

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✙Ill/Hospitalized: Al Diener

✙Birthdays: Robert Zastrow – 85 on May 18th

✙2025 Confirmands: Brody Alden Andrew Curnutt
Sadie Rose Earley
Kinley Sage Gerow
Jason Anthony Good
Lucas Edward Hagenow
Charles Hudson Hyatt
Brady Nolan Klemish
- Jakob Bradley Marolf
Larkin May McQueen
Rozlynn Norene Prentice
Dean Evan Thomas
Hanford Richard Topham V
Kaeden William Watson
Zophia Ann Marie Zaleski

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Today: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

Monday: Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
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.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church Conference)
Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Easter
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher: Rev. Daniel J. Feusse (5:00pm)
Rev Martin J. Hagenow (9:30am)

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris

Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein

Choir: Mixed Choir

Acolytes: James Darby Jr. (5:00pm)
Connor McKenzie (9:30am)

Videographer: Scott Neumeyer
- Brass: Caleb Abraham
Matthew Feusse
Nathan Feusse
Gabe Krish
Richard Schultz



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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“Just a Little While”
&
“Listen to the Voice of the Good Shepherd”

May 17 & 18, 2025

† Fifth Sunday of Easter †

Introit *Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v. 1*
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
| Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!
With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!
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.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Collect of the Day
[P] O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 11:1-18*
¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring

Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”
Epistle *Revelation 21:1-7*
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”
⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”
Holy Gospel *John 16:12-22*
¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1
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(choir sings v. 2 & 5)
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THIS IS THE FEAST: **p. 155**
SALUTATION and COLLECT: **p. 156**
FIRST READING
[C] **Thanks be to God.**
GRADUAL
EPISTLE READING
[C] **Thanks be to God.**
ALLELUIA and VERSE: **p. 156**
HOLY GOSPEL
[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**
[C] **Praise to You, O Christ.**
NICENE CREED: **p. 158**
HYMN: #633
SERMON
SATURDAY:
Text: John 16:12-22
Theme: **“Just a Little While”**
SUNDAY:
Text: John 10:11, 28 & 28
Theme: **“Listen to the Voice of the Good Shepherd”**
RITE OF CONFIRMATION: **p. 272**
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
[P] Lord, in Your mercy,
[C] **Hear our prayer.**
OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP PAD
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