ushers: Greeters: Elaine Jansen Coffee: Counters: Altar Care: Kay Vedder Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright Bible Study:

PRAYERS

Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for <u>4 weeks</u> before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: *Members: Friends:* Pastor Roger Aumann, Ethel Stevenson, Evelyn Albright, Bill Burrick

Those with upcoiming surgery and medical procedures: *Members: Friends:* Chris Flores Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: *Members:* Pete Albright, Bill Woodman, Dave Lauria *Friends:* Amber Hodgson

Those with health concerns: *Members:* Alyssa Wohn, Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker *Friends:* Lisa Willis, Lynn's friend, Lakos family's mother, Reggie Riel, Karen Sperry, Patrick Gray

Those diagnosed with Cancer: *Members:* Dave Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, *Friends:* Don Kernstock

We celebrate the following: *Members:* Caroline Belt-- healthy boy *Friends:* Sara Mendoza-- healthy triplets

In Military Service: *Members: Friends:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS: Ruby Hartman~19th Nicholas Wilkens~19th ANNIVERSARIES: Ken & Sharon Hopkins~22nd

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU to the musicians for their contribution to the service

If you have a 7th-12th grade student (or know of one) who is interested in the **occupation of serving the church**, please contact Pastor Paul for educational opportunities.

If anyone is interested in <u>ushering, greeting or doing coffee hour</u>, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

NOISY OFFERING: Noisy Offering for April, May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE On the Sundays of May 7th and 21st, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

<u>PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY</u>: Just as we took pictures on March 26th, we will continue with pictures TODAY Sunday, April 16th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: has reconvened - 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will continue the following Tuesdays of April (4/18 and 4/25).

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for April will be held on Sunday's, 4/16 and 4/30 at 9:30 a.m.

POTLUCK: will be held TODAY April 16th, right after services. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS: The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!: Adopt-A-Highway starts again for 2023. The first pick up will be Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the church. In case of rain, we will meet right after church service on the following day, the 30th.

LAND OF LAKE ZONE LWML SPRING RALLY-April 22, 2023 at St. Matthew in Mancelona at 9:30am. See the bulletin board for more information.

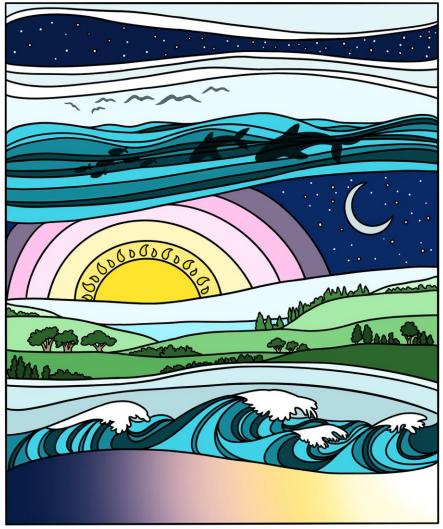
<u>UPCOMING FOOD TRUCKS</u>-May 6th. June 10th, July 22nd, September 23rd, October 7th

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

April 16	Sunday				
9:30am	Young Adult/Youth Bible Study				
11am	Worship Service w/Communion				
	Potluck (ELDERS)				
	Photos Taken for Directory				
April 17	Monday				
April 18	Tuesday				
9:30 am	Bible Study				
10:30am	LWML Quilting				
1pm	Ladies Bible Study				
3-5pm	Council Meeting				
April 19	Wednesday				
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE				
April 20	Thursday				
April 21	Friday				
April 22	Saturday				
April 23	Sunday				
11am	Worship Service				

SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal				
Elder: Jack Owens				
Ushers:				
Greeters:				
Coffee:				
Counters:				
Altar Care: Susie Moore				
Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright				
Bible Study:				



Caring for God's Creation