

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

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# Service of Prayer and Preaching

## Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

## “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.  
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87  
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## Opening Versicles

*LSB 260*

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."  
*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.



## Psalm 23

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd; \*  
I | shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \*  
He leads me beside still | waters.
- <sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul. \*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are | with me; \*  
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies; \*  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
- <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, \*  
and I shall 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.

## First Reading

*Acts 20:17-35*

**[L]** A reading from Acts, the twentieth chapter.

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the

ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you,<sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.<sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;<sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.<sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.<sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.<sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.<sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.<sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Revelation 7:9-17*

**L** A reading from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"<sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*John 10:22-30*

**L** A reading from the Gospel of John, the tenth chapter.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Responsory

*LSB 263*

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



## Hymn of the Day

## “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!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77  
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## Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 264*

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 264*

**☐ 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.**

*What is the Fifth Commandment?*

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

## Sermon

## “Sheltering Presence”

*Revelation 7:9-17*

## Sermon Hymn

## “Jerusalem the Golden”

*LSB 672*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,  
 △ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.  
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,  
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.  
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.

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## Offering and Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

### Collect of the Day

**L** . . . one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Morning Prayer

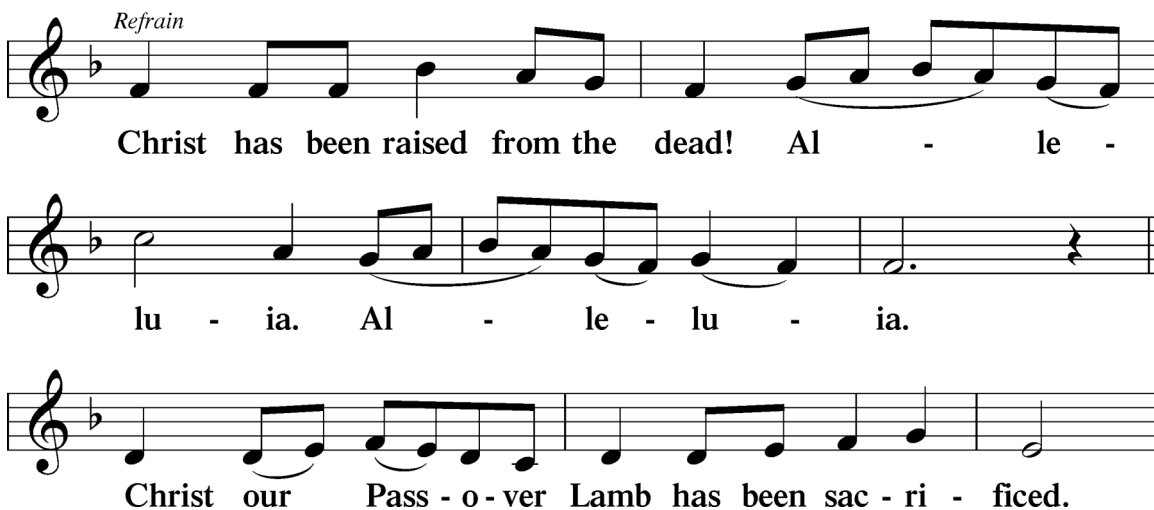
*LSB 266*

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### New Testament Cantic

*LSB 266*

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -


lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -


  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

  
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

  
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

  
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
  
**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Blessing

*LSB 267*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

**“Revive Us Again”**

*WHM 391*

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Today - Tues:** Pastor and Renee out of town  
**Monday:** Comforters, 1pm  
**Tuesday:** Elders, 7pm  
**Wednesday:** Acts Bible Class, 10am  
**Wednesday:** *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	5/11/25	5/18/25
<b>Elder</b>	Rich Rieches	Neil Rieches
<b>Organist</b>	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Darren and Jamie Bakken	Dean Lingley Patty Bruens
<b>Sound Board</b>	Neil Rieches	Kendra Morts
<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis and Sheila Selk	Phil and Cindy Raddatz
<b>Acolyte</b>	Evelyn Morts	Ellie Schwartz
<b>Head Usher</b>	Patrick Teig	Patrick Teig
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Kellerhals Gloria Schleef	Linda Kellerhals Gloria Schleef

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2025 LAWN MOWING:** Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The grass is growing and we need your help. THANK YOU to those that have mowed the lawn already this spring! There are plenty of options to fit your schedule. We are asking those that are able to sign up for a couple weeks to push mow the church/annex yards (not the big back yard). Thank you in advance for continuing to support and help your church.

**WONDER JUNCTION VBS 2025:** Dust off your boots, grab your bandana, and get ready for a rootin' tootin' time at Wonder Junction! Join us June 16-20 from 9:00-11:00 as we gallop through the wonder-filled West, where we will learn about the grandest wonder of all - Jesus Christ. Scan the QR code to register.



**WONDER JUNCTION VBS 2025:** In order to pull off a wonderful VBS we need your help! In the narthex, we have a list of supplies we need donated. We also need helpers! Sign up today to help as you can

**PASTOR AND RENEE** will be out of town today through Tuesday. If you have a need, Pastor will be available via his cell phone.

**ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:** If anyone was not able to attend the meeting last Sunday, please reach out to Dave L. for a recording.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION:** Today we recognize our High School graduates following service. We have two graduating seniors - Jossalin Lavicka and Ryleigh Rieches.

**IN AN EFFORT** to keep heating and cooling costs down, we are asking members to keep doors closed throughout the week. If you are in the building during the week and see doors open – fellowship hall, tunnel, annex, etc - please close them.

**DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS:** The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue for many decades to come! Check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BgVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>. *\*During the 2024-2025 school year, there have been 2 baptisms and 3 confirmations at UniLu. There have been many conversations about Christianity with Hindu and Muslim students. The students at UniLu come together for Bible Study and to pray Compline each Wednesday and come together for Bible Class and Divine Service each Sunday. Follow University Lutheran on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/uniluchampaign](http://www.facebook.com/uniluchampaign).*

**CID SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY** was last Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone who participated with gifts and prayers in support of our CID seminarians and full-time church-worker students. We ask you to continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last week you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your



check payable to the "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for current needs. Please send your gift to the Central Illinois District - Pre-addressed "Will they always be there?" envelopes are available in the narthex.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** "As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Chris Schroeder	Monday
Luke Smith	Friday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

Michael and Stacie Trumann	Saturday (28 years)
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### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
John Lee  
Nancy Tobeck  
Joey, radio listener  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Dave Lucht, hospitalized  
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

### **Those who mourn:**

Family and friends of Amanda Muecke Pankonin, friend of the Minton Family, given Christian burial this past week.

## **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes  
Delmer Henrichs  
Dorothy Knake  
Joann Sloan  
Brenda St. Peter

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

### ***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy  
Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army  
Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves  
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard  
Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

### ***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** St. Matthew in Milan and Kurt Larson her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** St. Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig her pastor.

### **Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA  
Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

### **Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of May 4, 2025*

Mahlah enjoyed a busy and happy Sunday this week, as her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with a party after church at OSLC. Most of her handlers and ministry partners were in attendance for the service and the party, and it was a festive occasion. Later in the day she and handler Brandon Legan observed Firefighters Day at the Watseka fire station.



On Tuesday Mahlah and handler Diane Costello visited Westminster Village in West Lafayette and the Tippecanoe County Villa as well. They were greeted by many friends at both facilities, and happily added the second as a new regular place to go.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to have a Chapel and Meet and Greet on Wednesday at St. Paul's in Bourbonnais with Jayne and Dean Henrichs as handlers. On Thursday she was to travel to Good Shepherd Manor in Momence and the Manteno Veterans Home.

Last week Mahlah visited Chatham on Wednesday and Hoopeston on Friday.

