

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✚Ill/Hospitalized:

Marie Garno
- ✚Birthdays:

Jean Klug – 82 on May 15th
Tom Wenzel – 80 on May 15th
- ✚Death:

Sympathies to the family of **Enoch Davis** who was received into Church Triumphant on May 7th. Funeral will take place on May 13th at 11am.
- ✚Birth:

Ethan & Kelsey Thompson, whom the Lord has blessed with the gift of a baby boy, *Philip Martin Thompson*.
- ✚Mother's Day

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

- Today:

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Confirmation Practice 10:30 a.m.
- Monday:

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
- Tuesday:

World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Sunshine Seniors Dine Out 12:00 p.m. (Timbers)
Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
- Wednesday:

Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church Conference)
Board of Christian Ed 7:00 p.m. (School Conference)
- Thursday:

Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Friday:

Confirmation Questioning 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday:

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday:

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher:

Rev. Daniel J. Feusse
- Liturgist:

Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
- Organist:

Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
- Choir:

Seraphim Choir
- Acolytes:

Hanford Topham (5:00pm)
Loretta Wardin (9:30am)
- Videographer:

Anthony Wolter

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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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“The Lamb Who is the Good Shepherd”

May 10 & 11, 2025

† Fourth Sunday of Easter †

Introit *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.
He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;*
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his
people, Israel his in- | heritance.*
With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.
But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- |
ever;*
from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.
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.
I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Collect of the Day

☞ Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☞ Amen.

First Reading *Acts 20:17–35*

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:
“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my

departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Epistle *Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Holy Gospel *John 10:22–30*

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father 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 10:22-30
Theme: “**The Lamb Who is the Good Shepherd**”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☞ Lord, in Your mercy,
☞ Hear our prayer.

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