

St. Paul Lutheran Church

An ELCA & Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 21 April 2024



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Liturgical Worship
Order of Service using
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

In the Sanctuary, via Facebook or YouTube (links at stpaulabq.org), or FM 89.7 in the parking lot
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

GATHERING

Prelude

Cornerstone, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn, Shepherd Me, O God, ELW Hymn 780**
(pages 14-15 of this bulletin)

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,

let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

your voice thundered over the deep

and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

**Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.**

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

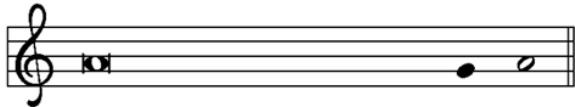
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

**Stand as you are able.*

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

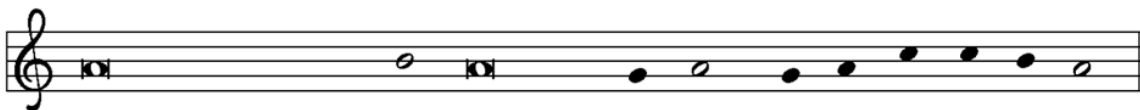
***Kyrie** (spoken or chanted)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



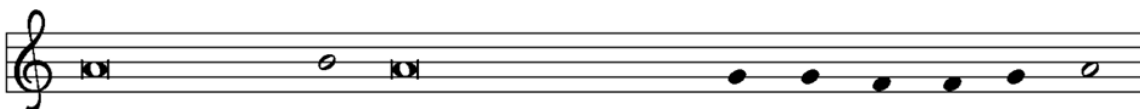
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Canticle

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, 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.**

Anthem

Inside Your Kingdom, Timothy G. Bushong

WORD

Acts 4:5-12 (Pew Bible page 994)

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners Peter and John stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus

is
 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
 it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (read or sung responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me be- side still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

1 John 3:16-24 (Pew Bible page 1111)

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey the commandments and do what pleases God.

²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Reading, John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible page 978)

The holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

***Hymn of the Day**, *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*, ACS Hymn #954
(page 16 of this bulletin)

*Intercessory Prayers

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Prayer requests from this week: Tim, Kathy, Erin, Barbara, Mary Jo, Deb & Family, Matt, Suzanne's Family, Alice's Friends & Family, Sara, Jamie, Kriseie, Lyndel, Suann, Rhoda & Family, John & Diane, Patrick, Jamie, Gerry, Roger, John & Family, April, Celia, Kathi, Laura, all countries at war, the homeless, Eleanor, Carolyn & Parents, Murray & Family, travelers, Moira, Joel, Gaza, Palestinians, Eurasians, Sudan, world leaders, Jeff, Elaine, Jon, Nathan, Chloe & Linda, Jeremy, Wendy, Dustin & Samantha, Margo & Cindy, Millie & Terry, Virginia & her Family, Pearl, Greg, Cheryl, Mike, Lori, Sandi, Debbie, Carol Ann, Ella Joy, Iusti, Diane, Curt & Amy, Donna, Wilma, Greg & Kim, Colleen, Art, Wade, June, Lee, Morgan, Ryan, Daniel, Debbie, Chrissy, Zoey, Bridgett, Diana, Paul, David, Pr. David, Doris, Rosalia, Camino de Vida Congregation, our companion Synods in Madagascar, Phil, Pat, Theresa, Edee, Gary, Mason, Denise, Debra, Bonnie, Fred, Hudson, all first responders, Patricia & Family, Cheryl & Family, Catherine & Family, our Bishop selection, Jeff, Deanna & Family, Lisa, Gerda, Tom & Joanne, David, Betty Jo's Family & Friends, St. Paul congregation meeting and planning, you are the good shepherd and we are your flock, give us grace that we may follow. Amen.

***Peace**

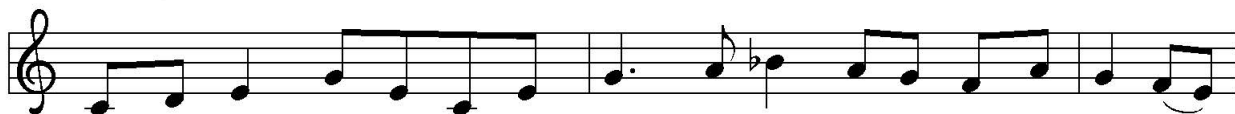
The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offerings may be placed in the basket at the main entry doors, given electronically via our website, or via check mailed to the church office. Please place prayer request cards in the baskets, using first names only. Thank you.

***Offertory**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offering Prayer**

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



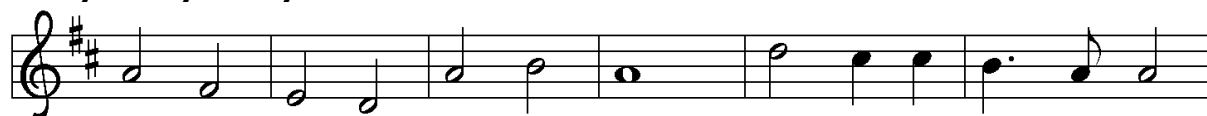
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

*Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

*Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Lamb of God

You may be seated to sing and prepare your communion.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

For those remaining in the pews and on-line:

All commune together as these words are shared:

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

For those coming forward:

Please make your way to one of the stations.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Time for Personal Reflection

Candle carts are present for you to lift up your prayers.

*Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**, ELW Hymn #789
(page 17 of this bulletin)

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *Hymn to Joy (Beethoven à la Brubeck)*, arr. William Allen Pasch

A Thank You to Those Serving Today!

Pr. Kristi Koppel – Presiding/Preaching

Rindra Josoa – Assisting Minister

Janet Vrudny – Choir Director Raul Manjarrez – Organist

St. Paul Chancel Choir – Leading in Song

Julie Ambrogi & Diane Remer-Thamert – Communion Assistants

Omar Durant, Bob Matthews, Clark McLean – Streaming Technicians

St. Paul – Ice Cream Bar

St. Paul General Fund – Flowers

Buzz Lenander, Matt Pettersen, Jeff Sorensen – Greeters

Please take an information card from the pew rack for St. Paul staff contacts.



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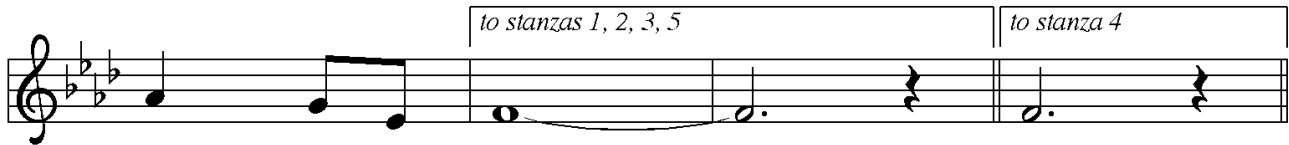
***Gathering Hymn, Shepherd Me, O God, ELW Hymn 780**

Refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Refrain

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain

>> continued >>

***Gathering Hymn, Shepherd Me, O God, ELW Hymn 780 (continued)**

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

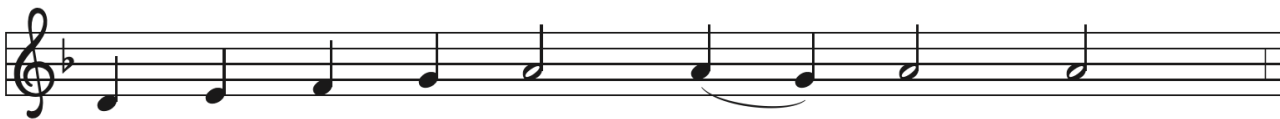
***Hymn of the Day, You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd, ACS Hymn #965**



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



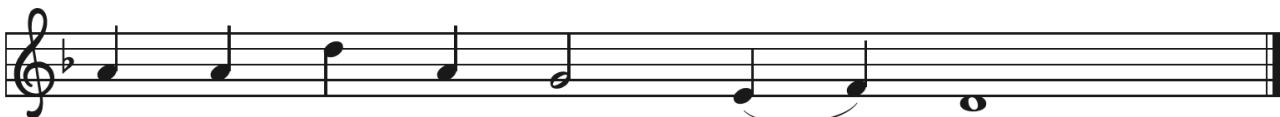
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

***Sending Hymn, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, ELW Hymn #789**



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Announcements

For an announcement to be included in the bulletin and/or the weekly newsletter email blast, please have it to the office (info@stpaulabq.org) by Wednesday at 11am each week.

Today after Service: Spring Congregational Meeting & Ice Cream Social.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for this year's Spring meeting. ~Pr. Koppel

Thank You St. Paul, for making yesterday's fundraising luncheon a success!

We appreciate all your support for this year's Madagascar Girls Camp!
~Rijasoa Andriamanana

Thank You to everyone who baked, set up, and served for Betty Jo Allen's memorial service on Friday! Betty Jo was the mother of Debbie Bolling, a long-time St. Paul member with her husband and daughter. ~Deborah Ash

First Tuesday is coming soon! May 7th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm we'll meet at SW Grape & Grain, 3401 Candelaria NE. There is beer to purchase but if that is not your preference, bring your own beverage. They have chips to buy, but most folks bring a snack to share. This is just a time to visit and catch up on news. Come join us! For those who are still working at this time, we urge you to find a time and place that will work for you and your families. Church friends are often friends we keep for life, no matter where in the world we end up going. ~Nancy Matthews

Calico Preschool Announces Earth Day Family Recycling Contest. Made out of recycled or reusable items from around the home, families can be as creative as they'd like and surprise us with their projects! On May 5, the projects will be on display in the Welcome Center, and St. Paul members can vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. ~Marisol Flores-Gutierrez, Director

PRIDE

Albuquerque Pride Parade-Save the Date! 8 June. St. Paul is registered for the Pride Parade! If you would like to participate in any way, be it marching, riding, or helping to decorate our float, please be in touch with me. Any help would be greatly appreciated! We will be meeting 5 May after worship to discuss the many details. Please attend!
~Jan Bowers

Visiting today? Please fill out a "Welcome" card in your pew so we can get to know you! ~Pr. Koppel

Opportunities to Donate:

- Donations of nonperishable foodstuffs to the Storehouse (barrels in the Narthex). Pet food is also welcome.
- We collect aluminum so our children can spend that money on ministries that support families around the world. Place your donations in the blue bin in Friendship Corner.
- We also collect the pop-tops from all aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House. Place your donation in the basket under the clock in the office.

Thanks! ~Nancy Matthews

From Local Partner Organizations

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Friday, May 3rd at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, 1004 24th St. SE. The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with brunch. The program will begin at 10:00 and focus on Health and Wellness. State Representative Natalie Figueroa will speak on health issues in New Mexico. Hygiene items will be collected for Haven House, a domestic violence shelter in Rio Rancho. For those wishing to carpool, be at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church parking lot at 5301 Ponderosa Ave NE by 8:30 a.m. Come join us and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Marilyn Stoops at mstoops@swcp.com or call at 505-265-8358.

Lutherhaven Lodge at Fenton Lake Spring Event. May 4, 9am-2pm.

What are we doing? Seasonal start up at the Lodge.

What is involved? Various activities including cleaning inside, external ground clearing, initial seasonal startup duties, general maintenance, and anything else needing attention.

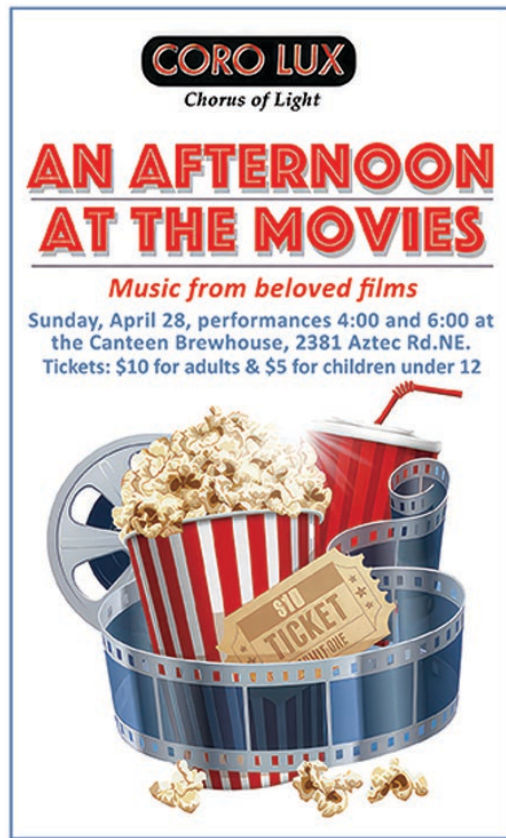
How can you help? Consider coming up to help with any needed activities and or to learn about becoming a member and how to reserve/utilize the lodge. (Please RSVP via contact options below.) Lunch provided!

Are there other ways to help? Absolutely! We accept monetary donations, and please pray for us!

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[More information is available in the Welcome Center.]



From the Rocky Mountain Synod and ELCA

Civic Life and Faith: The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. At this time the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. You can participate by filling out a survey, or by participating in a hearing in your synod, if available. Hearings are public gatherings where participants share their specific affirmations or concerns about a draft statement. The feedback period will be open until Sept. 30, 2024. Visit <https://elca.org/civicsandfaith> to download the draft statement.

Bread for the World. On May 2 at 8pm ET, the Interfaith Campaign for Food and Nutrition Security invites you to unite in spirit and action with members of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths, along with all other faith communities. During this National Day of Prayer, we will collectively commit to eradicating food and nutrition insecurity throughout the United States.

The virtual event will feature religious leaders, anti-hunger activists, and public health advocates from around the country who will discuss these critical issues as we pray for an end to hunger and nutrition insecurity. Mobilizing communities of faith is critical to the success of these efforts. <https://www.bread.org/>