

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUBILATE

April 30, 2023

Service Notes: **Divine Service Setting One, page 151**
 Hymns: 464, 482, 483, 737, 708, 475, 597, 818
 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31
 Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20
 Holy Gospel: John 16:16-22
 Sermon: "Abiding Joy" John 16:16-22

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	04/20	6:30 p.m.	29
Sunday	04/23	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	99 51

FLOWERS are given by Sandy Schopf in memory of her father, Melvin Nelson.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING for the purpose of extending a call for our 1st grade teaching position has been requested by the BCE for Sunday, May 7 after the late service. Please plan to attend if possible.

RESULTS OF THE RECENT SURVEY regarding summer worship time and Summer Bible Study are as follows: The results were 45 for leaving the services as they are (8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) and 54 for merging them into one service at 9:00 a.m. Therefore, Pastor and the elders will NOT be making any changes to the worship times during the summer months. Also, we will continue to cancel Bible Study during the summer months.

PETER'S EPISTLES are being discussed on Sunday mornings from 9:40 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Invite someone to come with you to Bible Study and enjoy the coffee and snacks!

ISAAC AND REBEKAH and other topics from Genesis are being discussed on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with coffee and snacks. Invite someone to come to Wednesday Bible Class with you!

COUSINS SUBS DONATION NIGHT to support the 8th grade class will take place at the Cousins Subs located at 6201 South 27th Street in Greenfield (27th and College) on Monday, May 1. Come help next year's 8th graders raise money for their class trip. Come any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 20% of sales will be donated to Our Father's School.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	04/30	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Monday	05/01	Cousins Subs Donation Night	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	05/02	Handbell Choir Practice (<i>in the balcony</i>)	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	05/03	CHAPEL SERVICE	8:10 a.m.
Thursday	05/04	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	05/04	8 th Grade Class Trip to St. Louis	
through Saturday	05/06		
Friday	05/05	No School – Office Closed	
Sunday	05/07	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Voters' Assembly Meeting	after late service
		Scrip Orders Due	

WE PRAY for Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Dorothy Hahn, Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Marilyn Kolter, LeAnn Lagerman, Kandy Lilley, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), and Joan Wolffersdorff (sister-in-law of Donna Metzfeld).

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, **May 7**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. ***Please note that the website name has changed to raiseright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.*** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ML SPRING CONCERT The Martin Luther High School Music Department is pleased to present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Gym at Martin Luther. The concert, entitled *Up Jumped Spring*, will feature the Jazz Ensemble, Spartan Band, Symphonic Band, Troubadours, Chorus, and Concert Choir. A wide variety of music will be performed by each of the ensembles. In addition to the concert, the Art Department will present a Student Art Exhibit. Tickets are available at the door or by calling (414) 421-4000 for reserved seating. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the art exhibit.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Spring Cleanup last weekend. A special thank you to Jon Kurth for providing the guidance and equipment. The campus looks great!

WALK-A-THON The 5th annual Walk-a-Thon is Sunday, May 21. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to help pay for the fencing along Honey Creek to keep our children safe and prevent balls from going into the creek. See the forms in the church narthex to either sign up to walk or make a pledge. There is also an online giving option on our website, www.ofls.org, to donate.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on *Sunday*, April 30.

DINNER WITH PASTOR There are some openings available for inviting Pastor Nuckols to dinner at your home on Thursdays before church. There is a sheet in the narthex if you wish to sign up.

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**THE READINGS FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUBILATE
April 30, 2023**

INTROIT

(Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: vv. 1-2, chant responsively)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”*

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to
you.”**

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:25-31 (ESV)

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:11-20 (ESV)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evil doers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:16-22 (ESV)

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

¹⁷ So 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'?"

¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

¹⁹ Jesus 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'?"

²⁰ Truly, 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.

²¹ When 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.

²² So 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUBILATE**

“Abiding Joy”

April 30 through May 6, 2023

Jubilate means “make a shout of joy.” The shout of joy and victory would echo through the camp of Israel when she had defeated her enemies. So now the Church is filled with the great shout of joy over our Lord’s swallowing up death by His own death and resurrection. Here we proclaim the works of the Lord Sunday after Sunday and invite the world to come and see the works of the Lord. How shall they see these works? They are to be seen in the preaching of the Gospel because in the hearing of the deeds of Christ, who was sent by His Father, the Holy Spirit reveals the great victory. What is the Gospel? It is not a new way of living, but the good news of what God has done, continues to do, and will do for us in Christ. Through the Gospel, the Spirit of God calls us to faith and then preserves us in the true faith. We raise the shout of joy that He keeps our soul among the living and does not allow our feet to be moved.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. **Proverbs 3:11-12 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 119:65-72

PSALMODY PRAYER: Teach me to confess that You are good, O Lord, and that all things that You do are good. In my afflictions keep me from straying and cause me to live according to Your Word. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Matthew 13:24-34
Tuesday	Matthew 13:36-46
Wednesday	Matthew 13:47-58
Thursday	Matthew 14:14-21
Friday	NO SCHOOL
Saturday	John 16:5-15

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties

To Parents

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. *Ephesians 6:4*

To Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and your mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Ephesians 6:1-3

Luther, On Romans 6:6, 10 (1516): Therefore, the term “body of sin” ought not be understood as something mystical, as many people do who imagine that “body of sin” refers to a whole mountain of evil works, but rather it refers to this very body which we are carrying around. It is called the “body of sin” because it inclines against the spirit and toward sin. And the seed of the devil dwells in it; hence the Lord in Gen. 3:15 says: “I will put enmity between your seed and her seed.” The seed of the woman is the Word of God in the church, because it inclines toward righteousness and good works. The seed of the devil is sin itself, the tinder and evil lust in our flesh. . . . The flesh has the seed of the devil in it and is seeking to bring forth sin and bear sinful fruit. But the Spirit possesses the seed of God and seeks to bring forth righteousness and the fruits of righteousness. . . . *The death He died He died to sin.* The meaning is that we must undergo this spiritual death only once. For whoever dies thus lives for all eternity. Therefore, we must not return to our sin in order to die to sin again. . . . For death does not put an end to this kind of life against its will, as it does with physical life, but this is the beginning of eternal life. Hence we read in John 11:26: “Whoever believes in Me shall never die,” that is, as long as he does not willingly turn away from this spiritual life, he cannot die. This spiritual life will be strengthened in the future in such a way that a person cannot be turned away, for no one would want to be turned away who has been given the complete perfection of an eternal will. For just as the ray of the sun is eternal because the sun is eternal, so the spiritual life is eternal because Christ is eternal, so also the grace which flows out of Him is from His eternal nature.

Furthermore, just because a man sins again his spiritual life does not die, but he turns his back on this life and dies, while this life remains eternal in Christ. . . . Hence also we are baptized only once, by which we gain the life of Christ, even though we often fall and rise again. For the life of Christ can be recovered again and again, but a person can enter upon it only once, just as a man who has never been rich can begin to get rich only once, although he can again and again lose and regain his wealth. *But the life He lives He lives to God.* Nothing lives to God, however, except that which lives eternally and spiritually, because God is eternal and a spirit, before whom nothing counts except what is spiritual and eternal; but the flesh and temporal things are nothing with Him. Therefore, since this life is eternal, it is necessary that the man who dies to sin should die only once, since only an eternal life can follow this kind of death, and in this life there can be no death, for otherwise it would not be eternal. Nor can a person who died once to sin die to sin again, because eternal righteousness follows this death and this righteousness never sins again. (LW 25:314-315)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 526 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"* (stanza 1)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
CANTATE**

May 7, 2023
"Guide You Into All Truth"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 490, 556, 526, 461, 467, 477, 465

READINGS

Isaiah 12:1-6
James 1:16-21
John 16:5-15

How could it be to the disciples' advantage that Jesus goes away? We often think it would be easier to believe if we could see Jesus on a daily basis. Yet Jesus proclaims that the Spirit will come through the preaching of the Word to convict the world. The Spirit will convict the world of sin. Now certainly the Spirit convicts us through the preaching of the Law and condemns our sin, but the real indictment is that the world does not believe in Christ. To the world, unbelief isn't even a sin; but to Christ, it is the sin. The Spirit convicts us of being guilty of trusting in ourselves, our own works, and our own righteousness. The Spirit calls us to trust in Christ and His righteousness for He has gone to the Father as our great High Priest and pleads for us with His own blood poured out for us upon the cross. It was in His death that Christ crushed the ruler of this world, the devil, and in His resurrection the Father proclaimed our justification was accomplished. It is the Spirit of Truth who speaks in the preaching of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, Absolution, and the Sacrament to give to us all that Christ won for us. So there is no salvation apart from this Christ, and there is no other message of this Spirit than the crucified and risen Christ who is our righteousness.