

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Grace TO YOU AND

PEACE

FROM HIM WHO IS AND WHO
WAS AND WHO IS TO COME.

Divine Service One Worship Service
Thursday, April 24, 2025 @ 7PM
Sunday, April 27, 2025 @ 8AM & 10:45AM
4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127
Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM
Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

The Second Sunday after Easter

As We Gather

During the season of Easter, the First Lesson is not drawn from the Old Testament, but from the book of Acts. Acts presents to us the days when the resurrection of Jesus was fresh in the hearts of the apostles. All the possibilities of that event were being explored. The Spirit that breathed on the apostles was unfolding God's intentions for His people even as they received his gifts. Challenges were met, problems were addressed, the wonder of life in Christ was being discovered. The life and growth of the apostolic church is opened up for us so that we may immerse ourselves in the same life and grow with church. (Proclaim Year B)

Prelude

"In the Fair Morning" (Mark Sedio).....Duet | Jennie Steffens & Heather Steffens

In the fair morning, Soft sun arising,
 Bringing spice, expecting death,
 We seek the body
 Sadness and silence,
 And hear an angel voice instead:
 Fear not, O people, You seek your Jesus;
 God has acted, do not fear.
 Seek him in living, seek him in loving,
 But in the grave he is not here.
 Why stand there weeping?
 Why weep in sorrow?
 Jesus lives, and fear has fled.
 Roll away sadness, View this arising:
 Jesus raise, death is dead.
 Bow not, Rise up in wonder,
 Christ awaits you on the way;
 In the fair morning, Bright sun arising,
 Christ waits to greet you to the day.

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"..... Hymn 670



1	Ye	watch - ers	and	ye	ho - ly	ones,	Bright
2	O	high - er	than	the	cher - u -	bim,	More
3	Re -	spond, ye	souls	in	end - less	rest,	Ye
△ 4	O	friends, in	glad - ness	let	us	sing,	Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their praises:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the
pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in
choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!"

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

- C** † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit



- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.
- C** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
- P** Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!
- C** Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!
- P** Seek the Lord | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
- C** Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
- P** He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations,
- C** 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.

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to
sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

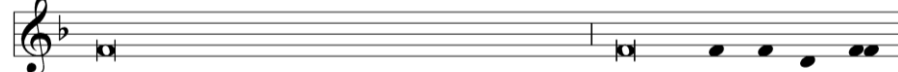
Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



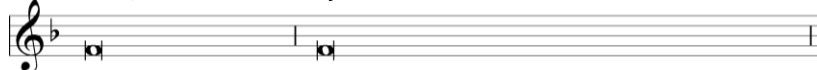
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



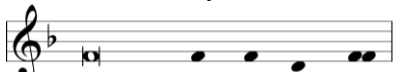
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



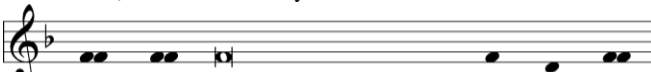
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



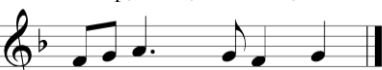
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria In Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



(Continued)

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*The Augsburg Confession
Article XXVIII, Church Authority, 5-10*

⁵ Our teachers' position is this: the authority of the Keys [Matthew 16:19], or the authority of the bishops—according to the Gospel—is a power or commandment of God, to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer Sacraments. ⁶ Christ sends out His apostles with this command, “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld” (John 20:21–22). ⁷ And in Mark 16:15, Christ says, “Go ... proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.”

⁸ This authority is exercised only by teaching or preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, either to many or to individuals, according to their calling. In this way are given not only bodily, but also eternal things: eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. ⁹ These things cannot reach us except by the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, as Paul says, “The Gospel ... is the power of God for salvation to everyone that believes” (Romans 1:16). ¹⁰ Therefore, the Church has the authority to grant eternal things and exercises this authority only by the ministry of the Word.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson

Acts 5:12–20

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.

¹⁷But 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Epistle Reading

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

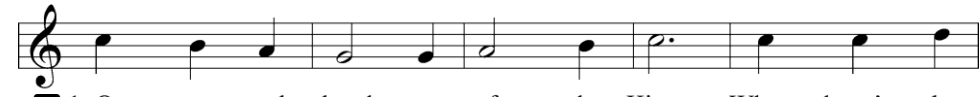
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

"O Sons and Daughters of the King" Hymn 470



C 1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
Women 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
Women 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
Women 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
Men 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 Men "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 Men No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 **C** How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 **C** On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon
"Learn from Thomas"
John 20:19-31

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*



Online Giving



Offertory

"What Shall I Render"

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 17.)

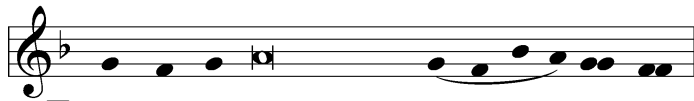
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Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

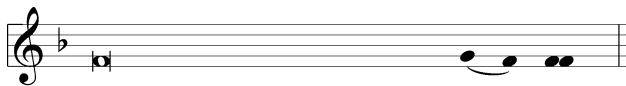
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - - ways.



C A - - men.

Agnus Dei

C 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.

Sit

Distribution Hymn

"Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"..... Hymn 473

1 Our Pas-chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac-ri-ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel-e-brate The feast; let mal-ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u-nan-i-mous, Con-fess Him as our Lord
The feast of free-dom gal-lant-ly; Let al-le-lu-ias leap:
Let love grow strong a-new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir-it lives in us, The Fa-ther's liv-ing Word.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-
gain Sing al-le-lu-ia, cry a-loud: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



C 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



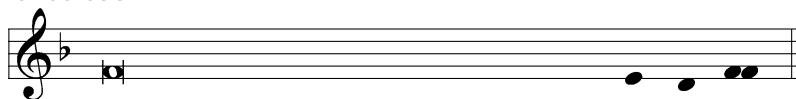
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” Hymn 488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM 10:45AM) ...	Denny Kern, Mike Jackemeyer Fred Huff, Jeff Oeseburg
ALTAR GUILD	Terry Steffens, Celeste Grau
USHERS (8AM)	Steve Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken,John Schulz, Mike Essig
USHERS (10:45AM).....	Tom Drews, Tim Drews, Bob Wolfanger

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.

Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Faith Timm	Marilyn Waldenmaier
Andrea Nystuen	DeWayne Greening	Ferny Rantz	Nancy Duke
Barbara Maul	Don Hutter	Jenna Harvey-Kabelman	Norma Priebe
Barb Rodgers	Don Damron	Kara Baldwin	Ralph Dinges
Connie Schwanger	Eleanor Hoge	Klaus Nixdorf	Susan Jackemeyer

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Ann Rausch - <i>mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch</i>	Lissa Dehring - <i>niece of Joyce Totzke</i>
Austin Arndt - <i>grandson of Linda Steinke</i>	Matt Jones - <i>friend of Chad Hartman</i>
Carl Pages - <i>brother of Joyce Totzke</i>	Mark Wilkinson - <i>brother of Cindy White</i>
Cate Reed - <i>granddaughter of Doris Beezley</i>	Mark Trulove - <i>friend of Sue Collins</i>
Chris Watson - <i>son of Tom Watson</i>	Nancy Gerald - <i>daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky</i>
Christian Myers - <i>son of friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Phil Oberhaus - <i>brother of Susan Jackemeyer</i>
Donna Winter - <i>daughter of Sandy Dixon</i>	Reece Clark - <i>grandson of Walt & Diane Clark</i>
Erin Sage - <i>friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Robert White - <i>father of David White</i>
Gabe Szoke - <i>brother-in-law of Thelma Szoke</i>	Ron Szweda - <i>brother of Kathryn Robinson</i>
Grant Plath - <i>friend of Joann Ciboch</i>	Sherry Orchard - <i>sister-in-law of Susan Collins</i>
Heather Hunnell - <i>daughter of Barb Radde</i>	Tom Russell - <i>brother of Mark Russell</i>
Joe Lhotka - <i>Judy Jackemeyer's grandson</i>	Tonda Morgan - <i>cousin of Pat Jaeger</i>
Karol Syring - <i>daughter of Ken Vieregge</i>	Veronica Wilkinson - <i>mother of Cindy White</i>
Liam Pugh - <i>grandson of Paula Benner</i>	

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake**, **James Vieregge** USMC, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer.
Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Rev. Dr. Ronald and Mary Anne Rall in Papua New Guinea
and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Fred & Jeanne Huff	Mike & Susan Jackemeyer
Steven & Dianna Huycke	Sarah Jackemeyer
Judy Jackemeyer	Paul Jackemeyer

Church News!

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion.

Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2025 chart in the commons**. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. **The cost is \$40.00 for all sponsorships**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,
In honor of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer's 40th Wedding Anniversary (4/25/1992).
Given by Mike & Susan Jackemeyer.

UPDATE



RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran*

Worship Service Broadcasts are now on **WSJM 94.9 FM on Sunday mornings from 8AM – 9AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Rev. Dr. Ronald and Mary Anne Rall serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. In this role, Ronald teaches courses in Lutheran theology at Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip. He also conducts continuing education workshops for pastors and evangelists in remote areas and distributes reading glasses. Ronald's hometown is Creston, Iowa. He received his associate's degree from Concordia University, St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn., and his

bachelor's degree from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN. He received his Master of Divinity and his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Ronald currently serves as the associate pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Louis. From 1973-1981, he served as an evangelistic missionary to Papua New Guinea. In 2008, he taught at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) in Accra, Ghana. Ronald's hobbies include coaching basketball, reading and bee keeping. Mary Anne's hometown is Erlanger, KY. She received her bachelor's degree from Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY. She served alongside Ronald in Papua New Guinea from 1973-1981. She enjoys music and reading. Ronald and Mary Anne have six children. Pray for Ronald and Mary Anne by asking God to bless both of them with good health during their time in this country.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – The midweek Bible class that just started last week will continue studying the *Book of Acts*. Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am.**

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus hosts a **Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* on **Thursdays at 10AM**. See you there!

CHILDREN'S HYMNALS – Thank you to everyone who has donated – we made our GOAL!! We will be ordering the new Children's Hymnals next week.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS! – Yes we are hosting our annual Rummage sale on **June 26th – June 28th**. Drop off dates are *June 19th – June 21st*. More details to follow.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB – Organist Jacob B. Weber will perform at the Monday Musical Club program on **Monday, May 5, at 7:00 PM** at First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph. He is a native of St. Joseph and a graduate of Michigan Lutheran High School. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bethany Lutheran College and Concordia University Wisconsin. He is currently a music editor at Concordia Publishing House. The program is free and open to the public.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL MEETING – Join us **Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm** in the *all purpose room* as we continue discussing and planning for the upcoming Family Fun Festival happening in August. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget your

Easter Lily!

*If you purchased an
Easter Lily, or one was given in
your honor, feel free to take it
home any time after
Easter Sunday.*

Nowhere to put it?!

*Please consider donating your
flower(s) to a shut-in, an elderly
neighbor, or to a person who is ill
as they may enjoy one.*





St. Joseph Zone Spring Rally

April 27, 2025

**Hosted by
Trinity Lutheran Church
5791 Sawyer Rd., Sawyer, MI**

Registration 2:00 p.m.

Program 2:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Martin Moro, Executive Director of Most Ministries.

**MOST Ministries celebrates 35 years of impacting
the world for Jesus Christ**

In 2024, mission teams served in 9 countries where they distributed over 6,300 eyeglasses, 85 water filters - and impacted the lives of over 6,600 people by sharing the Gospel!

Ingathering: Mission Team Supplies

Toothbrushes (individually packaged)

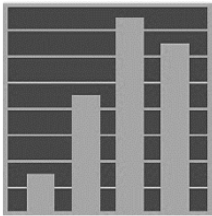
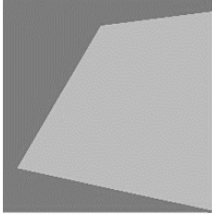
Small toothpaste

Mini soap/shampoo/bodywash

Used eyeglasses

Non-prescription sunglasses (kids & adults) - UV protection

A light supper will be served by the Ladies of Trinity



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 04/17/25 <i>Online Attendees: 35</i>	7PM	110
<i>Good Friday Service</i> 04/18/25 <i>Online Attendees: 10</i>	Noon	95
<i>Tenebrae Service</i> 04/18/25 <i>Online Attendees: 19</i>	7PM	90
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 04/20/25 <i>Online Attendees: 74</i>	8AM 10:45AM	155 143
<i>Tuesday Bible Class</i>	04/15/25	15
<i>Wednesday Bible Class</i>	04/16/25	27
<i>*Week of 04/13/25 total budgeted receipts</i>		\$21,700.66
<i>YTD Contributions</i>		\$699,162.82
<i>YTD Budget</i>		\$694,615.38
<i>YTD Over (Under)</i>		\$4,547.44
<i>Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials</i>		\$16,538.46
<i>Over (Under)</i>		\$5,162.20



Sunday, April 27 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, April 28		
Tuesday, April 29	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, April 30	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, May 1	10AM 7PM	Bible Class <i>Matins</i> Worship Service
Friday, May 2		
Saturday, May 3		
Sunday, May 4 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	<i>Matins</i> Worship Service Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service



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