

# Sunday April 27, 2025

## Second Sunday of Easter



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**  
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**  
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron & Jan Aho, Noah Elias, & Brenda Sjerven's mother.

**LECTORS NEEDED** we need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window.

**GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWBORN KITS** WELCA is collecting items for Newborn Kits that will be assembled on May 21st as a Thrivent Action Team event. See the display in the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed. Multiple yards of flannel have been donated, and volunteers are needed to make the flannel into receiving blankets. See Darlene Christensen if you are interested in helping with this project.

**TASTES OF THE HOLY LAND** Friday, May 16 from 4-6pm. Join us to enjoy foods with unique flavors from the Holy Land with wines that pair best with each course. \$40/ticket. To get tickets please call the church office at 320 684-2123, follow this link: <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo> or scan the QR code to the right.



## **SYTTENDE MAI BUFFET LUNCHEON, CRAFT & BAKE SALE -**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca. Friday, May 16th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

**WELCOME!** We are pleased to announce the acceptance of Rev. Christina Kadelbach as our new pastor effective June 1, 2025!

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<b><u>THIS WEEK AT Bethesda</u></b>			<b><u>April 28, 2025 – May 4, 2025</u></b>
Monday	4/28	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/29	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	4/30	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	5/1	8:00 am	ROMEOS

**OPENING HYMN:**                      **“Christ is Alive”**                      **#389 ELW**  
*(Please Stand on the last Verse)*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Creator God,*

**you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<b>SCRIPTURES</b>
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### **FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM: Psalm 150**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup> Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said

to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### SERMON HYMN: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

#860 ELW



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands.

Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring

healing to those in need (*especially*). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel (*especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*). Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered by congregation  
either aloud or in their hearts.*

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to  
sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,

**you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: “Savior Song” Dakota Road (on screen)

Sing to the one who has known us for-ev - er. Dance to the rhythm of  
free-dom and love. Rest and be sure in the arms of for-give - ness.  
Join in the Sav - ior's song.  
I'm hop - ing for a brand new day where we stop all the fuss  
There's noth - ing that can take a - way all the love of the one  
and the fight - ing long e - nough to look in each oth-er's eyes and see the  
who has saved us. We may walk, we may run or fall, but God is  
pre - cious gift of us ev - 'ry life.  
right here with us through it all.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

Postlude Musice: by Village of Hope Acapella Choir

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Ushers: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Hospitality: Joy & Vicki Vossen

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, April 20, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 110 Online: 31