

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN	8:30	"Father Welcomes"	(LSB 605)
	11:00	"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"	(LSB 549)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF OTTO CHARLES BENSON 8:30 (LSB 268)

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Ps. 23; (antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)

P I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

C He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P 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.

**C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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.**

P I am the good
I know my own
and I lay down my

shepherd.
and my own know me,
life for the sheep.



KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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 Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING Acts 4:1-12 (Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Allen Pote)
 Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE 1 John 3:16-24 (Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11–18* *(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *(LSB 709)*

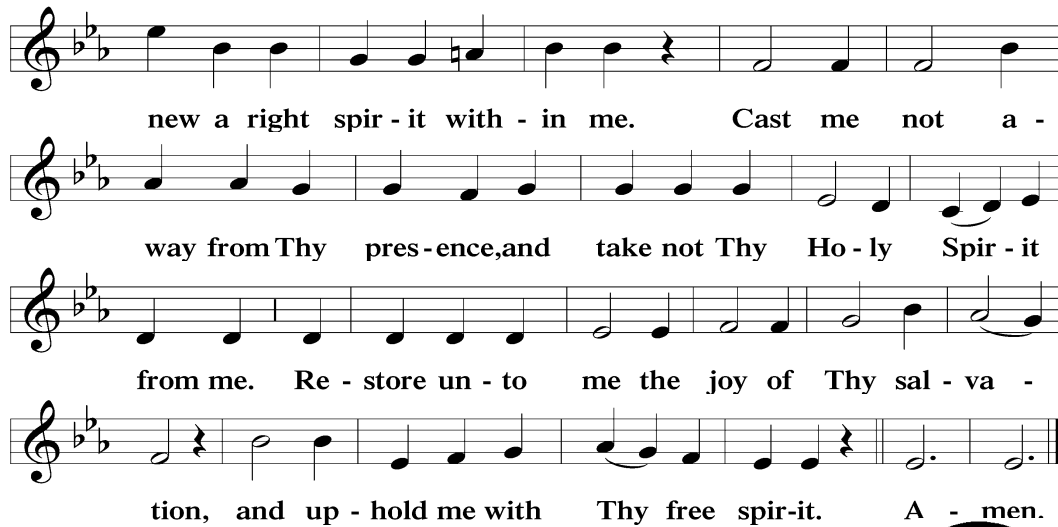
SERMON "By This We Know" *(1 John 3:16-24)*
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERTORY



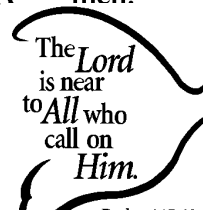
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, by the first-fruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [*especially _____*]. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; 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 **Amen.**

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 11:00 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

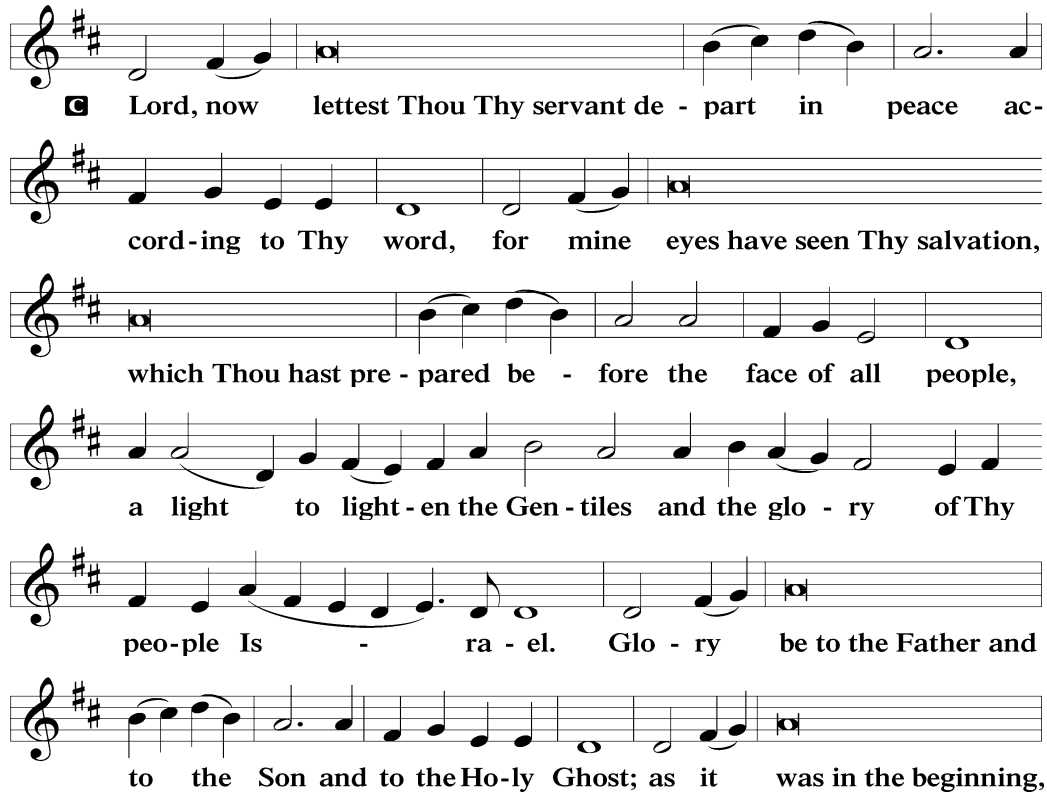
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)
- "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)
- "Shepherd of Tender Youth" (LSB 864)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.



CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" (LSB 737)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term "misericord" means "pity of the heart." That word is part of the church phrase *Misericordia Domini*, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also.
If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. *John 12:26*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.



Holy Baptism Today by ordinary water and God's extraordinary Word, Otto Charles Benson becomes son of God. Otto is the son of Nathan & Rebecca Benson. Sponsors for Otto are Alexander Wilson and Heidi Benson. May God continue to bless Otto and his family.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Apr. 10, Att. 54; Offering \$30.00; **Sun., Apr. 14, Att. 264;** General Fund \$10,423.00; Sunday School Offering \$4.00; Building Fund \$830.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,425.00; Flowers \$16.00; Camps \$1,704.00; Copies \$50.00; Broadcasts \$60.00.

ENDOWMENT FUND When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Early Communion class Pastor Handschke has scheduled an Early Communion class for **Monday, April 22nd** from 6-8 PM. 4th through 7th grade students are eligible for this class. If you are interested in having your child take this class, speak with Pastor Sam.



Spring Clean-up/Work Day Sat., May 4th at 9 AM

The Board of Property Management would appreciate any and all help sprucing up our church campus. Whatever help you can give for whatever time you have to spare would be welcomed!

Voter's Assembly Our next Voters Assembly will be May 5th. We will be voting in new board members. If you would be willing to commit to serving your church we would appreciate your interest in any of the boards. Terms run for 2 years and you can do a second term if willing. Please contact the office, Pastor Sam or one of the board members if you are interested.

Health Kits for Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter **Only donate those things listed.** We will be collecting these items through April. If we fill this request, we will add more kits. Thank you for your help with this. If you have questions, please call Jan Larson 650-280-0862. **PS** We do not need any soap for the kits – they already have plenty of these!

Items **needed**: New large bath towels (35), new, sealed toothbrushes (21), lip balm (36), small or travel size shampoo (15), small or travel size conditioner (29), fingernail clippers (22), small or travel size deodorant (36).

CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER
Motor Coach Tour Dates: July 28 — Aug. 3, 2024

Join us on a Creation Museum and Ark Encounter trip this summer and let the Bible come to life for you. See, www.faithluth.com/arktrip/

Deadline: Please sign up (or at least tentatively indicate your interest) by April 7th so we can begin to make group reservations. Deposits may be required. You may invite others as friends and family of Faith Lutheran. After April 7, we will open it up to the community.



Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “No Place to Hide” - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

10:30 AM - Rev. Steven Weispfennig, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, presents a message titled “The Good Shepherd's Sheep Hear His Voice.” This sermon is based on John 10:14-16. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Life Quotes “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH! Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookings invites youth from throughout South Dakota to join their youth June 2-7, 2024, for a very special trip. They will be traveling to the Ark

Encounter....Join us June 2-7, 2024 for a Youth Trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky (staying 2 nights at nearby Potter’s Ranch), with additional overnight stops at Concordia University



Wisconsin, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The trip is intended for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & their chaperones. The cost is \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals). The trip will leave/return from Sioux Falls. More information can be found online at

<https://www.mountcalvary1.org/kentuckytrip>.



Camp Minneboji Our South Dakota District summer camp “Camp Minneboji” is coming up June 16th – 22nd. This year’s theme is “Blessed” as we look at the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. Camp Minneboji is for youth completing 4th grade – 8th grade. Cost is \$450 before April 1 and \$500 afterwards. There is also a special “Honors Camp” for those completing 9th grade which has special activities and focuses on leadership development and personal study of God’s Word. Honors camp is \$480 before April 1 and \$530 afterwards. For more information, check us out on the South Dakota District website at minneboji.com or our facebook page. If you have any questions, please email: minneboji@gmail.com. All registrations are due by May 1.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 21

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Worship
 2-5 pm LWML Spring Wkshp – St. Matt
 3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Apr. 22

6:00 pm Early Communion Class
 7-10 pm Pickleball

Tues: Apr. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 9:30 am *Truth Project*
 10:30 am Women’s Bible Study

Wed: Jan. 24

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
 6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Connected to Christ* Study

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 25

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:00-8:00 pm MOPS in gym

6:30 pm Church Council

Sun: Apr. 28

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah

Circle in Young Rm

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am

Confirmation/Communion

12-3 pm Roman Confirmation

Recept.



Psalm 23:1

