

J E S U S



*Breaks*  
Every Chain

## Youth Service April 25, 2021

Prelude Music - Break Every Chain by Jesus Culture Lyrics

Ringling of the bell

Welcome - Johnna Picard

Opening Song performed by Sunday School kids - Zach Williams

### ***“Chain Breaker”***

**If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside**

**There's a better life**

**There's a better life**

**If you've got pain**

**He's a pain taker**

**If you feel lost**

**He's a way maker**

**If you need freedom or saving**

**He's a prison-shaking Savior**

**If you've got chains**

**He's a chain breaker**

**We've all search for the light of day in the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight**

**We've all run to things we know just ain't right**

**And there's a better life**

**There's a better life**

**If you've got pain**

**He's a pain taker**

**If you feel lost**

**He's a way maker**

**If you need freedom or saving**

**He's a prison-shaking Savior**

**If you've got chains**

**He's a chain breaker**

**If you believe it**

**If you receive it**

**If you can feel it**

**Somebody testify**

**If you believe it**

**If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify, testify  
If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify  
If you've got pain  
He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost  
He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains  
He's a chain breaker  
Oh, if you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains  
He's a chain breaker**

Stand - Hayden Leist - Please join me in our call to worship this morning.

L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.**

L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**

L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

Sit - Hayden Leist - A reading from Jeremiah the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter. "It shall come about on that day declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves. But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king whom I will raise up for them."

Stand - Hymn - North Point InsideOut ft. Seth Condrey

***“Death Was Arrested”***

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began  
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began  
Oh your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with you  
It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with you  
Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and he called me his friend  
When death was arrested and my life began  
Oh your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with you  
It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with you  
Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
Oh your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with you  
It's your love  
It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new**

**Now life begins with you**

**Oh we're free, free**

**Forever we're free**

**Come join the song**

**Of all the redeemed**

**Yes we're free, free**

**Forever amen**

**When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh we're free, free**

**Forever we're free**

**Come join the song**

**Of all the redeemed**

**Yes we're free free**

**Forever amen**

**When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh we're free, free**

**Forever we're free**

**Come join the song**

**Of all the redeemed**

**Yes we're free free**

**Forever amen**

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**Stand - Peyton Diebel - Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You know my pain. You know the trials I am up against. I feel overwhelmed and I know that I need you. Be with me and be my Pain Taker, Way Maker, Prison-Shaking Savior and Chain Breaker. Amen.**

Sit - Peyton Diebel - And now a reading from Psalm chapter 107. "There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death prisoners in misery and chains, because they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High. Therefore, He humbled their heart with labor; they stumbled and there was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses, He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bands apart. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has shattered gates of bronze and cut bars of iron asunder."

*“Way Maker”*

**You are here  
Moving in our midst  
I worship You  
I worship You  
You are here  
Working in this place  
I worship You  
I worship You  
And You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
And You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
You are here  
Turning lives around  
I worship You  
I worship You  
You are here  
And You're healing every heart  
I worship You  
I worship You  
And You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
And You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
And that is who You are  
(That is who You are), yeah  
That is who You are  
(That is who You are), yeah-eh-ay  
Even when I don't see it, You're workin'  
Even when I don't feel it, You're workin'**

**You never stop, You never stop workin'  
You never stop, Jesus You are  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
(I know, I know You are)  
Way maker, miracle worker  
Promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
Yeah, that is who You are  
(That is who You are)  
That is who You are  
(That is who You are)  
Jesus, that is who You are**

Stand - Kendra Redmond - Please join me in prayer. **Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.**

Sit - Kendra Redmond - A reading from Acts the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. “But by midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, “No do not harm yourself for we are all here!” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

Stand - Hymn - Bethel Music

***“Lion and the Lamb”***

**He's coming on the clouds  
He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty  
And our God is the lion**

**The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the lamb  
The lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him (yeah)  
So, open up the gates  
So, open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Our God is the lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the lamb  
The lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him  
"How many here believe  
Every knee will bow  
Every tongue will confess  
And then"  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
No one  
Who can stop  
Sing it over the battle  
"Yeah, that's it"  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
There is no one  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty**



**Who can stop the Lord (yeah)  
And our God is the lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the lamb  
The lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him (yeah)  
Every knee will bow  
Tongue confess**

Stand - Grace Redmond - Please stand for a reading from the Gospel Mark the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. "When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" and He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea." The Gospel of the Lord.

Sit - Message - Johnna Picard

Stand - Hymn - Chris Tomlin

***"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)***

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear**

**And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

Stand - Grace Redmond - We will now sing a song based on the Apostle's Creed

***"This I Believe" by Hillsong Worship***

**Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one**

**I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (I believe)  
And I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
(We believe in Lord, Jesus)  
I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth**

**I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus  
(Come on)  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
(Praise You Lord)  
(Worship You, Jesus)**

### **Presentation of the quit**

Stand - Kendall Helms - Please join me in the Lord's prayer. **Our Father, who art in heaven  
hollowed 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.**

Closing - Kendall Helms - As we close today's service, we ask that we let our chains stay where they are. Don't take them with you as you go back into the world. You don't need a souvenir. Instead, focus on God's powerful love and bountiful mercy, and let His light continue to wash over you day after day. Join us in singing our closing hymn:

***"Oceans" by Hillsong United***

**You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown  
Where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep**

**My faith will stand  
And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours  
You are mine  
Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed  
And You won't start now  
So I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours  
And You are mine (You are mine)  
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior  
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
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Wherever You would call me  
And take me deeper than my feet could ever wander**

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Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior  
Yeah-yeah-yeah-yeah  
Oh, Jesus, You're my God  
I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours  
And You are mine**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 4/25</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Youth Sunday School Service
<b>Mon 4/26</b>	<i>~ Office Closed ~</i>
<b>Tues 4/27</b>	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 4/28</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Thurs 4/29</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 4/30</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship



*Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.*

*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

**April 18, 2021** General \$610.00, MOM-Water Missions \$375.00, Cemetery \$25.00,  
Sunday School \$37.87, Youth \$10.00, OSC \$670.00, Building \$300.00, Reno. \$1,705.00 **Total: \$3,732.87**

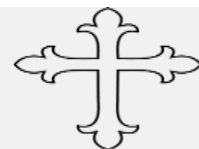
**Attendance:** Worship - 68 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 13 - Adults Confirmation - 5

### NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by stations. Any changes will be noted in this article. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.

### NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting scrub brushes & scouring cleanser (ex. Comet) for the month of April. Thank you!



## Mission of the Month of April



### Water Missions – Disaster Response Texas Winter Storm Mission Statement

We will specifically designate funds to go toward the Disaster Response: Texas Winter Storm. The week of freezing temperatures and severe power outages led to a plumbing catastrophe due to burst pipes. This resulted in approximately 14 million people being left without safe drinking water.

Water Mission collaborated with Plumbers Without Borders to get safe water back into the homes of the most vulnerable. They are working to stock the Austin Disaster Relief Network's warehouse with a plumbing depot so ADRN is able to continue serving where there is a need.

### Thank You

The Meyersville 4-H Club picked up trash at the cemetery on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in appreciation for St. John letting them use the parish hall for their meetings.



### Please Help

The Old Stone Church Historical Committee is in search of vintage photographs of both the Old Stone Church and of St. John church. The current church (gothic structure) will be 100 year old in July 2021. We would ask permission to scan the images for upcoming projects and preservation purposes. Please contact M'Liss Moore at 275-8069 if you have any pictures tucked away in your treasures.







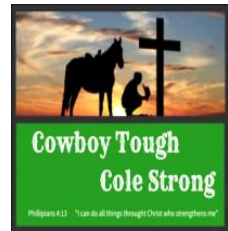
**~ UPDATE ~ Valerie, Jordan, Aiiven & Emma**

These 3 children ages 5, 7 & 8 along with their mother were in a terrible car wreck Monday, April 5th. They were all transferred to a San Antonio hospital, where the little girl, Emma age 5 has been fighting for her life. She is doing better & the doctors were able to remove her breathing tubes. The 2 boys & their mother are doing well, but have multiple injuries. Jordan & Aiiven are now at home. This family is our church cleaner, Maria Ricardo's daughter & grandchildren. Prayers are very much still needed, they have a long road to recovery! Any donation would be greatly appreciated as well if you are able. Please just put "Maria" on the envelope & make any checks payable to Maria Ricardo. Thank you for your help & prayers. God bless. + + +



**Special Prayers for Cole**

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.



**+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+**

**At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:**

***Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual***

***To help family stay strong***

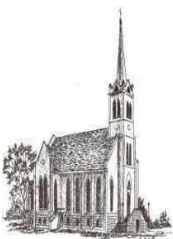
***Patience***

***Stay positive***

***The drive to keep trying (perseverance)***

**Church Renovation Update**

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project. GOAL: \$599,553 RECEIVED AS OF April 18, 2021: \$575,253.30



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Our Military and their families:**

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait  
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army  
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL  
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

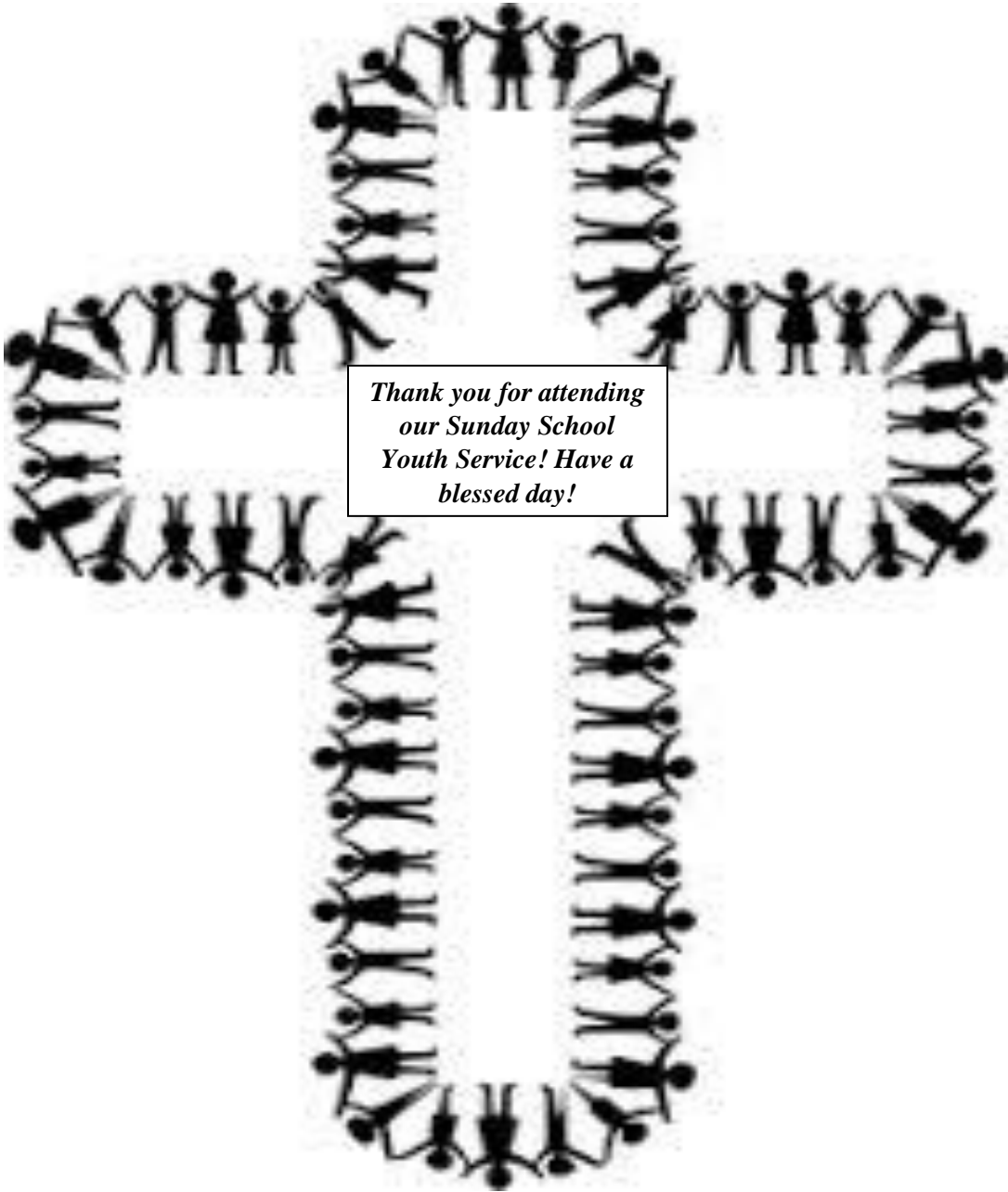


**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Hunter Jacob  
Kenny Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Carly Waters  
Joy Hoy  
Marie Liner  
Bill Roeske  
Jimmy Caskey  
Britany Jank Tomas  
Dugan Chandler  
Samantha Hein  
Bea Fagg  
Bette Jo Haun  
David Diebel

**Nursing Home:**  
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus  
Twin Pines Nursing Facility-Victoria ~ Meta Bennett  
Sodalis Senior Living ~ Bette Jo Haun



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*Thank you for attending  
our Sunday School  
Youth Service! Have a  
blessed day!*

## **Easter 4**

**April 25, 2021**

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own and they know him. The shepherd, as opposed to the hired hand, will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for our sake. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead.

