

Traditional Worship

April 6, 2025

9:00 am | Worship Leader: Lori Ward

Gathering Music, Jinshil Yi

Greetings and News of the Church Alive

***“Doxology” No 625**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prelude, Jinshil Yi

**Call to Worship (Isaiah 53: 6-7; 10-11)*

Leader: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

People: And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

People: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Leader: Yet it was the LORD’S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,

People: He will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper his hand.

Leader: After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

People: By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

***Hymn of Praise No. 190**

Are You Washed in the Blood?

**Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)*

People: Almighty God, you are king of everything. You are Lord of our lives, you control the stars in heavens, and you humbled yourself to be a servant to us. In response to this, we continue to reign as kings and queens in our own lives, choosing to command our own destiny. Please forgive our pride and help us to see who we really are in light of you. Show us your mercy as we come to you in humility and repentance. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Passing of the Peace (Greet Your Neighbor)

***Response, “Gloria Patri,” No. 623**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music | Chancel Choir

You Are the Bread by Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Lesson | 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

The Message | Pastor Brad Epperson

Is It Really That Bad?

The Apostles’ Creed

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation and prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution and Serving of the People

(We partake individually of the bread and hold the cup, drinking together).

Offering and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment No. 191**

There Is Power in the Blood

*Benediction

Postlude, Jinshil Yi

**Please stand if you are able*

Calendar for the week of April 6th

Be sure to check out the full event calendar at www.lakewoodlcp.com/events

Greeters: Glenn and Janet Groefsema | Usher: Doug Berglund

Monday, April 7	11:15 am Toddler Play Time in the Conference Room 7:00 pm Small Group 1 (Ward)
Tuesday, April 8	9:30 am Sunrise Circle 1:00 pm Dorcas Circle 6:00 pm Small Group 2 (Huber) 6:00 pm Small Group 3 (Trevino)
Wednesday, April 9	1:00 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm Student Ministries 5:30 pm Small Group 6 (Epperson) 6:00 pm Prayer and Praise with the Pastors
Thursday, April 10	9:30 am Martha Circle 10:00 am Teevin and Rich Small Group 3:30 pm Small Group 5 (Brockhoff) at the Brockhoff's home 6:15 pm Prairie Handbells 6:30 pm Family Science Night
Friday, April 11	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Saturday, April 12	<i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Sunday, April 13	<i>Palm Sunday!</i> 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Fellowship in Prairie Hall 11:00 am Lakewoodgrace Contemporary Worship 12:30 pm Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Next week, the Pastors will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 13.

NO ROMANS CLASS APRIL 9

Pastor James will be in Korea the week of April 7th working on a partnership with English Language Ministries. There won't be a Romans class April 9th.

JOIN US FOR SCIENCE NIGHT ON APRIL 10TH

Our Children's Ministry team is hosting a science night on April 10th at 6:30 in Prairie Hall. RSVPs are **required** to Mary Mannering by April 7th. If you have questions, please contact Mary Mannering: 253-973-9702.

Prayer Requests

- For **Bill Emma's** sister, **Missy Johnson**. She has cancer.
- For **Janine Saul's** niece, **Tawnie**. She has liver cancer.
- For **Tal Edman**. He suffered another fall while in Skilled Nursing. He is back at Tobey Jones.
- For **Sharon Scott**. Prayers for continued healing.
- For **Mason Thompson, Cindy Nelson's grandson**. He has back issues.
- For **Cathy McAllister**, a member of our Bell Choir. She was in a car accident and had challenging injuries. Prayers as she continues to recover. Delorse – mom who is at St. Clare
- For preschool mom, **Monica Rameriz**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy.
- Prayers for a former preschool family and their son, **Benedict**, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Continued prayers for those needing overall health, healing, and peace:

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| • Colleen Smart | • Cindy Nelson's brother, Richard Rogers | • Deanna Price |
| • Jerry Williams | • Phyllis & Rudy Horst | • Barbara Riggs |
| • Martha Kelcey | • Floyd Collins | • Bev Conover |
| • Rosemary Kennedy | • Lisa Semon | • Steve George |
| • Bill Edwards | • Mike Noreen | • Inge Conner |
| • Joan Jackson | • Ruthie Faris | • JoEthel Smith |
| • Bridget Upton | • Bill Price | • Gordon Neu |
| • Jim & Alyce Olsen | • Amy Bettsworth (Peter Sloan) | • Heather & Taylor (Lee and Terry Hudson) |
| • Jim Pledger | • Frances Hilliard | • Carmen Sterba-Russell |
| • Trisha Crane | • Ed and Pam Konsmo | • Steve Walker (Cuppy Walker) |
| • Larry (Jennifer Stafford) | • Cindy Nelson | |
| • Duncan & Hilary (Carolyn Lee) | | |
| • Esther Park (Helen Kim) | | |

Prayers for healthy preschoolers, victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. For our church music ministries, caregivers, first responders, and the homebound. For our student ministries to thrive and our weekend services to strengthen and equip our members, expanding God's impact.

READERS NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY!

We need 13 **men** to volunteer as readers for the Cast of Characters in our Maundy Thursday service. If you're interested, sign up on the sheet at the welcome table or call the office. For questions, please contact the office or reach out to Molly Crane at 360-731-9114.

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

As you grocery shop for the week, don't forget about the Little Free Pantry donation boxes we have in the narthex. These pantries are kiosks filled with food for those in need and are located in neighborhoods throughout Lakewood.

EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK HUNGER WALK 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 9 am at Ft. Steilacoom Park | \$25 to Walk

In 2024, EFN saw 3.1 million visits to its partner programs—and the need continues to grow.

EFN provides food to 75 food banks, Tacoma Rescue Mission, and students in need during school breaks. Every \$1 donated supplies two meals. If you can help, donations can be made online (www.lakewoodlcp.com/events) or via cash/check to EFN, given to Gayle or David West, who will handle the paperwork and delivery. Questions or need help registering? Call Gayle West at 253-219-9790.

CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

April 30 | 6-8 pm

Join us on **Tuesday, April 30, from 6:00–8:00 PM** for the **Christian Professional Leadership**

Group, a time of motivation, collaboration, and shared inspiration. No prep or fees are required—just bring your favorite leadership resources and any challenges you'd like to discuss in a supportive, faith-based environment. All are welcome! **RSVP by April 22** to Jennifer Stafford (staffordmjen@gmail.com) or Phillip K. Shelton (phillipkimshelton@gmail.com).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD | APRIL IDEAS

Spring is here—Easter, bunnies, and great deals! Now's the time to grab stuffed animals, stickers, coloring books, spring clothes, and outdoor toys. If you find a bargain, share the tip! Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$10 donation per shoebox for shipping, so setting aside a little each month helps. Remember Jesus' words after the Good Samaritan: "Go and do likewise."

EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter, we will be decorating the cross with flowers. Please consider bringing a fresh flower to church Easter Morning to decorate the cross!

APRIL SENIOR LUNCH | FIELD TRIP TO KNUTSON TULIP FARM

Join us for a Senior Lunch at Knutson Flower Farm on Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the beauty of the tulip fields while sharing lunch with friends. The entry fee is \$15 per person, and we ask that you bring your lunch. Carpooling is encouraged to make transportation easier. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward. We hope to see you there: 509-990-0757



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