

Bulletin Deadline

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

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Announcements

Sunday, 5/24 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Choir Practice-*Not Gathering at this time*

9:00am Divine Service-*Not Gathering at this time*

10:45am Adult Class-*Not Gathering at this time*

Tuesday, 5/26

1:00pm Prayer Gathering *Not Gathering at this time*

Friday, 5/29

6:30am Men’s Breakfast Bible Study *Not Gathering at this time*

Sunday, 5/31 The Day of Pentecost

9:00am Divine Service-*Not Gathering at this time*

Welcome to Guests and Visitors!

We are so glad you joined us for worship this morning! If you are not familiar with Lutheran Worship it may help to know that page numbers in the bulletin’s order of worship are found at the bottom of the page in the hymnal, while hymn numbers are found at the top.

Concerning Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Anyone else wishing to receive a blessing may also come forward during this time. Simply cross your arms over your chest (heart) as the Pastor and Servers come near you and the Pastor will pronounce a blessing over you.

Phone If You Would Like to Receive Holy Communion

Pastor Tim is receiving up to six persons at a time to receive Holy Communion. Please call ahead on the Pastor’s Cell phone to set up a time to meet at the church for Holy Communion. We have cleared the nave and set up eight metal chairs, well spaced. With extra precautions we have minimized the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Recording Services on Saturday

Pastor Tim and Leslie are welcoming four additional persons who would like to come in on Saturdays to record the Divine Service to be posted and ready to listen to on Sundays. Holy Communion is also administered to during this time. Please phone Pastor Tim if you would like to take a turn in helping us this valuable outreach to the rest of the congregation.

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

Take full advantage of the prayer resource we send you each week. Do it with someone else as much as possible. Give the daily Psalms and readings a good workout.

Today's Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Karri Bjornstad
Reader	Jarrold Roll
Crucifer	Asher Roll
Acolyte	Jed Roll
Ushers	David Bjornstad
Counters	Naomi Rislow/Hannah Scholze
Communion Assistant	Connie Meunier
Accompanist	Tom Rislow
Fellowship	tba

May 31, 2020 Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Tom Rislow
Reader	Craig Bartos
Crucifer	Benjamin Roll
Acolyte	Stella Roll
Ushers	Jarrold Roll
Counters	Jane Kruse/Nikki Hanson
Communion Assistant	Heidi Traver
Accompanist	Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship	tba

May Attendance And Giving

	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Gen Giving</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>	<u>Building</u>
May 010	\$1,560.00	\$2,046.00	(\$486.00)	\$60.00	
May 080	\$2,270.00	\$2,046.00	\$224.00	\$1,125.00	
May 150	\$2,940.00	\$2,046.00	\$894.00	\$120.00	
May 22					
May 29					
Running Total	\$6,770.00	\$6,138.00	\$632.00	\$1,305.00	
YTD Total	\$38,639.31	\$40,920.00	(\$2,280.69)	\$13,033.44	
				\$98,893.26	

He is Lord; He is Lord;
 He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

The disciples pray and deliberate as to who should take Judas' place among the twelve. Matthias is then chosen as an apostle.

The First Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Acts...

¹²Then they 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 68:1-10 (page 244)

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

God promises to preserve us in our suffering, and he has promised that an eternal home has been prepared for us in heaven.

The Second Lesson is from the 4th and 5th chapters of 1st Peter...

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.

^{5,6}Humble 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Knowing that he is going to the cross, Jesus prays for his disciples and asks that they be united by faith in him.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

O God beyond all praising, make your Church abide in Jesus, as he abides in you. Cause it to preach the Gospel of salvation and celebrate the Sacraments in accordance with that Gospel. Let it proclaim to the whole world your blessings without number and your mercy without end. We especially ask this for the Moravian Church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite our hearts with fellow disciples of your Son, and with missionaries of your Gospel. Let us all be so united to your beloved Son and with one another, that in everything, we glorify your Name and spread the bounties of your mercy throughout the world. We especially pray for Didi Panzo and the recovery of his sight. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let the radiance of our Beautiful Savior fill the hearts and sanctify the ministries of this congregation. Make our worship into a joyful duty, and our service into a sacrifice of praise. Use us to lead others to Jesus, that with us, they may worship, honor, bless and adore him. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this Memorial Day weekend, we lovingly commend into your care all our beloved dead, especially those who gave their life in service of their country. Keep their memories fresh and bright. Spur us to deeds of faithfulness, generosity, and self-sacrifice. And hasten the day when wars shall cease; evil is vanquished; every tear is wiped away; and you are truly all in all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach our leaders to praise your name; to love justice and righteousness; and to seek those things that make for peace. Come to the help of those whose lives are troubled by sorrow and hardship; and draw all people into the glorious and gentle rule of Christ their Savior. We especially pray for our President, Donald Trump and our Governor, Tony Evers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our hearts to you on behalf of all whose lives are clouded by any sort of sickness, affliction, or sorrow. We especially pray for Birger Eklov, Cynthia Granger, Carol Halderson, Janet Sisul, Doris Stanke, Pastor Dave Steffenson, Marge Wangen, Phil Webber, and those we now name before you... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Moment of silence for individual petitions and intercessions

O Lord, those who have died trusting in your promises now see their Beautiful Savior face to face. Thank you for bestowing this blessing upon them. Continue to show to us your love. Though we are your unworthy servants, bless us with such good gifts as will sustain us and others in this life. Bring us into that endless life and light you share with all whom you have redeemed. Grant that into eternity we always sing, "Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!" Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, Merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**