

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)



About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

- TODAY . . . . .

MONDAY . . . . .

TUESDAY . . . . .

WEDNESDAY . . . . .

THURSDAY . . . . .

SUNDAY . . . . .
- Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**

Bible Class **10:00 AM**

Catechism/Bible Class **9:00 AM**; Knife River Care Center **10:15 AM**

Sr. Suites Devotions **12:30 PM**; Elders' Meeting **7:00 PM**

Communion at Sr. Suites **10:00 AM**; Council Meeting **7:00 PM**

Happy Mother's Day / Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**

Bible Class following Worship; Sunday School **10:15-11:30 AM**



This week the business office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gifts for the work of the Lord:

Together in Worship: April 30 (62)

\$ 3,475.00 (April 30)

Together on the Internet: 227

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!

**Gifts to the Lord:** If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder in of the front of the box.



Stewardship thought: **1 Peter 2:9** – **“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”** God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"Reason to Hope"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)



**About the Cover:** Christ, Immanuel (“God with us”), is the “chosen and precious” cornerstone who holds His whole Church together. The Lord has fit us, like stones of varying shapes and sizes, into His Church as living stones solidly built upon Christ. “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Because Christ is our cornerstone, we know that His Church will endure to the end.



Please tear out the used page in the “Record of Fellowship” and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items with you, to keep our pews tidy.

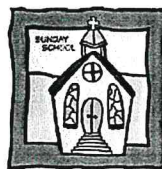






A retirement celebration, honoring Rev. David Suelzle will be held on June 4, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, at Grace Lutheran in Fargo.

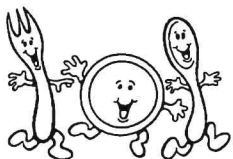
What are those kids in Sunday School talking about? This week, we study "The Thankful One." Encountering ten lepers on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus has mercy on them and sends them to show themselves to the priests. As they go, the lepers are healed; but only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus.



The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30 @ 2 PM.



Anyone interested in joining this committee is invited to attend. We are hoping to add a few more members - men and women. There are some upcoming evangelism opportunities our congregation will host: Gerald & Heidi Paul will be presenting about their mission work in the Grand Cayman Islands(July 18), President Bertsch will present a power point about his recent trip to Chile, and we will host another Chilly for Chile in the summer months - this time ice cream. If there is anyone or another committee who would like to help with any of these events, please let Micki Fischer know. Thank you!



Find your favorite recipe and get ready to share.  
A Pot-Blessing will be held on Sunday, May 21 following Bible Class.

#### Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Emily Zietz / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Marcella Knoell / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Layton Bornemann / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter /Kinsey Tomes** for strength and healing.
- † **Erna / Bea / Dallas / Orlene / Loretta / Christine** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic**
- † **International Missions of the District**
- † **Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers**

Prayer chain contacts: **Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347**

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9:00 a.m.

Sunday School  
& Bible Study  
10:15 a.m.

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