

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUBILATE

May 8, 2022

Service Notes:

Hymns: **Divine Service Setting Three, page 184**
 464, 482, 461, 617, 620, 467, 624, 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	04/28	6:30 p.m.	42
Sunday	05/01	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	122 54

FLOWERS are given in celebration of Natalie Gerloff's 28th birthday.

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 The upcoming May Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on May 22, 2022, after the second service. The agenda is quite full, and we strongly encourage members to attend. In addition to regular business, updates on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws will be presented; there will be a vote on the candidates for pastor; there will be a vote on calling a new 1st & 2nd grade teacher; and there may be a vote to call a new principal.

Please plan on attending to have a voice in the future of your church and school.

RECIPES ARE NEEDED for the Class of 2023 Cookbook Fundraiser! The 7th Grade Class of 2023 has undertaken the publishing of a cookbook to raise funds for their class trip, and **they need your help!** Please submit your recipes by May 31, 2022, to Mrs. Carolyn Nicholson at her email address:

cmelchert914@yahoo.com. Alternatively, if you have a paper copy, you can drop it off at the church/school office where a copy will be made and the original returned to you. Recipes should include your name, a title for the recipe, ingredients, ingredient measurements, and complete directions. Over the summer, the cookbook will be created, and the sale of the cookbooks will begin in the fall of 2022. Please submit your recipe today! Thanks for your help, Our Father's Class of 2023: Sebe, Orlando, Danny, Henry, Josh, Mayah, Amber, Brayden, and Amara.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	05/08	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	05/10	Handbell Choir Practice (<i>in the balcony</i>)	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	05/11	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	05/12	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Friday	05/13	No School	
Sunday	05/15	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Walk-a-thon	12:00 p.m.

WE PRAY for Karen Awe, Barbara Blue, Bill Blue, 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, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Elaine Jenson, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Ken Letto, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

FAREWELL SERMON & BANQUET Pastor Fabrizio has determined his final sermon date, which will also be the date we celebrate his retirement with a farewell banquet. His last sermon will be preached at Our Father's Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be a celebration banquet immediately following the church service in the school gymnasium. Details will continue to be provided as the Banquet Committee meets and works on the arrangements for the celebration. Stay tuned for further information.

WALK-A-THON The school will be holding their 4th annual Walk-a-thon on Sunday, **May 15**, with a goal of raising \$20,000. The funds will be used to help pay for an extra-tall, split-section slide! See the forms in the church narthex to either sign up or make a pledge. There is also an online giving option on our website, www.ofls.org, to donate.

SPRING CONCERT AND ART EXHIBIT The Martin Luther High School Music Department is pleased to present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Gym at Martin Luther. The concert, entitled **Spring has Sprung**, will feature the Jazz Ensemble, Spartan Band, Varsity 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.

SCRIP The next order due date is Sunday, June 5. 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. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

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**OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Members of Our Father's Lutheran Church, the Call Committee received the Pastoral Profiles of potential candidates from the District Office. These files are in the Church-School Office and are available to the Congregation for reading. They are not permitted, by the SWD Office, to be removed from the Church Office, nor can members request photocopies of them.

The Call Committee met on Monday, April 11, and narrowed the search of potential candidates to a preliminary list of 6. The Call Committee considers the following items in establishing a list of candidates:

1. Faithful adherence to Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
2. Use of the Lutheran Hymnal and Liturgy only for all worship services.
3. The practice of Early Admission to the Lord's Supper by prepared candidates.
4. Commitment to Lutheran Education and our Grade school in assisting parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
5. Sermon practice that is focused on the text and preaching the Word in its Truth and Purity.

The Call Committee will meet again on April 19 to continue the Call Process for a Pastor. If you have questions, please direct them to Dave Felber, Chair of the Board of Elders.

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUBILATE
May 8, 2022**

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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 147:1-11 (ESV)

¹ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

INTROIT

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.

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: vv. 1-2

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUBILATE
“Abiding Joy”
May 8 through May 14, 2022**

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: ²² Continue in the faith, ... through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. **Acts 14:22 (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: 85

PSALMODY PRAYER: Show us Your mercy, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Open my ears to hear that I may fear You and trust in Your righteousness for You alone give what is good. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Luke 11:14-36
Tuesday	Luke 12:13-34
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-10
Thursday	Luke 15:11-32
Friday	NO SCHOOL
Saturday	John 16:5-15

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties

To Employers and Supervisors

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. *Ephesians 6:9*

To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. *1 Peter 5:5-6*

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 482 "This Joyful Eastertide" (stanza 1)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
CANTATE**

May 15, 2022

“Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 490, 556, 482, 526, 742, 619, 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.