

IN OUR PRAYERS

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Youth Room)
Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Office Conference)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft Room)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Trustees 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Divine Service 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Friday: Family Movie Night 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday: *The Day of Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
GriefShare 1:00 p.m. (Church Conference)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Michael P. Speckhard
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Acolytes: Madison Darby (5:00pm)
Charlotte Starke (9:30am)
Brass: Gabe Krish, Richard Schultz
Videographer: Sheila Bauer

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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.



“I Do, by the Grace of God”

May 16 & 17, 2026

† Seventh Sunday of Easter †

Introit *Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all 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.

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to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Collect of the Day

☩ O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

First Reading *Acts 1:12-26*

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when

he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Epistle *1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁹Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel *John 17:1-11*

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

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 17:3

Theme: **“I Do, by the Grace of God”**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☩ Lord, in Your mercy,

☩ Hear our prayer.

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