

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✠Ill/Hospitalized: Richard Mallory - surgery
- ✠New Members: Jim & Jenny Emmendorfer, Zach, Jacob, Emily, Hayley
Joshua & Laura Schumacher, Griffin, Gordon, Hadley, Lainey
Scott & Brandilyn Hoernlein, Adeena, Bayne, Breton
- ✠Confirmation: Joselyn Emmendorfer
Felicity Emmendorfer
- ✠Death: Our sympathies to the family of Donna Nowosatko who was received into the Church
Triumphant on April 19th.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

- Today: Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
- Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Voters’ Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
Call Service 7:00 p.m. (CTSFW & online)
- Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church Conference)
- Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
- Liturgist: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow
- Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
- Acolytes: Rozlynn Prentice (5:00pm)
Jakob Marolf (9:30am)
- Videographer: Charlotte Starke



Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord’s Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“A Word of Peace”

April 26 & 27, 2025

† Second Sunday of Easter †

Introit *Psalms 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing praise- | s to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Collect of the Day

✠ Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☩ Amen.

First Reading Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.
Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked

and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.
²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.” ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Epistle *Revelation 1:4-18*
⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.
⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”
¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Holy Gospel *John 20:19-31*
*See violet insert

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1

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FIRST READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL
☩ Glory to You, O Lord.
☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON
Text: John 20:19-31
Theme: “A Word of Peace”

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
✠ Lord, in Your mercy,
☩ Hear our prayer.

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