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## Readings for April

April 1	Ex. 14:10-31, Heb. 7:23-8:13
April 2	Ex. 15:1-18, Heb. 9:1-28
April 3	Ex. 15:19-16:12, Heb. 10:1-18
April 4	Ex. 16:13-35, Heb. 10:19-39
April 5	Ex. 17:1-16, Heb. 11:1-29
April 6	Ex. 18:5-27, Heb. 12:1-24
April 7	Ex. 19:1-25, Heb. 13:1-21
April 8	Ex. 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15
April 9	Ex. 22:20-23:13, Luke 4:16-30
April 10	Ex. 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44
April 11	Ex. 24:1-18, Luke 5:1-16
April 12	Ex. 25:1-22, <i>Ex. 25:23-30:38</i> , Luke 5:17-39
April 13	Ex. 31:1-18, Luke 6:1-19
April 14	Ex. 32:1-14, Luke 6:20-38
April 15	Ex. 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49
April 16	Ex. 33:1-23, Luke 7:1-17
April 17	Ex. 34:1-28, Luke 7:18-35
April 18	Ex. 34:29-35:21, <i>Ex. 35:22-38:20</i> , Luke 7:36-50
April 19	Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31, Luke 8:1-21
April 20	Ex. 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39
April 21	Ex. 40:17-38, Lev. 1:1-7:38, Luke 8:40-56
April 22	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9:1-17
April 23	Lev. 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
April 24	Lev. 10:1-20, <i>Lev. 11:1-15:33</i> , Luke 9:37-62
April 25	Lev. 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22
April 26	Lev. 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42
April 27	Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11:1-13
April 28	Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37, Luke 11:14-36
April 29	Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27, Luke 11:37-54
April 30	Lev. 21:1-24, Luke 12:1-12

## ***Commentary from Doris...***

### SKY WATCH

Ever do what is called by some, SKY WATCHING? You see the closed formations and ask yourself how those “funny” shapes—forming even funnier pictures—got that way.

Perhaps the best answer to that is found in the book of Job, the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter-verses 15 and 16:

“Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes His Lightning flash? Do you know how the clouds hang poised...?”

And at day’s end we might be treated to a beautiful “picture” as the sky becomes a canvas as the sun goes down.

Perhaps our heavenly Father means for us to truly enjoy this beauty; and as we do, to recall what He tells us in the book of Malachi—the last of the Old Testament books:

“My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun.” Malachi 1:11

I learned about the perfection and beauty of clouds when I was a child. My Dad, an amateur photographer, was a “cloud man”, always snapping shots of their formations. So, from experience, I can assure you that your time spent “sky-watching” will lift your spirits—not waste your time.

## Snippets:

1. To win, you must begin.
2. When everything bad is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.
3. Only a foolish person "tests the water(s)" with BOTH feet.

### On Eagles' Wings:

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings, like eagles." (Isaiah 41:31) There is something the eagle needs to do in order to soar. He needs to get out of his comfortable nest. Are we willing to give up some comfort for the joy of following (soaring with) Jesus?



## **NEWS & NOTES**

**EASTER** is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Service begins at 11:15.

**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST** will be provided at 10am on Easter Sunday. The breakfast will be in the courtyard along with an Easter egg hunt for the little ones. We will serve muffins, bagels, fruit, fruit drinks and coffee.

**SURPRISE-** one bulletin will have a ticket to win a journal from CPH on Easter Sunday.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** returns to 10:00 every Wednesday.

**LWML** meets April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LISTENING HEARTS** is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** is Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> after Service.

**EAST TENNESSEE ZONE LWML** annual Christian Life workshop is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-2:00 @ Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. All ladies are welcome-membership in LWML is not required. The program will begin at 9:00.

“Celebrate! You are a Promise”, will be presented in three parts. Please join us for a relaxing day of fun, fellowship and Bible study! If you are interested, please contact Laurie before April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **FINE ARTS FUND**

Our Fine Arts fund is no longer subsidized by the aluminum can receipts, so we must rely on individual donations to keep it going. The purpose of the Fine Arts Fund is to provide money for special musical events and other creative expressions that are not part of the congregation's regular program. A single event may require as much as \$500 to underwrite. We would like to schedule a concert for the fall season, but we need many more generous contributions to replenish the fund. You can donate simply writing a check and earmarking “fine arts fund” in the memo line of your check and including it with your regular offering envelope. Thank you!

**Pastor's Devo...** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

*Psalm 14:1*

This the month of April, and as always, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month is celebrated as "April Fool's Day". A day in which good-natured folks play jokes upon their friends...pranks, tricks, good ole' fashioned frivolousness to lightened the mood, I suspect, after several long dreary months waiting for Spring to arrive, I guess. (I could have done an internet search on the origins of "April Fool's day, but chose not to subject myself to something which may have led me to that black-hole that can often occur when I open up myself to internet searches...time and again it's become a trap that sucks copious amounts of time right away from me when I get lost in cyber-space and end up watching videos on some related topic, so just imagine what could happen with an internet search that includes the word "fool" in it...I rest my case.)

No, instead, let's focus on the above words from King David, who may have written these words before becoming King, about a fool. And as fools go, this won't be a winner...someone who says in his heart, "There is no God"...who can't recognize in the world around him all the signs and wonders which demonstrate that there has to be a "Grand Designer" of all things...someone who enjoys the wonderful variety of things, like flowers, trees, animals...all brilliantly offering evidence that there's so much more to this life than a shared beginning from a common ancestor who willed itself

out of that “primordial ooze” to “evolve” into so many different things...things that walk, crawl, creep, climb, fly, swim...whatever... Then there’s us human beings...those creatures that are at the top of the food chain...given brains that can think, postulate, surmise... even things like, “There is no God”...which is, I believe, foolish, given this evidence that surrounds us.

And so, as we begin this new month, and especially as we use the faculties we’ve been given, to come to faith and celebrate on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, NOT April Fool’s day, but something entirely different...this year’s celebration of the remembrance of our Lord’s triumphant victory over sin, death and the power of the devil, as the Lord rose from His tomb, breaking the very bonds of death, for us, who while we may not comprehend how it is we’ve become so blessed, we’re still not foolish enough to think that this world is all there is...and after this, nothing...no, instead, we relish another opportunity to praise a God for loving us, us sinful human beings...with a love so wonderful that our simple human brains can’t completely understand it...but that’s ok, because it’s not about knowing HOW, but WHO...God...Father, Son and Spirit...our Triune God who created, redeemed, and sanctified us, to be His people.

Now and forever...Amen!