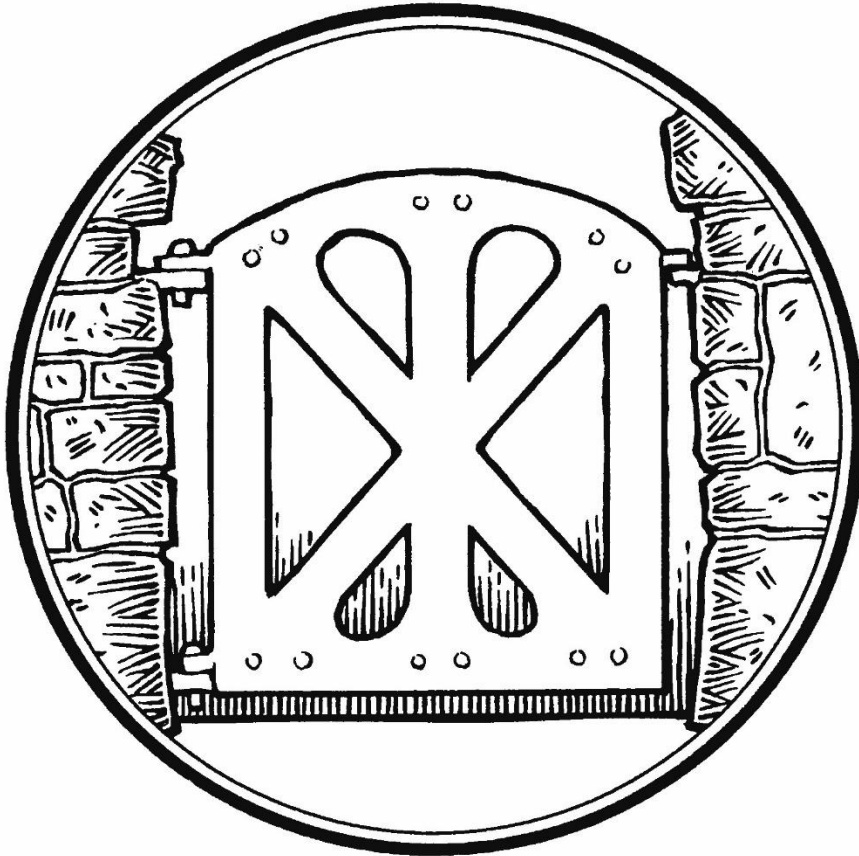


# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

**Divine Service 1**

### **EGLC Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

### **Children in Worship**

"Let the little children come to me." Jesus delights in faithful parents bringing their children to hear His Word. EGL gladly joins Christ in that joy! Thank you for bringing your children with you to worship! You are welcome to sit wherever you want. While some find it best to sit in the back with their children, for easy access to the cry room, others find their children are better behaved when sitting near the front so that they can see what is happening in the chancel. If your child needs a moment to settle down, ask an usher to point you to the nursery or cry room. But please bring your child back soon so that he or she can be with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we collectively raise our voice in prayer and song. Be sure to sing the hymns and join the liturgy's responses so that your child learns from you what should be done in church. If you are without children, encourage parents with little ones and offer assistance as needed.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

Lord, This Day We Come to Worship – Ruth E. Mackie

### Hymn of Invocation

911 Lord, This Day We Come to Worship

### Confession and Absolution

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### Introit

Psalm23; antiphon: v 1

P The LORD is my shepherd;

**C I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul.

**C He leads me in 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;

**C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**ALL 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 The Lord is my shepherd;

**C I shall not want.**

### Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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*(Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast)*

### First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle****1 Peter 2:19–25**

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse****p. 156****Holy Gospel****John 10:1-18**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it

down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Office Hymn** **709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**Sermon** **“Fall Back on the Verbs” (John 10:1-10; Psalm 23)**

**Nicene Creed - Prayer of the Church** **pp. 158-159**

**Offering** **The King of Love My Sheepherd Is**  
**Harry Rowe Shelley/arr: Cynthia Dobrinski**  
(Those who are not communing may put their attendance card in the offering plate.)

**Offertory – Agnus Dei** **pp. 159 – 163**

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**740 I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb**  
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**Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction** **pp. 164 – 166**  
*(Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord)*

**Closing Hymn** **473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free**

**Postlude** **Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free – Komponist Unbekannt**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Todd and Barbara Alles for blessings received and in celebration of their 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 27.

## Participants

Preacher  
Pianist/Organist  
Handbells  
Choir  
Guest Conductor  
Elder  
Chancel Assistant  
Usher Team on duty  
  
Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz  
Richard C. Ewert  
Exultate Ringers  
Exultate Singers  
Karla Bessert  
Eric Thompson  
Dan Berry  
Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert,  
Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch  
Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 30 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 3 (9:00 A.M.)**

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 1: Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

## **EGL in the Word (Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday)**

### **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

Last week, we heard the conclusion of Peter's Pentecost sermon and the conversion of 3,000 souls to the church as a result of the Holy Spirit's working. Today, we hear what this church does on a regular basis and, well, it sounds quite a bit like what we do even today! They center themselves on four major things: the apostles' teaching (doctrine), the fellowship (the communion of saints), the breaking of bread (the altar/Sacrament), and the prayers. In other words, God's people gather together regularly to be taught and nourished, that they might share the hope within them to brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those in need. The Church, from its inception, gathers. The Church, from its inception, exists as a community. The Church, from its inception, is a body: "They devoted themselves..." "...all who believed were together and had all things in common." "...distributing the proceeds to all..." "...the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." This is what the Church, created by the Holy Spirit, does, both in Jerusalem in the first century AD and even today.

### **Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

We're jumping around quite a bit in 1 Peter this Easter season. Chapter 1 establishes the fact that we have been born again to an imperishable inheritance through the good news of Christ's resurrection preached to us! The rest of the letter discusses how this impacts our current state of living in light of this good news. Next week, we'll get more of the groundwork Peter establishes earlier in chapter two, but today he explores the idea of suffering (as he writes to a persecuted Church at this time) and the "gracious thing" it is to suffer for the sake of Christ, as this reflects the unjust suffering of Christ (2:22-24) so that "we might die to sin and live to righteousness." Why do we once-straying sheep bear the name of Christ to our shame and rejection at times? Because our Good Shepherd laid down his life for us and has caused us to return to the sheepfold (2:25; see also John 10:11-18).

### **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear once again Jesus' familiar words describing himself as the Door and Good Shepherd (10:7,11). In the context of John's gospel, a man born blind has just been healed (see John 9). He has heard his Shepherd's voice and come to sight, both physically and spiritually. The Pharisees have rejected what has taken place and are spiritually blind (9:39-41). To this audience Jesus continues speaking, using the extended metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep. Jesus contrasts the true shepherd with the false one, who is actually "a thief and a robber" (10:1). It is only the true shepherd the sheep will listen to, "for they know his voice" (10:4). By contrast, the false one is unfamiliar to the sheep; "...they do not know the voice of strangers" (10:5). Jesus is both the Door and the Good Shepherd. It is by him and him alone that the sheep find salvation and provision (10:9; see John 10:11-18 for more on how this salvation comes about). The false one's motivation for entering the sheepfold is death and destruction. The true shepherd's motivation is life, running over in abundance (see Psalm 23). Jesus will continue using this metaphor throughout the rest of John 10 (with opposition mounting) as it climaxes partially in the raising of Lazarus (calling his sheep by name) and fully in the Good Shepherd's death and resurrection at the end of the gospel.

## Questions for Reflection This Week

**Monday:** Is there a situation in your life right now where you “just can’t do it anymore?” When you have that thought, where do you turn?

**Tuesday:** The image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd is near and dear to our hearts. What memories come to mind connected with this image and Psalm 23 in particular?

**Wednesday:** Jesus does many things for us as the Good Shepherd. Did one particular verb stand out to you in either John 10 or Psalm 23? Why?

**Thursday:** The shepherd-sheep image isn’t restricted to Psalm 23 in the Old Testament. Jesus taps into an image all throughout the Scriptures of God and His shepherding of His people throughout their history. Read Exodus 15:11-18 (part of Moses’ song after the Exodus). Verse 13 in particular uses the same terms as David in Psalm 23.

**Friday:** Read Ezekiel 34:11-24 for another example of the shepherd image in the Old Testament. Notice how emphasized it is that God Himself will be His people’s shepherd.

### Next Week’s Readings (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

First Reading- Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Epistle- 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel- John 14:1-14

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026 – Volume 78, Number 4.3**  
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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	3:30 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	T 11:00 a.m. New Berlin PD Training
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)	6:30 p.m. Divine Service
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **135** people that attended services last week in person and **77** households streamed the services for a total of **212**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**APPRECIATION FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS:**

This Sunday (April 26), LCMS congregations and schools are invited to observe Director of Parish Music Appreciation. The Rev. Sean Daenzer, who serves as director of Worship for the LCMS and as chaplain at the LCMS International Center, says, "Directors of parish music help make sure that the Scriptures that are read and preached echo back from balcony and pew in thanksgiving, praise, and the confession of Jesus. What they contribute is more than just background music. In songs and hymns and spiritual songs, the Word of Christ dwells richly among the people of God in the Lutheran church, in no small part through the stewardship of their talents." A hearty thank-you to Mr Richard C Ewert and all our church musicians this month for their devotion to the songs of salvation in our congregation!  
<https://thelc.ms/4e5FoTE>

**PICKLEBALL:** Our pickleball group continues this Sunday, April 26 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the gym. Future dates will be May 10, May 24, June 7, and June 21 (and more upcoming!). All ages and stages are welcome. Please join us!

**EASTER THANK YOU:** A very big thank you for all of the help and food donation for Easter Breakfast!

**THANK YOU:** From the bottom of our hearts, the Ewert family thanks you for your prayers, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Chuck meant so much to all of us, and he will be deeply missed. It brings us comfort to know he is at peace, called home to eternal life with our Lord and reunited with Hazel. Your love, compassion, and presence have carried us through more than words can express. We are truly grateful to have such caring people surrounding our family. "Christ has risen from the dead; so too shall we rise, and all who die in the Lord."

**UPCOMING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY:** On May 17 we will have our annual Voters' Assembly following the 9:00 a.m. worship service during the Bible Study hour. Copies of the proposed 2026-27

budget are available on the credenza in the back of the church.

**SAVE THE DATE** for a free concert on Saturday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran Church featuring Mr. Richard C. Ewert on the church's digitally enhanced Casavant Pipe organ and Dr. Aaron Wunsch, Professor of Keyboard Studies at the Julliard School in New York City, on its classic Steinway Piano.

**GLIMPSE INTO TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL:** Today Latin has fallen into the abyss of 'by-gone' and 'old-fashioned' ideas which most people never think about nor do most schools teach. Come and learn why Latin is neither 'by-gone' nor 'old-fashioned' and why it stands as a pillar of learning for the students at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Kantor Andrew Hopfensperger (the Latin tutor) will lead a presentation on the necessity of Latin within the school as well as its place within broader society during the first half of the adult Bible study hour on Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m.

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8! The EGL Foundation is once again hosting a golf outing, dinner and raffle. All proceeds from this event will go to support Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Sign-up forms are now available in the back of the church along with donor/sponsor forms. You can drop off completed forms in the golf outing mailbox in the mailbox room. The deadline for sign-up this year is April 24!

**THE EGL FOUNDATION** is looking for donations of money to be put toward purchasing a premium raffle item for the Drive to Thrive golf outing. Any donations which go past the price point of that item will be put toward purchasing gift cards for the raffle. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wilcox at 262-409-5888.

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS:** Thank you to all of you who took an Easter basket, filled it with items of care and special treats, and delivered it to one of our 22 homebound members. Some of you even took two! The special visit to share Easter

blessings was appreciated. We have heard heartwarming stories of homemade baked goods, thoughtful cards and devotionals, favorite treats, and stories shared. Many blessings were given and received. Barbara Thompson and Carole Braun

**COFFEE DONATIONS:** The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project.

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SIGNAGE PROJECT:** EGL is preparing to enhance signage throughout our campus to better welcome visitors, provide clear direction, and reflect our identity in Christ. Our goal is to raise **\$75,000** to fund new monument signs, updated lettering, directional signage, and necessary electrical work. The Foundation is providing a matching gift of \$1 for every \$2 raised to support this effort. Thank you so much, currently we have already reached \$33,000 and will be able to begin this project starting with the sign in the front of the church. Graphic boards showing the proposed signs and locations are in the back of the church. "Let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:16)

**GREEN TEAM:** Spring has arrived. Flowers are blooming and grass is growing. The Green Team here at EGL is always looking for helpers to cut grass, or assist with trimming and landscaping the campus of our church. Please consider volunteering, even if it's just acting as a fill in or back up for our cutting crew, or possibly assisting our gardening ladies with their planting areas. If interested, please contact Jim Olson at 262-501-2818 or email at [jolson830@gmail.com](mailto:jolson830@gmail.com). Thank you!

**THE LUTHERAN A CAPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** presents "Coming Home" featuring John Leavitt's "Missa Festiva" plus music by Brahms, Haydn, Craig Courtney, Stephen Paulus and more! There are two performances: Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., Saint Monica Parish, 5681 North Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay and Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Tickets are \$20 and students are FREE

with student ID. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** - Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.- 06:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives! Every donation creates a ripple of hope. Make a lifesaving difference today—schedule your appointment:

<https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/11621257> or contact Rick Ewert: [BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org)/262-289-9333. All attempting donors receive a coupon for free cheese curds from participating local restaurants.



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the next meeting of our group. The book to be discussed is *The Frozen River* written by Ariel Lawhon, a historical mystery taking place in Maine in 1789. It is about a midwife Martha Ballard who investigates the murder of a man frozen to death in the Kennebec River. The author used the diary of Martha Ballard to create this suspenseful mystery. If you like to read, please join us. We welcome new members. Remember to bring suggestions for the 2026-2027 voting to take place in our June meeting. One suggestion for a fiction book and one suggestion for a non-fiction/historical fiction book.

**LCEF ACCOUNTS:** When was the last time you checked out LCEF.org? This is the Lutheran Church

Extension Fund, basically the Synod's bank. On this site you can find all that you need, from information to forms, for steward accounts for your children, CD's, checking and savings accounts, church worker loans, as well as strategic, development, and real estate solutions support. Everything is financially competitive with the secular banks but has the added bonus of supporting the Church's ministries. What you may not have known is that the South Wisconsin District's LCEF office will be giving away prizes at the spring pastors conference for those SWD congregations that have the highest number of LCEF accounts to congregational membership. The prizes are significant cash awards to those congregations. Check out [LCEF.org](http://LCEF.org) and support EGL at the same time!

**LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED:** Are you interested in helping our livestream ministry advancing the slides or being the producer/camera operator? Please contact Mark Ewert or Pam Ganswindt for more information. Knowing our service flow is a plus.

**CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org):** A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series, "Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

