

IN OUR PRAYERS

✚ Birthdays: **Elenora Bohn** – 81 on May 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Retha Neuenfeldt** – 85 on May 28<sup>th</sup>

✚ Baptisms: Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Luke Joseph Breternitz**, son of *Garrett & Marta Breternitz*. Sponsors/Witnesses are *Paige & Jordan Hingston, Calvin Snyder, and Olivia Fuller*. We pray God’s blessings on *Luke* as he becomes a new creation in God’s Kingdom.

Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Philip Martin Thompson**, son of *Ethan & Kelsey Thompson*. Sponsors are *Caleb & Emily Abraham*. We pray God’s blessings on *Philip* as he becomes a new creation in God’s Kingdom.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

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

Monday: *Memorial Day- Church Office Closed*

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)  
Church Council 7:00 p.m. (Church Conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.  
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church Conference)

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Ascension Day Service 6:30 p.m.

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*  
Liturgist: *Rev. Richard E. Mundt*  
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*  
Flautists: *Heidi Stecker*  
*Charlotte Starke*

Acolytes: *Weston Wardin (6:30pm)*  
*Brinley Sullivan (9:30am)*

Videographer: *Sheila Bauer*



**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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“Take Heart”

May 22 & 25, 2025

# † Sixth Sunday of Easter †

**Introit**    *Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v. 22*  
Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you; \*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.  
**My heart is in anguish with- | in me; \*  
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.**  
**But I | call to God; \*  
and the Lord will | save me.**  
**Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan, \*  
and he | hears my voice.**  
**He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage, \*  
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.**  
**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.**  
Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you; \*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

## Collect of the Day

**[P]** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**[C] Amen.**

## First Reading    *Acts 16:9-15*

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.  
<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**Gradual**        *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*  
Christ has risen | from the dead.\*  
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands; \*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**Epistle**    *Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27*  
<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .  
<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.  
<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
<sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**Holy Gospel**    *John 16:23-33*  
<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.  
<sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.  
<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”  
<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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Theme: **“Take Heart”**  
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