



“I am the good shepherd.  
I know My own and My own know Me.”

+ John 10:14

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” so, quite naturally, the *Psalm* for today is Psalm 23. While we do not always sing the additional psalm option in *Matins*, today it seems silly not to do so. Along with the *Gospel* from John 10(1–10), the focus is on the Lord, who is our Shepherd. The *First Reading* from Acts 2(42–47) doesn’t actually use the shepherd imagery but the theme remains—the Good Shepherd has gathered the sheep who hear His voice in the flock of His Church.

This Sunday accents the fact that God has raised the Shepherd who was slain to rescue His sheep. Death has no dominion over Him *nor over those who hear and trust in His voice*. Our risen Lord feeds, protects, and guards His sheep who are gathered in His name, and He leads them out of death into life everlasting.

This day’s chief prayer, known as the *Collect* (because it “collects” the theme and readings of the day into one prayer), summarizes this truth beautifully: “Since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads.”

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
+Pastor Griebenaw

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# ✠ MATINS ✠

## OPENING HYMN: Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

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1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that  
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and

tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing

Life has come, with life for all.  
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
 With His bod - y and His blood.  
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
 Life has come, with life for all.

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*Stand*

## OPENING VERSICLES

*Psalms 51:15; Psalm 70:1*

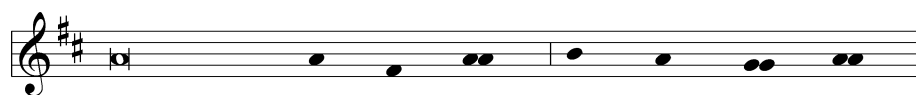


**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
 Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PSALMODY



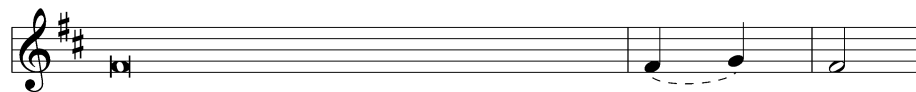
**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

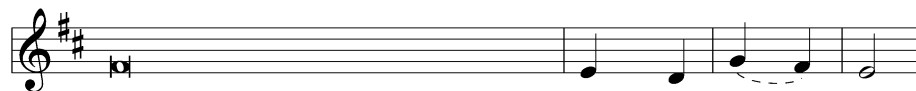
### Venite

*Psalm 95: 1-7*



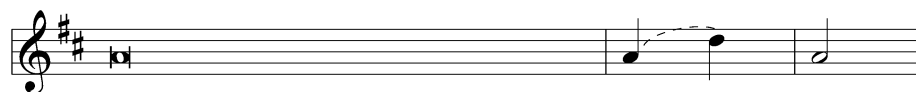
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

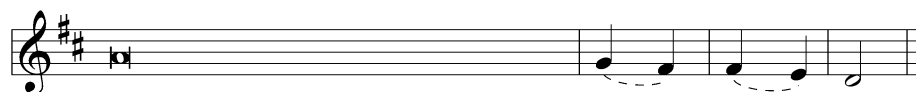


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The pastor and congregation chant responsively.*

*(antiphon)* <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green | pastures:\*

He leadeth me beside the still | waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | storeth my soul:\*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art | with me;\*

Thy rod and Thy staff they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine | enemies:\*

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup | runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life:\*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated.*

*Sit*

## OFFICE HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## READINGS

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA & VERSE



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, He will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## RESPONSORY: Easter

*Psalm 96:2; Psalm 29:1–2; 1 Corinthians 15:220*



- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
 3 Glory be to the  
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- G** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the  
 hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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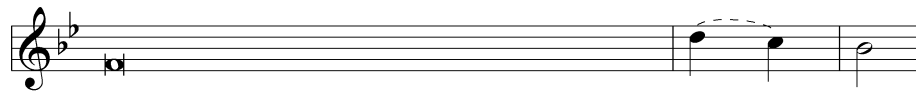
## SERMON

*Rev. Griebenaw*

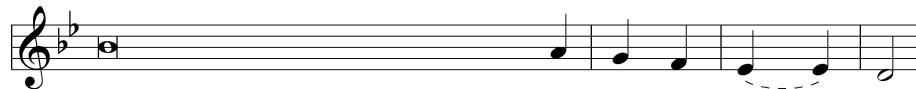
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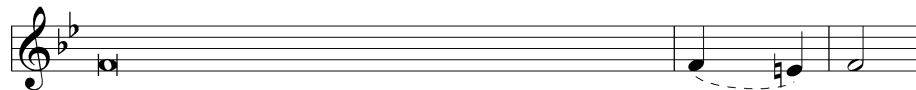
## TE DEUM: We Praise You, O God



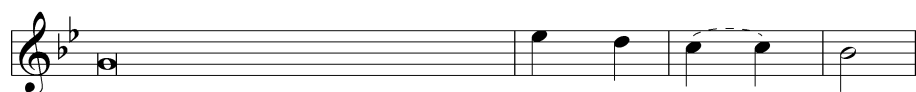
- G** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise You.



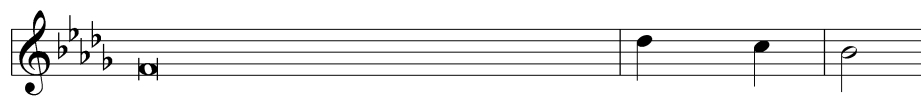
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



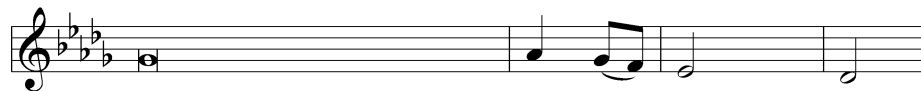
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O Christ;



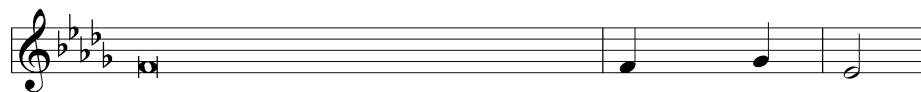
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



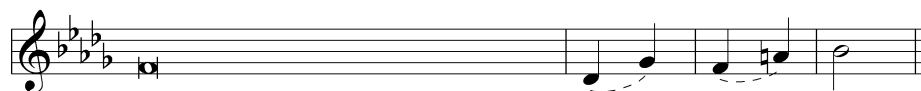
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



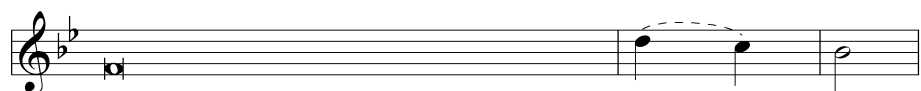
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



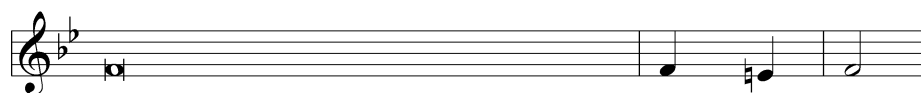
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



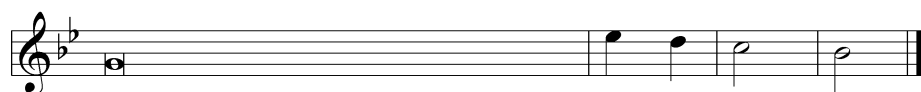
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## PRAYER

*Kneel (or remain standing)*

## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*





# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

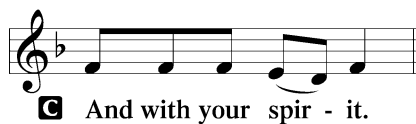


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,  
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
 it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
 bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give  
 those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
 to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Collect During an Epidemic

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress.

In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



*Additional collects may be prayed with the same form and response. The prayers then conclude with the Collect for Grace.*

### Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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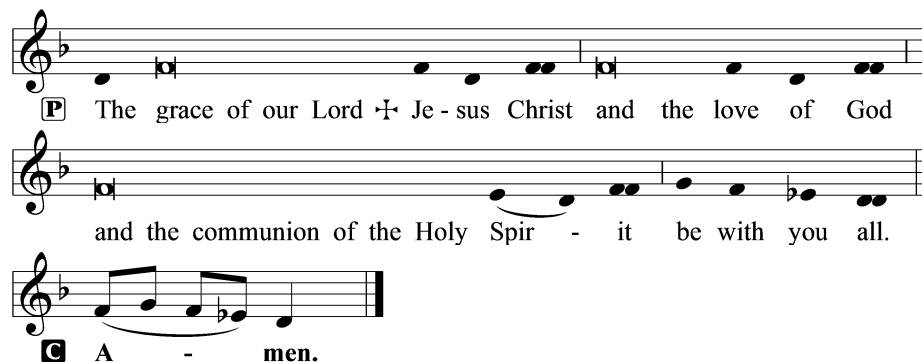
### BENEDICAMUS

*Psalms 103:1*



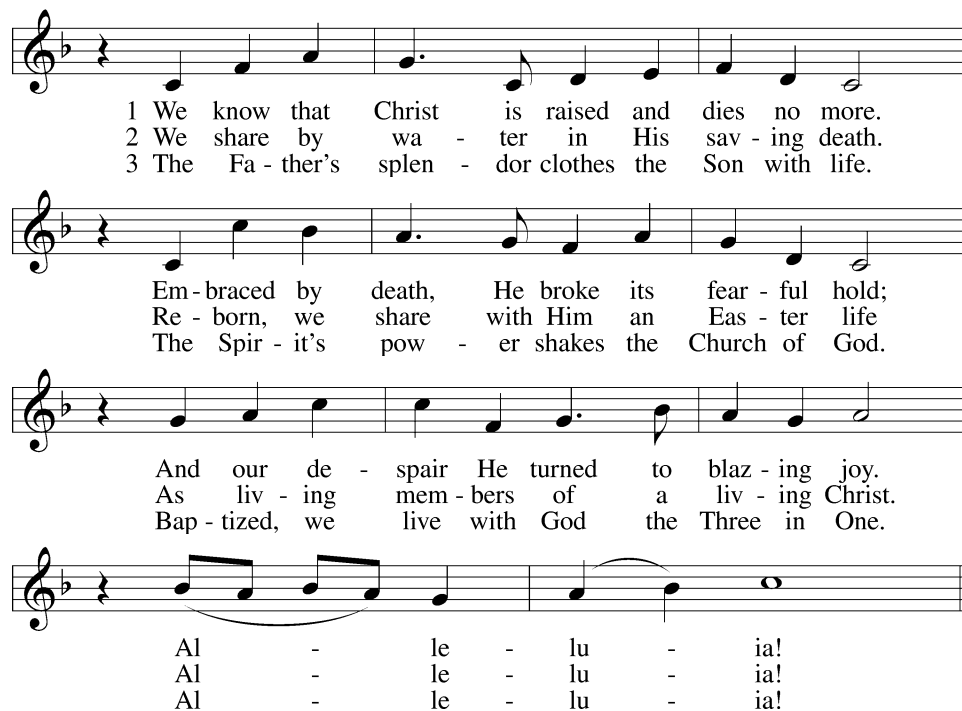
### BENEDICTION

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



### CLOSING HYMN: We Know That Christ Is Raised

*LSB 603*



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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠  
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

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## SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters,

Last week was a pretty good week for the Griebenaw household: it was Leo's Fourth Birthday! ☺

We had some chocolate cake, got to see some family on "Zoom", blew out four candles (which, by the way, we have been doing repeatedly every day since then . . . Leo just *loves* to sing "Happy Birthday" and blow out candles ☺), and opened up some cool presents.

But the highlight of the day was when Leo got a visit from the Imperial County Police! I think he almost fainted from excitement when the poli*iiii*ice car (Leo accentuates the "i" in police) pulled up, flashed its lights, blew its siren and then said, "Happy Birthday, Leo!" on the loudspeaker.

But that wasn't all! Leo got his very own car parade thanks to some really wonderful folks at Grace! He was *so excited!!!* And he just *loves* cars so having his own parade of cars was just perfect! He kept saying to me all night, "That was *so fun!*" and was telling me about all the cars he saw when he laid down in bed and was getting ready for sleep. *It was a great day!*

And Holly and I are so very blessed to have such a loving family at Grace that, in spite of all the restrictions and social-distancing guidelines, really stepped-up to make Leo's birthday *wonderful!* Thank you to everyone who helped out to make Leo's birthday so great! ☺



Please join me on the "Zoom" platform for our **new Bible study on the Psalms** (we're studying Psalm 2 this week). The study is **every Tuesday at Noon**. The first 15 minutes will be a time to catch-up and check-in to make sure we're all doing okay. The study itself will start at 12:15pm and will wrap up at 12:45pm. We'll then close with prayer and have a chance to say goodbye before 1:00pm. To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715> (no password needed). To join by phone, please call either "669-900-9128" or "346-248-7799" and enter 7603525715# when prompted.

And join me **each Wednesday night at 7:00pm** on Facebook for a short (30 minute) **service of prayer and meditation** on the psalm for each week (this Wednesday will be a meditation on Psalm 2). The service folder will be on our website ([www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org](http://www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org)) and the live-stream will be on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranElCentro](http://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranElCentro)).

As always, I pray that our time together this day has brought joy, comfort, and the light of Christ Jesus into your homes. While we are apart from the Lord's house, let us hold fast to God's Word and earnestly study it each day, for it is written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name.

Lastly, while our physical gatherings are suspended, please remember that the work of Christ's church continues. Please mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box:

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Yours in Christ Jesus,  
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