

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

PRELUDE: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Bohemian Brethren
Kirchengeseng, 1566, setting by Theodore Beck (1929-2003)

*As the prelude begins, we observe a period of silence
in preparation for worship.*

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

***WELCOME**

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

**known and unknown, things we have done and things we have
failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been
saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

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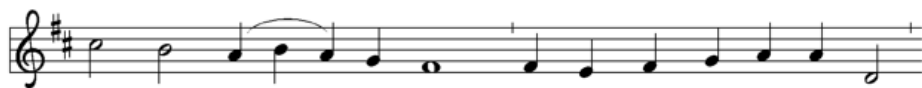
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing – **Vs. 1 - 4**

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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SERMON

Vicar Megan Floyd

(Please stand)

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems and those who are

sick(*especially*). Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

All powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with Pr. Jake and his family as they embark on this time of Sabbatical and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destinations in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(please be seated)

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or

under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folders at this time.

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Cross of Jesus"
setting by Charles Callahan (b.1951)

11:00 - "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Carlton T. Russell (b.1938)

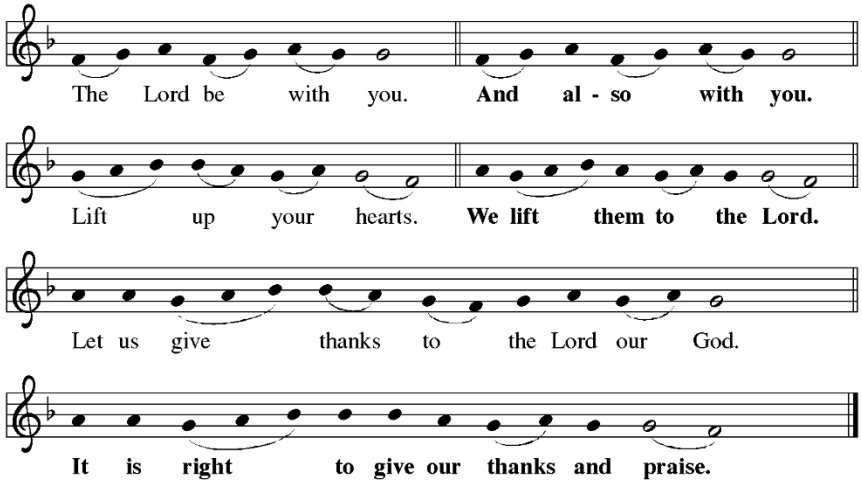
*Please stand as we begin singing “Let the Vineyards”
and the elements are brought forward*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

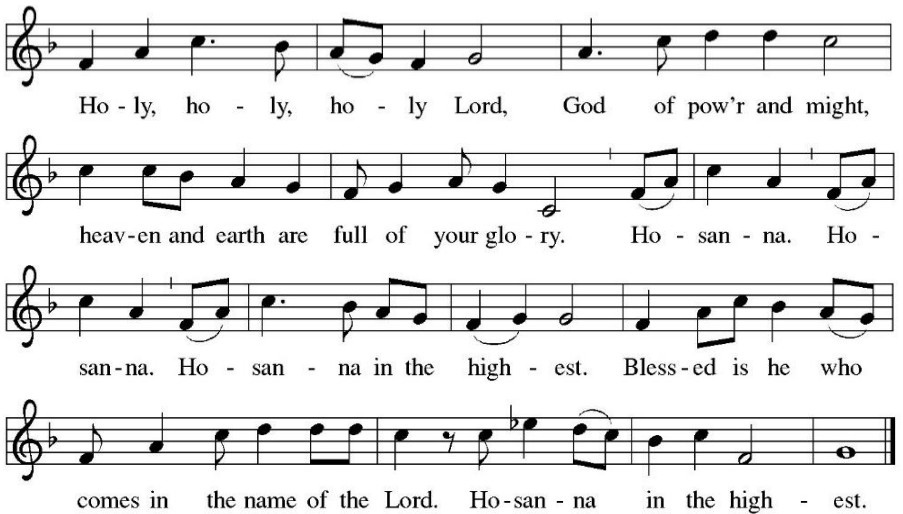
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, Mighty Lord, gracious Father...until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father...the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers...now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)
*Please come from both sides by the center aisle and return to your seat
by the side aisles.*

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - Impromptu from "Rosamunde"
Franz Schubert (1797-1828); Jennifer Gatz, Piano
11:00 - "Communion Hymn Settings" Charles Callahan

(Please stand)

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN**

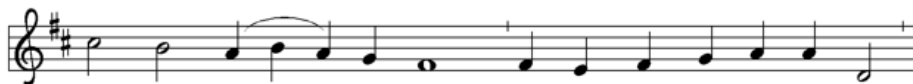
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***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare" R. Mark Otterstad (b.1942)

Welcome to Trinity and to this Sabbath time of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

**Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service.
The nursery is located on the near the south side entrance.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Vicar Megan Floyd	Intern
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Teri Koretsky, Liz Morison

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Paula Sportel, Beth Belleville
11:00 Sheree Sorensen, Rasma McMullen

LECTORS: 8:30 Nicole Shugars
11:00 Kara Floyd

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avner and Jaxon Grubaugh
11:00 Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann

PRAYER CONCERNS: Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Ruth Krueger, Debbie Roach, Matt Jaeky, Nick Karasch, Darcey Stevens, Jo Brinker, Vicky Phillips, Linda Ward, David Mason, Jo Ellen Lampos.

With deeply saddened hearts, we want to let our congregants know that long time member Barb Hogg passed away on April 9. Please keep her family in your prayers. A funeral service is planned at Trinity for Friday, May 3 at 11am with visitation starting at 10am and a luncheon to follow.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by LuAnn Woodhouse in memory of her father, Rich Ellstrom on a very special day in his life, April 25, and in honor of those members of the armed forces and their families who have sacrificed for our freedom; and by Kathryn Yarger's five children in honor of Kathryn's 94th birthday on April 22.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sun Apr 21 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11
Directory pictures 9:30 & 12
Sunday School classes 9:45
Parent small group 10
Open Doors 5-8
- Tue Apr 23 Clothes Closet 10-2
Loaves & Fishes 11-1
C.F.T. 11-12
- Wed Apr 24 Rebecca Circle 10
- Thu Apr 25 Quilters 9
Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
- Sun Apr 28 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
Directory pictures 9:30 & 12
Sunday School classes 9:45
Infant/Toddler small group 10

Trinity will be putting together a new pictorial church directory- Stop by the gathering space outside the sanctuary TODAY!

Sundays April 21, April 28, and May 5 we will be taking pictures after each service in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary and updating our directory information. Please make the effort to stop by and get a quick snapshot taken and update your information so we can get an up to date directory for everyone! If you are not able to get your picture taken at those times, email a snapshot of you/your family with updated information to the church office at office@tlckzoo.com.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY – TIME AND TALENT

The Stewardship and Finance and the Facilities committees are looking for several volunteers to perform a small number of indoor repair, maintenance, housekeeping and, weather permitting, general outdoor clean-up projects to our church and its grounds. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. The projects to be completed this day include replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary, removing pews and floor adjustments to the choir loft, installing window air conditioners in various rooms, setting up the benches in our beautiful courtyard, and moving the planters to the parking lot. All required tools and equipment will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Shaun Wright (269-364-5486, swright@heskzoo.com) or Steven Morris (269.569.4226, sleddog76@hotmail.com). And remember, "Many hands make light work." Nehemiah 3.