

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**April 26th, 2015**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

“*As a leader... I have always endeavored to listen to what each and every person in a discussion had to say before venturing my own opinion. Oftentimes, my own opinion will simply represent a consensus of what I heard in the discussion. I always remember the axiom: a leader is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.” This, a quote from the later Nelson Mandela. This is what I have endeavored to do also…to listen to people, all people. Sometimes this is all a leader can and should do. A good leader knows how to watch from the background and correct only when it is absolutely necessary. A good shepherd knows how to listen to the master of the sheepfold.* **Good Shepherd, help me to always here your voice calling me to follow you through whatever pasture you lead. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **Community Choir Easter Cantata**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,

**C: 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.**

**WORD**

\***GOSPEL John 10:11-18 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

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.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(salmon sheet on the back cover of the hymnal)*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

\***SHARING THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Sung Bottom of salmon sheet in back cover of hymnal*

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING:** Almighty God, bless you now and forever. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

 **C: *Three-Fold Amen.* \*SENDING HYMN** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **ELW #789**

**BELL SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God! POSTLUDE +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++**Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB107041

*“A preacher must be both soldier and* ***shepherd****. He must nourish, defend, and teach;*

*he must have teeth in his mouth, and be able to bite and fight.”*

 **~ Martin Luther**

 **Readings for next Sunday:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Danny Lang, and Darrell & Janice Buhmann’s daughter, Roxanne.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**WELCOME!** To Joyce Jorgenson and the Combined Choirs of United Church of Christ, First Congregational in Fairmont. First Congregational in Sherburn and St. John’s in Fairmont. Who are performing today. They will re-tell the story of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection. Joyce will direct the choir and Jenny Willard is the accompanist. Trinity Member, Dean Gulbranson is also a member of the choir.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 27 & 28**-Vicar Kent will be @ Luther Seminary from Mondays PM until Tuesdays AM.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29-**Messenger Assembly at 9 am

Choir Practice at 6 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 3-Blessing of the Seeds**

9 AM Worship-NO Communion

10 AM Sunday School-Community Sunday

*Reader: Ciera Drevlow, Acolyte: Kylee Harder*

*Ushers: \*Gary Meyer, Mike Wiederhoeft, Darrell Buhmann and Dennis Rode*



The movie **"Do You Believe?"** is showing at the Fairmont Theatre starting Last Friday, April 24th and will be staying for a minimum of two weeks. This movie is from the same people that made "God's Not Dead" and it is just as powerful. The trailer is on "You Tube" if you would like to preview it.

 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CREST PILLOW CLEANING**

 The volunteer caregivers organization “CREST” will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on **Thursday, April 30th** from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Pillows will be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed while you wait. You can also drop your pillows off at the site and come back to pick them up later in the day. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to benefit the volunteer caregiving services of CREST in Martin County.

**EVENTS IN MAY AT TRINITY…**



May 3rd-Blessing of the Seeds Sunday

May 10th-Mother’s Day

May 17th-Last Day of Sunday School

May 24-Patriotic Sunday

May 31-High School Graduates Recognition Sunday