

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



## May 5, 2024

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 3,294.81 (April 29) 1-1-1 (\$ 31.00)

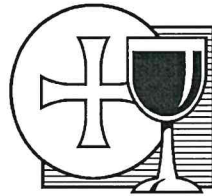
Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care

- **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 . . . . . Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Sunday School **10:15 -11:30 AM**
- MONDAY . . . . . No Bible Class
- TUESDAY . . . . . No Bible/The Lutheran Confessions Study
- WEDNESDAY . . . . . Quilting **1:00 PM**; No Confirmation Class
- THURSDAY . . . . . Quilting **1:00 PM**; Council Meeting **7:00 PM**
- SUNDAY . . . . . Mother's Day; Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Sunday School **10:15 -11:30 AM**



The Business Office will be open Monday and Wednesday.

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 on of the front of the box.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**Unforecastable**". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control.(Acts 9:31)

**About the Cover:** Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father's love is this: "That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.



**Stewardship Thoughts...**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.



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 home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.



The mite ministry . . .the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Be a part of the LWML Mite Ministry, drop your loose change in the box located in the narthex today, the first Sunday of the month.





**Building Healthy Families:** Would your mother or father qualify to be in the “Perfect Parents Hall of Fame”? Wait, is there such a thing as a “perfect” parent? Obviously, no. But amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? You bet! This year, from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day, you’re invited to publicly celebrate and honor your (nearly) perfect parents! Starting this week we’ll be accepting and sharing stories (including sentimental, faith-building, life-impacting, and funny ones) and images of our near-perfect parents. If your parents are no longer living but transferred on to heaven, you can still remember and celebrate them. Learn more and hear other people’s stories on Lutheran Family Service’s Facebook ([www.facebook.com/lutheranfamilyservice](http://www.facebook.com/lutheranfamilyservice)) or Instagram page (@lutheranfamilyservice).  
**Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**What’s happening in Sunday School:** “A Promising Dream” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing – he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.



Sunday School

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / JoAnn Crabtree**
  - † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Hanna Link / Tanya Schlamann / David Grant** for strength and healing.
  - † **Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Marcella** 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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Worship  
 Service  
 9:00 a.m.

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

Hear our  
 Sunday Morning  
 Service *live*  
 each Sunday on  
 KDKT 1410 AM  
 9:00 a.m.  
 or from coast-to-coast  
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# I Have CALLED YOU FRIENDS



## JOHN 15:15