

# The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

## Announcements

**Our Mission Focus** for May will support the English District's 1-1-1 initiative. Every 1 worshiper is invited to give \$1 for every 1 week of the month (\$4 total), and 100% of these gifts go toward missions. While it is not a large offering individually, when many are participating, it adds up and has a positive effect on the Lord's work in our District. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd, and ear-marked as *1-1-1* or *Mission Focus*. Thanks for whatever support the Lord enables you to give.

**Regarding our Semi-Shut-In Divine Service:** Although this abbreviated service is usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, that pattern is replaced during the Lent-Easter season with services on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Ascension Day. Since we held our last SSI service on April 17, the next one scheduled will be Ascension Day, May 29. After that, we will resume the first Wednesday of the month pattern on July 2. Please pass the word to those who customarily attend this service.

**Looking Ahead:** The next major festival in the Church Year is the Ascension of Our Lord, which this year falls on May 29. We will gather as God's people to celebrate this great event in the history of our salvation, offering both our afternoon (2 PM) Semi-Shut-In Divine Service and our customary 7 PM Divine Service. Plan on joining with your brothers and sisters in Christ in celebration of this wondrous event.

**Our Wednesday Bible Class** has resumed its study of Matthew's Gospel. We are currently looking at the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). All are welcome. We begin at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

**Our Spring Voters Assembly** is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, immediately following the Divine Service. The chief item of business will be adopting a budget for fiscal year 2025-26. We will also introduce proposed changes to our constitution and bylaws suggested by our District's Constitution Committee. Since changes to our constitution require that the proposed changes be presented at a Voters Assembly but not acted upon until a second Voters Assembly, we will be holding a second brief Voters Assembly on Sunday, June 15 to presumably adopt the proposed changes. Copies of the proposed changes are available at the *Welcome Center*.

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**Life Quotes:** "By the washing of water, John made God's divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen." *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*