



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally designated as "Good Shepherd Sunday; so, on Sunday, May 11, we will be reading from chapter 22 of John's gospel when Jesus tells the crowd in

the Temple, **"The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish."**

In such a time like this, we are bombarded by all kinds of voices and, unfortunately, the loud angry voices are the only ones we hear. That's why, more than ever, we need to stop and listen very carefully. As Elijah learned when he retreated to his mountain hideaway, **God did not speak in the wind or earthquake or storm; God spoke in a still small voice.**

God's still small voice speaks to us now. It's not a voice of anger or threats or fear. When the Good Shepherd speaks, he speaks in gentleness and compassion and hope. People often ask me how you can know when God is speaking to you; my answer is that **if the voice that**

speaks to you is a word of love then it's of God. Fear, anger, judgment are not how God speaks. That is how the people of God thought they heard God speak in the Old Testament. But, even though prophets heard God speak judgment, they believed that in the end God always spoke forgiveness and mercy. **As the prophet Jonah admitted, "I knew that you are a God who is kind and shows mercy. You don't become angry quickly. You have great love. I knew you would rather forgive than punish..."**

That's the voice of the Good Shepherd. Jesus showed us that God is merciful and loving through his life and ministry. When the religious leaders accused Jesus of eating with sinners, Jesus replied, **"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."** Unfortunately, it seems that our leaders today are more like the religious leaders of Jesus' day WHEN they judge and condemn and oppress others.

The voice of the Good Shepherd is a voice of hope in the midst of hopelessness and despair. When Martha was overwhelmed by grief at the death of her brother, Lazarus, she heard the Good Shepherd speak. As John tells us in his gospel, "Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died...' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'" Then, he added, **"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS? In such a time like this, the world needs to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. It seems obvious that people today do not and cannot hear his voice because they do not believe and belong to God's flock. **So, more than ever, Christ's sheep need to be visible and present.** We do not need to be another voice shouting into the cacophony of voices already screaming to be heard. Like the still small voice that Elijah heard, we can live out the call of Micah, **"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."** ACTION WILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

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Social Concerns

I visited Pastor Chuck and his son to deliver an Easter lily. He continues his journey into more confusion. His son and another caregiver provide him with what he needs.

Sherry W.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry was blessed by 1200 pounds of food from the Portland Food Project on April 12th. Thanks to those who volunteered at the pick up site (Marie, Marcia, Cheryl, Skip, and Sherry) and those who got the bags in the pantry areas (Karen O, Marcia's family, Sherry, and Cheryl). That said as of April 25th we are very low on food, even with other donations and PFP. We had a Krispy Kremes employee stop with a donut donation filling 1 1/2 refrigerator freezers. We had neighbors come by with wagons of food and the daughter of a deceased member bring food. There are extraordinary stories of a woman with legs amputated using her scooter and making it in the pantry, a gentleman who had been coming weekly who has an apartment now with the help of Northwest Pilot Project. We continue to meet an extraordinary need. We served 223 people in April, some are returning visitors each week. Praise the Lord.

Cultivate Initiatives: Join Cultivate Initiatives for an Eat and Greet on May 23rd 5-8p.m. Free food, live music, petting zoo and good times.

Lenten Discipline Results: Our giving for Lent by donating a piece of gently used clothing was a great success. We donated 12 bags and 5 boxes to Cultivate Initiatives and 86 pounds to Snow-Cap. Great idea, Cathy H.

Fifth Sunday: God's Global Barnyard 5th Sunday mission focus is completed and as of this writing it looks like we collected enough to purchase TWO COMPLETE BARNYARDS! Those little pink piggy banks and jars really collected a lot of coins (and paper \$ too). Thank you to everyone for helping make this a successful mission project. Photo of kids/banks and our display will be sent to ELCA along with our donation. Karen O.

Parish Nurse News: Your Parish Nurse continues to collect Health Information to build a notebook of information that can be accessed during worship or an event when it is not a 911 emergency. This information is voluntary and will be kept confidential in office with limited access by staff.

Blood pressure checks continue and the youngest of our members have shown an increased interest in the equipment I use to check their breathing and blood pressure. You can never start health care careers too young! Blood pressure checks are generally offered monthly during coffee hour but you can ask to have it checked any time I am at church. I usually have a cuff with me.

Several of our members have been hospitalized or in skilled nursing facilities and are recovering. They really appreciate, visits, phone calls and cards and notes and especially our prayers.

Blessings for a healthy spring

Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is on May 30th through June 1st. Your representatives for St. Timothy are Ray Whitford, Sherry Willmschen, and Pastor Hamada. The most important matter of business will be the election of our Bishop.

Powellhurst SOLV Event: We will be working with SOLV again this year for a local area clean-up.

When: Saturday, May 17th

Hours: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Saint Timothy Lutheran Church parking area

Provided: Gloves, trash bags, grabbers, and visor vests for youth.

Bring: Your own reusable water bottle.

As in the past we double up and select your street.

All ages welcome, waiver must be signed at the event.

If you have our GWOH T-shirt you're encouraged to wear it. Large size are available for purchase.



Your Church Council at Work

Financial News: Reports from Financial Secretary and Treasurer shows that our finances are doing well thanks to member contributions and special donations.

Property News: Property reports that Skip has been added to the property committee. Bids are being completed for the bathrooms. Instructions for how to turn the heat on and off are being developed. We are still looking for homes for the dishes. We thought we had a non-profit willing to take them but that did not happen. We are still trying to locate a home for the dishes. If you have any suggestions please notify Cheryl or Shannon.

Office Manager: We have developed a Job Description for a parttime Office Manager position to work in the church office. A copy of the full job description is available in the church office. If you or anyone you know is looking for a parttime job please pick one up and share it with them.

OTHER NEWS;

Kitchen Cleanup and Organization continues. Plans are in the works to clean the cupboard doors and apply fresh labels. In the mean time, it's like a treasure hunt looking for items that have been reorganized.

Fifth Sunday for June will be for The Relay for Life-American Cancer Society.

Craft Day and Potluck: May 7th at 11 a.m. Join Twila and Shannon in creating decorated boxes that can be used for gifts, storage, decorations, etc. No previous experience needed. You don't need to be crafty to do this project. Boxes, papers, glues, and embellishments will be provided at no cost for the first box. If you have any special papers or embellishments you would like to use, please feel free to bring them. Additional boxes and papers will be available to purchase if you want to make another box. Please let Shannon or Twila know if you are going to attend. All are welcome!

May 4—June 1 Worship Services

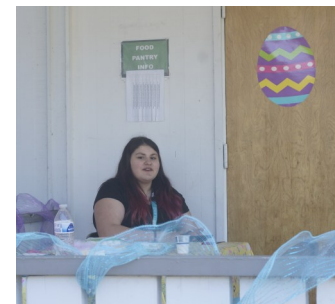
If you're unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.
Lector	Lisa S.	Tim H.	Twila R.	Cathy H.	Tim H.
Usher	James G. & Jayce	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Skip E. & Marcia E.	Allen P. & Tim H.	Gladys K. & Greta C.
Communion	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.
Tiny Tims Aide	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
Video & sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Ray W. & Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Tim H. & Elaine S.	Elaine S & Cathy H.
Music	Esther Shim	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Sherry W.

EASTER JUBILEE!! The weather was a perfect sunny day with a to lift the bubbles from the bubble machine high into the sky... Hundreds of eggs were collected by excited children with their Tote bags and baskets...Cha Cha the clown provided music and balloon animals for all and the face painters were kept busy with a long line waiting for their special art work. The craft house was busy and two lucky ladies took home a filled Easter treat basket from our drawing. A wonderful day to celebrate with our neighbors and community!



This year 45 kids and 77 adults (give or take a few) who visited St. Timothy for the Easter Jubilee this year.




Easter Thanks: Thanks to Mary and Sherry for getting the daisies and lilies. Thanks to the crew who helped assemble the cross including to Greta, Jan, Georgia, and Sherry. We missed Diane. Our Easter Sunday worship was joyful followed by an Easter brunch by our wonderful cooks. Thanks Cheryl for all your work to make it festive.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped publicize the event, especially Lisa, Daniel, Monica, Sherry, etc. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with set up and take down. Special thanks to Karen O. for the basket drawing and to Pastor Hamada, our bunny, and his assistant, Marilyn. Thanks to those running the games, egg hunts, crafts, and face painting, including but not limited to Candace, Cheryl, Monica, Greta, Ray, Daniel, Achille, Mau, Lyla, Jayce, etc. We were pleased to have ChaCha participating at the last minute doing the balloons—It was wonderful for us and her.



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pastor Hamada Diane Verdier Heather Dahlton Kevin Johnson			1 10am-1 pm Food Pantry No Choir	2 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	3 9—noon Property Work Party if weather per- mits
4 <i>Easter 3</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church	5 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	6 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try	7 10 —1pm Office & Food Pantry 10— 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs 11am-Craft & Potluck	8 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	9 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	10 9—noon Work Party
11 <i>Easter 4</i> 12 9:20am Choir prac- tice 10 am Worship Zoom available	12 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	13 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try 6:30 pm Council meets	14 10 —1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hama- da's office hrs	15 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	16 <u>Noon</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>Committee</u> <u>meets</u>	17 9—noon Property Work Party if weather per- mits SOLV EVENT
18 <i>Easter 5</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church	19 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	20 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try	21 10 —1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hama- da's office hrs	22 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	23 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs 4th Friday Potluck and Bingo	24 9—noon Property Work Party if weather per- mits
25 <i>Easter 6</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church	26 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	27 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try	28 10 —1pm Office & Food Pantry 10— 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs	29 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7: 00 pm Choir Practice	30 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs 2025 Ore- gon Synod Assembly	31

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