

**Jesus Brings Sight for the Blind** 



#### March 14 and 15, 2020

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway and down the hall to the left.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the narthex or room ("Shepherd's Nook") located down the hall from the narthex. This room has a television showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

This morning's focus: The light of the world brings sight to the blind and judgment to the blinded. We were born in the blindness of sin, and without the light of Christ we could not find a way to safety. Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Yet for those who refuse to see their Savior in Christ, the blindness of unbelief remains. He gives gracious sight to the blind who trust in him; he gives blinding judgment on those who reject him; finally, he displays the work of God in the lives of those who now walk in the light of Christ.

#### The Season of Lent

The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring ("lengten," the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1,700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation (the Church speaks of 40 days of Lent because they do not count the Sundays, which retain their significance as "little Easters"). It is a time of repentance and renewal. The color of the season is purple, the ancient color of royalty. We remember our King Jesus, who wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us.

During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord's suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are ones lived in the certain hope of the resurrection. Thanks be to God!

## The Sundays in Lent

The Sundays in Lent are intended to be islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. As you come into the presence of God, repent and be refreshed! The Reason? . . .

| Lent 1: Jesus defeated the devil for us                            | Feb 29/Mar 1 |
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| Lent 2: Jesus is the gift of God for all nations by faith          | March 7/8    |
| Lent 3: Jesus brings sight for the blind                           | March 14/15  |
| Lent 4: Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service | March 21/22  |
| Lent 5: Jesus will raise us from death to life                     | March 28/29  |
| Lent 6: Jesus is the King who comes to save us!                    | April 4/5    |

### **An Explanation of Our Communion Practice**

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This is marked as "The Sacrament" in the worship folder. While some churches invite all who are present to receive the Sacrament ("open communion"), we follow the Biblical and historic Christian practice of "close communion." "Close communion" is adhered to by over 1 billion Christians throughout the world.

What does this mean? We invite all who are members of our congregation (Good Shepherd Lutheran) or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you have no church membership or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body (e.g. ELCA, LCMS, etc.), we ask that you please refrain from communing with us for now.

In asking this, we in no way mean to judge your faith or imply that you are not a Christian or "not good enough for us"! Rather, it is because God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in *all* areas of the faith (*see 1 Corinthians 10:17*). In other words, when we commune together, we are confessing publicly that we are all one in what we believe and profess (*all* the teachings of God's Word, not just a few basics).

For those who haven't had a chance to check out all that we teach and believe and declare their unity with us by joining our congregation, we look forward to informing you about what we believe and teach before you enjoy the Lord's Supper with us. We want you to feel comfortable with what we confess, and want you to enjoy the beauty of a deep unity in the faith.

There are other reasons for "close communion" as well:

- While God's Word promises that in the Lord's Supper we receive the beautiful gifts of Jesus' body and blood and forgiveness, it also warns that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament may bring spiritual harm on himself or herself (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It wouldn't be loving for us to let that happen as it might if we offered the Sacrament to all, even to those who may not understand what is involved.
- Scripture also requires that each communicant examine himself or herself spiritually (1 Corinthians 11:28) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine. There are many who are not able to do that due to their youth, lack of instruction, or other reasons.

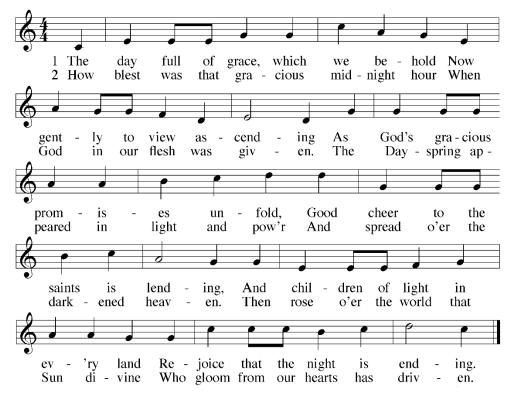
We believe that it is out of obedience to our Lord and his Word and out of loving concern for everyone present that we practice "close communion." We hope that you understand and we trust that you will respect our practice. We look forward to any opportunity we may have in the future to share with you the Bible's teachings about Communion, our beliefs as a church, and to establish unity together and to commune together. We are grateful to have you worship with us, and long to grow in the Word together!

# We Come into the Presence of God

**Pre-service:** "Lead Me to Calvary" (by Wm. J. Kirkpatrick, Arr. by Ted Smith & Don Hustad) Piano: Amanda Bergemann Organ: Joan Richmond

**Musical Introduction** (*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*) Flute: Amanda Bergemann

Opening Hymn: #254, verses 1-2 "The Day Full of Grace"



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Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

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#### Confession and Absolution

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

## Congregation: And also with you.

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

### C: Amen.

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

# C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

Hymn: #254, verses 3-4 "The Day Full of Grace"

The daylight grew dim on Calvary When Christ for the world was given, But on Easter morn our Lord broke free To give us new life from heaven. His Spirit now testifies in us That we are the Father's children.

With joy we draw near our fatherland, Our heavenly Father's dwelling, Where ready for us his mansions stand, Where heav'n with his saints is swelling, And there we shall walk in endless light, Forever his praises telling.

# We Listen

First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

14"For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do: I will not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>But those who trust in idols. who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame. 18"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me. blind like the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." <sup>21</sup>It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

**Psalm 3:** (The vocalists will sing the opening refrain and the congregation is invited to repeat it. The vocalists will sing the verses; the congregation is invited to sing the remaining refrains and the Glory Be.)

Vocalists: Barb Koch and Elise Rosenbaum





O LORD, how many <u>are</u> my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."

But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill.

### Refrain

I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
I will not fear the tens of thousands
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!

Deliver me, <u>O</u> my God! From the LORD comes de<u>liverance</u>. May your blessing be on your <u>people</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

### Refrain

# **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup>This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Gospel:** John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup>"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup>"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

13They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.
 15Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

 $^{16}\mbox{Some}$  of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

 $^{17}\mbox{Then}$  they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

 $^{34}\mbox{To}$  this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

 $^{36}\mbox{``Who}$  is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

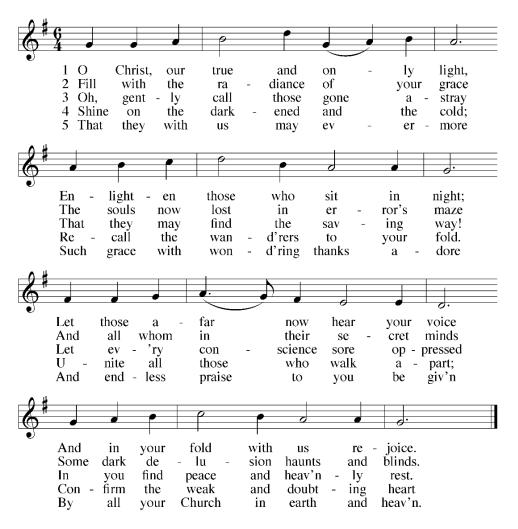
 $\,^{37}\mbox{Jesus}$  said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

# Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day:** #569 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: O JESU CHRIST, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

### Sermon

# We Respond

**Offering** (If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

### **Prayer of the Church**

# 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 Sacrament (spoken responsively; no musical accompaniment)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.
- C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

# **Distribution Hymn:** #397 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"



6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871.

Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816-68.

# Blessing

M: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

# **Closing Hymn:** #771 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



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### It is the mission of



# **Good Shepherd**

to

Seek the Lost Feed the Flock and Serve our Savior



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

### **Serving in Worship**

| Pastor:   | Jon Bergemann |
|-----------|---------------|
| Organist: | Joan Richmond |
| Pianist:  | Casey Kippes  |

**Ushers:** 

| 03/14 | 5:30 pm  | John Krug                   |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 03/15 | 8:00 am  | Paul Schoenbeck/Dean Gerdes |
|       | 10:30 am | Scott Wolfrum/Joseph Abegg  |
| 03/18 | 7:00 pm  | Ryan Schindler/Randy Weaver |
| 03/21 | 5:30 pm  | Dave Morgan                 |

Steve Danekas/Casey Kippes 03/22 8:00 am

10:30 am John Roland

03/25 7:00 pm Dave Bowen/Chuck Rhodes

Altar Care

03/14-15 Kathy Oedzes/Inge Wegner 04/04-05 Sarah Rardin/Cindy Oard

**Coffee Schedule** 

03/15 Kathy Paradis/Carol&David Miller 03/22 Pam Junkunc/Inge Wegner

**Hymn Boards** Ryan Paradis & Family

#### **Communion Assistant Schedule**

| 03/15 | 8:00 am  | David Rardin & David Roekle  |
|-------|----------|------------------------------|
|       | 10:30 am | Ken Jordan and Doug Semenske |
| 04/05 | 8:00 am  | Rick Brands & Todd Paradis   |
|       | 10:30 am | Doug Semenske & John Roland  |

#### **Live Stream Team**

Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert Sun 8:00 am

10:30 am **Greg Busse** 

## CALENDAR

### **TODAY**

|                                | 8:00 am<br>9:20 am<br>9:20 am<br>10:30 am<br>12:00 pm | Worship Service with communion Adult Bible Study BLAST Sunday school/IGNITE Worship Service with communion Boy Pioneers |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| MONDAY 03/16                   | 3:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                                    | Girl Pioneers<br>Core Team Meeting  |
| TUESDAY 03/17                  | 8:30 am<br>11:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br>9:30 am<br>7:15 pm | Vicker Visitation Vicker Funeral Vicker Luncheon Women's Bible Study Adult Choir  |
| WEDNESDAY 03/18                | 5:30 pm<br>7:00 pm                                    | Lenten Supper – Served by School<br>Lent Worship  |
| THURSDAY 03/19<br>FRIDAY 03/20 | 7:00 pm   | MCC Meeting   |
| SATURDAY 03/21                 | 5:30 pm   | Worship Service   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> 03/22            | 8:00 am   | Worship Service   |
|                                | 9:20 am   | Adult Bible Study   |
|                                | 9:20 am   | BLAST Sunday school/IGNITE  |
|                                | 10:30 am  | Worship Service   |
| SAVE THE DATE                  |   |   |
| March 25                       | 5:30 pm   | Lenten Supper served by Women's Ministry  |
|                                | 6:30 pm   | Discovery Guide Meeting   |
|                                | 7:00 pm   | Lent Worship  |
| March 27                       | 9:30 am   | Faculty Meeting   |
| March 28                       | 8:00 am   | S.H.A.P.E.D. Class  |
| March 30-April 3               |   | Spring Break  |
| April 5                        |   | Palm Sunday   |
| April 6                        | 8:00 am   | Piano Tuning  |
| April 8                        | 3:30 pm   | Faculty Meeting   |
| April 9                        |   | Maundy Thursday Service   |
| April 10                       |   | No School – Easter Break<br>Good Friday Service   |

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Prayer Request**

We pray for the Vicker family, as Bob Vicker was called to his heavenly home on Monday morning after experiencing a heart attack while traveling in Alabama. May Jesus give them the joy of knowing that Bob is at peace in heaven, even as they mourn this loss.

We pray for Bill and Judy Perry, as Bill's earthly life seems to be drawing to a close. May Jesus keep Bill in his care each day, until the day that he calls him to his eternal home.

#### **Lost Jacket**

After the Wednesday evening Lenten service on March 4th, a brown jacket was missing from the coat closet. The jacket had a zipper in the front and a hood. A scarf and gloves were in the pockets. If you took this jacket by mistake or have seen it please call Doris Holcomb at 630-355-2487 or notify the church office. Then bring the jacket back to the cloak room. Thank you.

#### Easter Breakfast

#### **General Help-**

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for both food donations and set-up / serving opportunities for Easter Breakfast.

#### Coordinator(s) Wanted-

Group Life is looking for several volunteers (possibly a family) to coordinate this year's Easter Breakfast. All the information needed will be provided, and past coordinators are here to assist! Please consider this opportunity to serve, and contact Angelina Davenport- Women's Ministry Group Life Coordinator at (920)979-7141 or angelina.davenport@gsdg.org if you are interested or have any questions.

### **Connecting Through Christ (CTC)**

IT'S BACK!!......ConnectingThroughChrist (CTC) small group sermon-based bible study in a home near you!

Another round of CTC groups will begin after soon. This is our small group program to better connect members to each other and to Christ -ConnectingThroughChrist (CTC).

We have had over 100 congregation members enjoy at least one group over the past several years - and many of those people have been in multiple groups. This program is modeled after successes at many other WELS churches and is based on a book named Sticky Church. It is a group of 8-12 adults who gather outside of the church to enjoy fellowship and grow in Christ by discussing a recent sermon. A trained facilitator from Good Shepherd will facilitates the discussion, and a coordinator gets the groups organized and scheduled. CTC will help people discuss and apply the sermon in a more personal way. CTC is not another church meeting, but a gathering of Christian friends developing a deeper relationship with each other and Christ. CTC groups will generally meet around twice per month and will continue for 3-4 months.

Signup sheets will be in the narthex soon.

Andy Rush

#### **Annual Flower Sale Fundraiser**

Order Forms and information are available in the narthex, or via email, upon request. Orders and payments are due to the Church office no later than Sunday, March 29, 2020. Plants will arrive before Mothers Day. Contact Debbie O'Malley with any questions 630-309-2526 or email derby330@yahoo.com

### **Mundelein Pregnancy and Life Resources**

Collection for Mundelein Pregnancy and Life Resources

LWMS is collecting items requested by Mundelein Pregnancy and Life Resources. They are in need of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo or toiletries, zippered gallon sized plastic bags, new or gently used kids' clothing sizes (0-14), kids' books or toys, and maternity clothes. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to WELS Lutherans for Life. Please place donations in the box in the narthex by April 19th or bring them to the LWMS Rally on April 25th at Palos Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, 9 am to 2 pm. Cash and checks may be given to LWMS reporter Kristina John.