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Second Sunday of Easter

27 April Anno Domini 2025

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Order of Service - Divine Service I

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Opening Hymn **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"** **# 457**

Invocation (stand)

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Service of the Word

Psalm 148 (Found numerically, front pages of Hymnal)

We will use the tone below and chant whole verse by whole verse, concluding with the "Glory be to the Father" at the end of the Psalm.



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Almighty God grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading **Acts 5:12-32**

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside."

Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly

charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gradual (all)

Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:1-18

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

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

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C. "Glory to You, O Lord"

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Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never

believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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Sermon Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King" # 470

Sermon Pastor Squire

Acts 5:12-32

Apostles' Creed page 159

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory (stand) "Create in Me" # 956

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Opportunities to Worship, Study, Serve and Witness

The Eternal Light shines in loving memory of parents from Allan & Marilyn Schmidt.

The Eternal Light shines from Keith & Jan Horgen in loving memory of family.

The Eternal Light shines from the Woods family in memory of Randy and loved ones.

Adult Bible Study will be in the library today, beginning at 10:30 AM. Join us!

Sunday-school Opening Devotions are held at the front of the Sanctuary following Worship. Kids and teachers will then go to their classrooms.

Prayer & Potluck is today, beginning at 11AM with a brief Bible Study. Come join us as we learn about the ***Fruits of the Spirit***. Also, there will be music for all and activities for the kids. Lunch begins at noon. (You don't have to bring anything.)

1:30 PM - Installation of Pastor Northwick at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mason City.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is at 9AM. Join us!

LYF Circuit Bible Study – 6 PM at Immanuel in St. Ansgar.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – at 7:30 PM. (note later start time)

Tai Chi Classes are on Thursdays at 4:30PM.

Men's Club meets Thursday, May 1 at 7PM.

Blessings to: those celebrating birthdays April 27 - May 3:

Randy Dieterich, Carol Power, Amanda (Hemann) Heath, Chaley Schulz, and Dylan Marcks.

Blessings to Jan & Keith Horgen as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

(If you find errors or omissions, please inform the secretary. Thanks.)

Next Sunday, May 4th - 11AM Informational meeting for the congregation regarding tuck-pointing project, building fund, work progress timeline and general plans as we proceed.

Looking ahead:

On May 8th, Immanuel is scheduled to host the monthly Birthday Party at Good Samaritan.

We need a few volunteers to help with the 'program', (probably a Hymn-Sing where the residents join us in singing favorites.) The Party is held in the dining room and begins at 2:30PM, right after they are done playing Bingo.

Refreshments are served following the program. ***This is open to men and kids as well as women!*** Help us celebrate with the residents of Good Sam by making a joyful noise!!

Pastor Squire leads Chapel at Good Sam's on Friday, May 9th at 2:30PM.

Christ is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Today: 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday school
 10:15 AM Fellowship hour
 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 11:00 AM Prayer & Potluck - begins at 11AM with a brief
 Bible Study (The Fruits of the Spirit). There will be activities and music for the
kids - and always great food.

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30th 6:00 PM LYF Circuit Bible Study - St. Ansgar
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Thursday 4:30 PM Tai Chi
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Those serving us today:

Elders: David Falk, Steve Groth, Brian Steinberg, Melvin Schroeder
Organists: Carol Pahl, Emma Squire

Acolyte:	refer to posted schedule
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Altar Guild:	Mike and Denise Gerdts
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Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor.

You are invited to the Altar for a blessing from Pastor – just cross your arms over your chest. Please schedule a time with Pastor or one of our Elders for further conversation about this Holy Sacrament. Thank you.

Bulletin Cover Explanation

“Full of Eyes” Artist Christopher Powers

Revelation 1:5, “...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings on earth.”

Faithful Witness – Crucifixion

Firstborn of the Dead – Resurrection

Ruler of the Kings – Ascension

And this is the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood.

Christ is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!