

## IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Ill/Hospitalized: **Richard Clement** – surgery  
**Enoch Davis**  
**Marie Garno**

✠Birthdays: **Donald Egerer** – 88 on May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Walter Fehn Jr.** – 81 on May 5<sup>th</sup>

✠Anniversary: **Barry & Karla Tessin** – 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 7<sup>th</sup>

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)  
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Youth Room)  
Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.  
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church Conference)  
Altar Guild Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Classroom 3)

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

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*  
Liturgist: *Rev. Daniel J. Feusse*  
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*  
Acolytes: *Brady Klemish (5:00pm)*  
*Zophia Zaleski (9:30am)*  
Videographer: *Landon Sherry*

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## Our Communion Practice

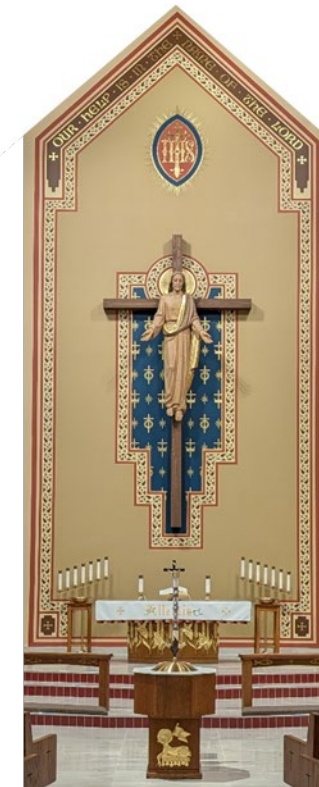
*We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for 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.*

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“It is the Lord!”

May 3 & 4, 2025

# † Third Sunday of Easter †

**Introit** *Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

**On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\***

**and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.**

**They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\***

**and I will declare your | greatness.**

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\***

**and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

**The LORD is | good to all,\***

**and his mercy is over all that | he has made.**

**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.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*

and all your saints shall | bless you!

## Collect of the Day

**P** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.  
Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,  
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## First Reading *Acts 9:1-22*

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the

Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

## Epistle *Revelation 5:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup>and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

<sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## Holy Gospel *John 21:1-19*

**\*\*see goldenrod insert**

## DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1

ENTRANCE HYMN: #483

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and  
ABSOLUTION: **p. 151**

INTROIT (inside bulletin)

KYRIE: **p. 152**

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: #485

SERMON

Text: John 21:1-14

Theme: **“It is the Lord!”**

RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP PAD

OFFERTORY: **p. 159**

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HYMNS: #774, #688, #641

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BENEDICTION: **p. 166**

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