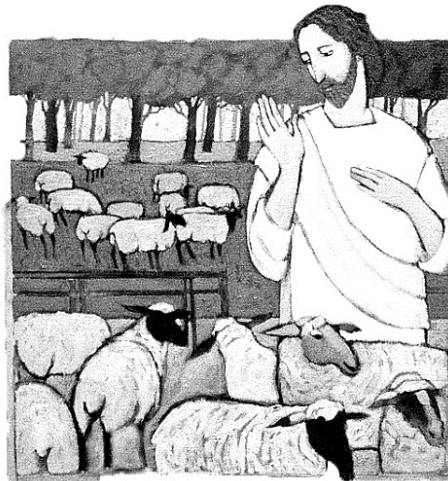


**John Knox  
Presbyterian Church**

**May 11, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

**GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

**\* Call to Worship**

*from Revelation 5*

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**\* Hymn**

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

*#803*

**\* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

**\* Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**We talk about love, but our actions betray us.**

**We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.**

**We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit**

**so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,**

**in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\* Words of Forgiveness**

*We seek God's grace ... **...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!***

**\* Response**

*"Amen"*

*twice #600*

*\*=Standing as able    Italics=Leader    **Bold=People***

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### Time with God's Children

#### Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading**                      1 John 3: 16-24                      NRSVUE

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Reading**                      John 10: 1-18                      NRSVUE

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**                                      “The Beauty of Love”

Rev. Andrew Wall

**\* Hymn**                                      “Live Into Hope”

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

### Church and Community Life

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

#### Offertory

\* **Sung Response**                      “We Lift Our Voices”                      #710

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

### Prayers of the People

*Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayers.*

### Prayers for the World

*After each petition: O Risen Christ,*

**Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

### The Lord's Prayer

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\* **Sending Song**                      “Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”                      #757

\* **Charge and Blessing**

*Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.*

### Postlude

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after worship.*

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Liturgist: Ashley Kramer  
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Andrew Wall  
Guest Pianist: Adam Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis  
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

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*This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.*

## Church and Community Life

**PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Andrew Wall**, our guest preacher this week. He describes himself as a nerd who loves exploring other worlds in fantasy and science fiction books, playing board games with his two kids, and running the business he founded with his wife. He received his BA in History and Biblical Studies and his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary. As a result, he is passionate about helping the bible come alive for people in both his preaching and teaching.

**PASTORAL NEEDS** while Maggie is out? Please contact your deacon or an elder and we will help or find help for you. The directory has a list of deacon flocks and all JKPC officers. If you've misplaced your directory, please see Eileen for another.

**MAY FOOD** for the Keizer Community Food Bank is **TUNA AND ANY OTHER CANNED MEATS**. We'll accept any other food items, of course, and monetary donations are always welcome. Volunteers are needed to serve our hungry neighbors. See their website at [keizercommunityfoodbank.org](http://keizercommunityfoodbank.org) or their Facebook page for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

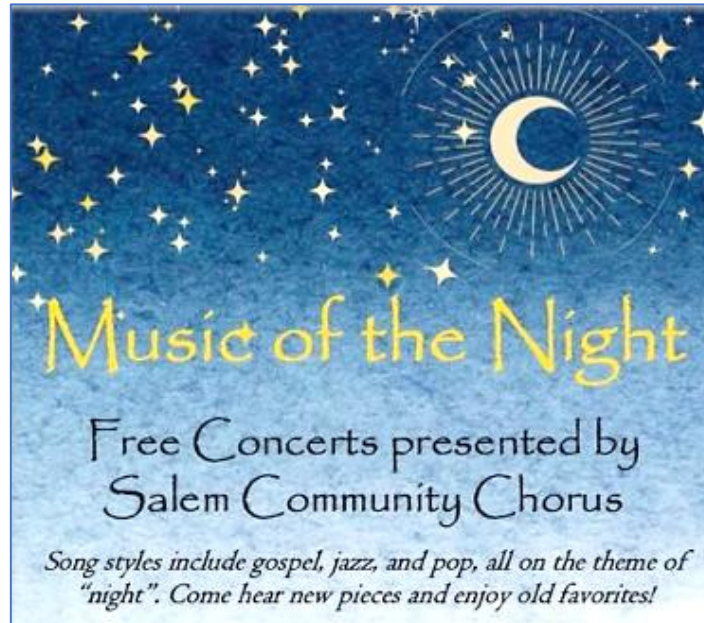
**FELLOWSHIP TIME** after worship is a wonderful time to talk with friends and make new ones. It's even more pleasant with goodies in hand. Please sign up to provide some goodies or leave a free-will offering in the basket on the table so we can purchase refreshments when home-baked treats aren't available. Thank you!

**SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS Spring Concerts** are a wonderful way to celebrate spring and Mother's Day. See the calendar below for dates, times, and locations. Anna and Adam lead this great community group, and Pat & Mark McKelvie join in the singing.

**MANY THANKS** to all who helped resolve the clogged sewer drain issue: our Puerta del Cielo friends cleaned the first (awful) flood; all the people who attended the memorial service on May 3 were understanding and flexible (and even helped clean); Best Pot delivered a Porta Potty within an hour of our call so we could hold worship on May 4; the Emmetts helped during the memorial service and later moved the cabinet in the nursery so we could evaluate the clean-out access point; Action Drain and Rooter Service responded promptly, professionally, and at a reasonable cost; the Backpack Buddies crew filled bags with their food placed in different places, Sheila shampooed the carpet where it flooded; and Eileen for coordinated and cleaned; and everyone who attended last Sunday even though the Porta Potty was our only bathroom option. If I left someone out, my apologies. What an adventure that we hope to never repeat!

**HEARING CHALLENGED?** The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

## Looking Ahead



**May 12, May 17, May 19**

**See the calendar for times and locations**

- Mon. May 12 6:30** Salem Community Chorus  
Spring Concert: Music of the Night  
St. Mark Lutheran Church
- Sat. May 17 2:30** Salem Community Chorus  
Spring Concert: Music of the Night  
Loucks Auditorium, Salem Library
- Sun. May 18 10:30** Worship with Pastor Maggie  
Christ Jar Offering and Birthday Celebration
- Mon. May 19 6:30** Salem Community Chorus  
Spring Concert: Music of the Night  
St. Mark Lutheran Church
- Tues. May 20 2:00** Women's Bible Study
- Wed. May 21 7:00** Session via Zoom
- Sun. May 25 10:30** Worship

### May Birthdays

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