

“You Promised!”

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

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**My steadfast love
I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will
stand firm for him.**

Psalm 89:28, ESV

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. When we approach the altar, we publicly declare our unity in faith. God's Word tells us that Jesus' Body and Blood are REALLY PRESENT in the bread and wine. The bread and wine do not merely "stand for" Jesus' Body and Blood, for Jesus said, "This is my body and this is my blood," and we accept this mystery (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-33). In the LORD's Supper, God gives, as a gift to us, His love and forgiveness and strengthens our faith.

Jesus calls us to prepare for the LORD's Supper by believing what the Bible says with regard to sin, by repenting of our sins, and believing Christ's real presence in the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We ask both members and guests to examine the questions below before taking Communion:

1. Do I believe that God's Word is entirely "inspired" and without error?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and blood?
5. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven and that my faith is strengthened in Holy Communion?
6. Is it my intent, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in this Sacrament, to live a Godly life?

If you have any doubts or do not understand our beliefs about Communion, please refrain from participating at this time. Call our pastor. He would be happy to help you understand the meaning and blessings of this special "Means of Grace."

Our church is a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, an international church, bold to share the love of Christ with all nationalities.
Our Common bond is loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the only guide in matters of faith and life.

THE FAITH AND CARE FAMILY for April is Christopher. May is Daniel. The sign-up sheets are on the back table. If you are in this family, please sign-up to help in some way.

TODAY'S **ELDERS:** Neil Schamber & Brent O'Bryan
 GREETER: Marsha Kapp
 ACOLYTE: Mackenzie Konrad
 READER: Stephen Heidenreich

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP: We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please fill out the record of fellowship in the Red Book in each pew. We ask that each person fill out their information on one line of the sheet and pass it on to the next person in the pew. For families, place each member on a new line. It is our hope that we will be able to better care for you with this information.

OPENING HYMN

THY STRONG WORD

LSB 578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator.
To Thee laud and honor be,
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1-4, 8-9; 40:5*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!
People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
People: **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
People: **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
People: **Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
People: **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our prayers. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, Jesus forgives you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. ²For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." ³You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ⁴I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations." ⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! ⁶For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, ⁷a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? ⁸O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? ¹³You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. ¹⁴Righteousness and

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

¹²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Sit

Psalm 89: 1-8, 13-17, 24-29, 52

justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. ¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, ¹⁶who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. ²⁴My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. ²⁵I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. ²⁶He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' ²⁷And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. ²⁹I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens. ⁵² Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:11

²¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, and participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by

taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him

the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

LUKE 24:13-35

²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON HYMN LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

"You Promised!

Psalm 89: 1-8, 13-17,
24-29, 52

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

Pastor: We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us.

Pastor: We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, abiding in Your amazing love as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION HYMNS

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

LSB 656

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

LSB 644

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

Sit
LSB 922

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing,
You are My own.

2 Go My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit’s power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior,
Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children: I will keep you
And give you peace.

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Attendance: (4/28)

Sunday Worship: 178

Sunday School: 10

Offerings:	(4/28)	
	General (Checking)	3733.30
	Sunday School (Savings)	13.00
	Total	3746.30

To meet our 2024 budget goals, we need to average **\$5048** in our weekly offering collection

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION: Today Mt. Olive is celebrating the rite of confirmation with four students. Keep these confirmands in your prayers in the days ahead:

Leland Harding IV	Nora Pownell
Trevan Schoenefeld	Eli Wold

LWML MEETING: The May meeting of Mt. Olive LWML will be held this Thursday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the church. The topic will be taken from the spring *Quarterly* and will be given by Pastor Birtell. For roll call members are asked to bring treats for the Watertown Fire Dept. Hostess will be Sue Magedanz. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS: Because of the great sign-up another day (Thursday, May 23) has been added to take pictures for the pictorial directory! You may schedule from home, or this morning during fellowship hour or call Dorothy Bassingthwaite at 605-882- 1372 and she will schedule you. Thank You !!

VBS HELP IS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering your time to help serve our treasured children during VBS. Volunteer registration cards are on the back table. You may also register at www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch.

VBS COMING SOON: Fun and adventure awaits you! Join us for the Great Jungle Journey from Genesis to Revelation. Volunteers & Children register @www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch. You can pick up a card on the back table. For more information contact Brittany Luoma, Director 605-520-6637 or luoma.tb@live.com

When: June 2nd-6th

Time: @ 6 pm—8 pm

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION: Everyone is welcome to attend the open house retirement celebration for Lori Fox on Sunday, May 19th from 2:00 PM -5:00 PM, at 2703 5th Ave NW.

LUTHERAN WITNESS OPTIONS: As of April, the churches are no longer providing subscriptions of The Lutheran Witness. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information on the subscription possibilities for the Lutheran Witness publication.

MISSION POSSIBLE WITH TIM TEBOW: Mt. Olive will be providing the opportunity for all of our teens to attend the Mission Possible event. This event will be held on June 21 at 7:00 PM at the Watertown Civic Arena. We hope many of our teens will make plans to attend this event to hear Tim share his message of leading a Mission Possible life! To reserve your free ticket contact Paula Hulscher 605-881-8720.

MAINSTREET LIVING: is broadcast Sundays on KDLT-NBC at 10:30 AM CST and PAX at 11 AM CDT. You may also view the program at mainstreetliving.com. Click on the “Watch Main Street Living” tab. The program is also available on YouTube. The Message for **May 12, 10:30:** Rev. Daniel Deardoff, Sr., pastor at Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, presents a message titled “A Prayer Meant to be Overheard.” This sermon is based on John 17:11b-19.

May 12: - “A Will to Live” - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

LIFE QUOTES: May 5 “The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES: 1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF

MAY 5 -MAY 12, 2024

Today

- 9:00 AM Worship w/communion
- Confirmation
- 10:15 AM Sunday School

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Work Day
- 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

- 6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study
- **5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline**
- 7:00 PM Back to Basics Bible Study

Thursday

- 1:30 PM LWML Mtg.

Next Sunday

- May Faith and Care Family **Daniel**
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- Greeter: Linda Webb
- Reader: Candy Koepke
- Acolyte: Lydia Stenwedel

Fellowship: **Please Consider**

Signing up

June Faith and Care Family **Elijah**