



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, April 28

Matthew 21 Genesis 21

Monday, April 29

Matthew 22 Genesis 22

Tuesday, April 30

Matthew 23 Genesis 23

Wednesday, May 1

Matthew 24 Genesis 24

Thursday, May 2

Matthew 25 Genesis 25

Friday, May 3

Matthew 26 Genesis 26

Saturday, May 4

Matthew 27 Genesis 27

Welcome

OPENING HYMN Come, Thou Almighty King

(LSB 905, stanzas 1, 3, 4)

1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

D 4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.

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INVOCATION

(Divine Service setting one, pg 151)

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your**

present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^(a) so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY Lift High the Cross

(LSB 837, stanzas 1, 2, 5)

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

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Message

Joining Jesus on His Mission:

How to be an Everyday Missionary, will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life *for* Jesus to living life *with* Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. You will feel both relief and hope, You may even hear yourself say, "I can do this!" as you start responding to the everyday opportunities he is placing in your path.

Greg and Susan Finke founded Dwelling 1:14 to help Jesus-followers connect in their neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools for discipling and missional living. They offer coaching, consulting and training experiences for congregations and their leaders in discipling, living missionally and multiplying missional communities. Greg and Susan enjoy life as neighborhood missionaries in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Offering (as you exit – offering boxes are available, or
Give on-line, www.ehlc.org)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (We lift our hands up)

Lord's Prayer

(LSB page 162)

- 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 Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

COMMUNION HYMN Spread the Reign of God the Lord (LSB 830, all)

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

(LSB page 166)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaders in Worship

Pastor Steve Benson, Pastor Greg Finke

Vicar Bradley Asmus

Music: Mark Krause, Josiah Bode and the Band

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REMEMBERING IN PRAYER – 04/28/2024

Hospitalized/Transitional Care

Arnie Carlson (Southview Acres), Jon Krause

Requests

Gary Holmes, Mary Jane Brahy, Mike Straley, Linda Straley,
Dave and Kathy Hildenbrand, Paule Ehmcke, Sandy Pizinger
Terry Lingofelt, Donna Ewalt, Jim Dornfeld, Dale Burbach, Sue James,
Jon Krause, Julie Novak, Jeff Hendrickson, Don Lewandowski,
Phyllis Boettcher, Jim Messick, Elsa Blomgren,
Sandra & Dave Wilke, Julie Brooks, Val Gebhard, Julietta Grimes,
Jim Emmons, Kathy Jacobson, Carole Kasal, Chad Anderson
Sue Moore, Carol Fink, Bev Davis, Krystal Gustafson, Joe Linton,

Requests (Beyond our church family)

Nicole (Rosanna Wunrow's Granddaughter), Barb (John Boyer's sister),
Nicole(Ardys Tallarico's granddaughter), Brian (Jim Messick's son),
Olivia (Judy Ketola's granddaughter), Stephen (Rosanna Wunrow's son),
Mike (Steve Fischer's brother), Kenny (Brother of Carol Fink),
Carol (Rick Urban's Aunt), Nancy (Diane Herpolsheimer's sister),
Jeanine (Jim Messick's friend), Alice (Diane Voyda's Mother),
George (Paul Schlotfeld's friend), Joe (John Wunrow's grandpa)

Open Arms Child Development Center

For increased enrollment and current staff health.

Our Prayers: For God's Comfort

For Mark Krause & family at the loss of Jim, Mark's brother
For Merle Jarvis at the loss of his sister Mary.

Thanksgiving

For a wonderful workshop yesterday, leaning how to be everyday
missionaries.

For the life of Steve Blyseth, friend of Julie Brooks

Home-bound and Care Center Residents

Diane Rettinger

Missionary of the Week

Alfrieda Baldwin and the staff, Rebecca, Kathy, Amy, and Chris,
of Laurel Community School, our partners here at EHLC.

Ways to Give

Offering boxes at worship, or

Mail to EHLC, 616 Ruth Street, St. Paul, MN 55119

On the website – www.ehlc.org – **GIVE**

It is very costly to maintain an outpost for Word & Sacrament mission to this community, and to adequately staff that mission. Our "break-even" need for contributions is \$43,947 per month. If God has placed upon your heart the need to continue this work for the sake of the new generations of people growing up here, please plan your generous contributions, based on how God has blessed you with income. You may give online (ehlc.org) by Venmo, U.S. mail, or by placing your gifts in the offering boxes located near the exits.

Our Bus Garage is getting repaired! Help keep the Bus ministry in operation by making a special gift in memory of Bernice Steinke who benefited for the bus ministry from August 2016. We have currently received \$500 in memory of Bernice towards the \$1800 needed expense.

Worship with us Sunday mornings

Live 8:30 AM, 10AM & 11AM

Online at www.ehlc.org or on your phone
at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

- 1) Dial 612-808-6338
 - 2) When connected, enter in 990-6073-#
 - 3) You will hear music until the service begins
 - 4) When done, simply hang up.
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For parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors of K. thru 8th Grade students... Laurel Community School provides an attractive alternative to public schools. This micro-school (which partners with Eastern Hts. & Open Arms, on our campus) is now enrolling for 2024-25 school year. Can you imagine a school with the highest academic standards & creative educational philosophy which also honors God and Biblical values? To learn more about L.C.S. go to www.laurelcs.org or contact our Eastern Heights member, Alfrieda Baldwin, who is the Director of L.C.S. (612) 325-4035. ***A limited number of half-off tuition vouchers are currently available.***

Call now to set up a tour of the school! I personally see Laurel Community School in action five-days a week here at Eastern Heights, and I support and recommend their program! Feel free to talk with me about the difference this has made in many families. Blessings in Jesus, Pastor Steve Benson.



Now Enrolling for Summer and Fall programs

For more information go to www.openarmsstpaul.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY JULY 21 - THURSDAY JULY 25

5:30PM - 8:00PM // AGE 3 - 8TH GRADE

**NEW THIS YEAR... MIDDLE SCHOOL VBS!

more information & registration online at ehlc.org

ELEMENTARY
YOUTH

Bake Sale

Mother's Day, Sunday May 12th
before and after each church service

The bake sale will help support the
Elementary Youth's fellowship bowling trip.

Questions, contact MaryEllen Wunrow at
maryellen@ehlc.org





Come and meet other Lutheran Christians in St. Paul!
You are invited to bring a dish to share. Singers are invited to join a massed choir for this festival. Dr. David Mennicke will lead the choir in a 5:45 pm rehearsal that night in Jehovah's balcony. Please contact David at spoc@jehovahlutheran.org for more information on singing.

You are invited to attend

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN EAST

GALA

Embrace the Miracles

APRIL 30TH 2024

To register click the link.

[HTTPS://EVENT-59614-9AE4.PUSHPAYEVENTS.COM/](https://event-59614-9ae4.pushpayevents.com/)

Any questions please contact Elsa Blomgren:
erichardson@tutanota.com or (701) 793-2281



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, August 18

EASTERN HEIGHTS To Host Gospel Concert Musicians and Community Breakfast!

Eastern Heights is hosting Dave Anderson and Roger Walck for one worship service on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Dave and Roger have a combined 100 years experience in music ministry! The audience will often be invited to sing along with Dave and Roger.

In addition to their music experience they are ambassadors for the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry.

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat provides week-long counseling retreats for men and women in full-time ministry who are in the midst of burnout, stress, depression, and conflicts of all kinds. The Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry is based in Arizona.

On August 13, 1993, Dave Anderson, his wife Barbara, and five others survived a plane crash in the Bering Sea. The seven missionaries were in 41-degree water for about an hour. Their rescue has been called the most dramatic air/sea rescue in aviation history. At the services at Eastern Heights Lutheran Church & Open Arms, St. Paul, Dave will share highlights from their crash and rescue story.

The public is invited to this event & it is an ideal time for you to bring visitors with you to church! A free-will offering will be received in support of the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry. Pastor Steve and Stephanie Benson have volunteered for two separate weeks at Shepherd's Canyon (serving as retreat chaplain and kitchen helper!) Pastor Chuck Fenton has served on the Board of Directors for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. This is a ministry that deserves & needs our prayers and support.

What's Jesus Up to?

“The time has come.” -Jesus in Mark 1:15

For over a year, our Eastern Heights family has been working our way through the words & events in the life of Jesus and His followers in the New Testament. The message of Jesus has been soaking deeply into our hearts and minds. Now what? What is Jesus up to *TODAY*?

What is He asking us to *do*?

As a church family, Eastern Heights & Open Arms can see 2024 as a year of “telling a new generation about Jesus.”

Our Objectives

25 more students in Open Arms

12 baptisms (of children and/or adults)

6 first communions

5 more students in our elementary youth group

10 more students in our 5th- 12th grade group

Our Strategy

Family oriented worship opportunities

Provide practical lessons on how to follow Jesus

Our Systems

Instruction

Generosity

Service

Our Impact

More families and students worshipping and serving their community in the name of Jesus.

This is what Eastern Heights Lutheran Church has been about for 77 years.

*However, after decades of change in our neighborhood and our world, we find ourselves wondering **how** we will bring this positive vision of telling a new generation about Jesus to reality...*

Our church family must be a functional family- we need to see each other, listen, learn names, and become bonded together in life and in a mission. It starts today with a commitment to spend time together, to work together, to be accountable to one another in a process of finding our roles in this family and joyfully joining Jesus in the work He is already doing all around us.

*It starts small. It is not spectacular. But by God's grace & blessing, generations of children on the Eastside of St. Paul (yet unborn) will someday come to know Jesus and receive His gifts of forgiveness, purpose, and eternal life... because we started **today**. The time has come!*

What Can We DO?

1. Pray for our mission & the people in our lives
2. Read Scripture daily (start with Matthew)
3. Worship & receive the Lord's Supper weekly.
4. Fully participate in our "Joining Jesus on His Mission" Initiative
 - A. Consider joining (and perhaps leading) a Missional Community
 - B. Save the dates: October 25, 26, 27 for Launch weekend.
5. Volunteer to lead (or co-lead) one of the following needed TEAMS:
 - A. Welcome/Hospitality- greeters, Information Center staffing for all 3 services. (see Tim)
 - B. Community Breakfast Team, August 18 (see Pastor Steve)

- C. Coordinate and schedule Communion/Reader/Acolyte team (*see Tim*)
- D. Develop an adult team of mentor/helpers for Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation (and youth ministry) – (*see Bradley*)
 - 1. Sundays 9:45- 10:45 A.M.
 - 2. Wednesdays 6- 7 P.M.
- E. Audit Team- organize & enlist outside qualified help to do an audit of the church and Open Arms books to protect our staff and to protect the integrity & confidence in our financial systems. (*see Tim*)
- F. Planned Giving Team (*see Pastor Steve*)
 - 1. Maximize turn-out for the event with Kurt Fuhr on September 25th
 - 2. Assist in our Development Plan
 - a. Visits to other congregations
 - b. 1-on-1 visits to interested people
- G. Flowers/Landscape/building maintenance Team (*see Tim*)
- H. Family Friendly Worship services: Lent and Advent (*see Bradley*)
 - 1. Create active worship events.
- I. Family Fun Night- Aug. 13 (*see Bradley*)
- J. Vacation Bible School (*see Emily and MaryEllen*)
- K. Trunk or Treat Team- Oct. 20 (*see Bradley*)
- L. Prayer Team (*see Pastor Steve*)
- M. Caring Visitor Team (*see Pastor Steve*)
- N. Partnership Team (*see Pastor Steve*)
 - 1. Visit & get acquainted with H.U.C.C.; C.M.F.I.; Bread of Life; and Laurel Community School
 - 2. Collaborate and develop joint programs of mission with our partner churches and school.

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ABOUT JESUS**

“Connecting people to God through faith in Jesus”
