

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24 & 27, 2025

### We Have a Meaningful Mission

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**Opening Hymn** ..... 456 vv. 1-6, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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**Prayer of the Day:** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**..... Psalm 150B

#### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 161

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *Blessed are those who \*/ have not seen  
and yet \*/ have believed.*

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 511, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**SERMON**..... “Revelation Reveals the Risen Savior” Revelation 1:4-18

**Offering Hymn** ..... 729 v. 3, “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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**Closing Hymn** ..... 456 vv. 7-9, “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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### FIRST READING: Acts 5:12,17-32

**The apostles were not going to let opposition and persecution prevent them from fulfilling their meaningful mission of telling others about Christ’s death and resurrection.**

*Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the apostles. With one mind, they all continued meeting in Solomon’s Colonnade.*

*The high priest rose up, along with his associates (that is, the party of the Sadducees), because they were filled with envy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, brought them out, and said, “Go, stand in the temple and keep on telling the people the whole message about this life.” After they heard this, they entered the temple courts at daybreak and began to teach.*

*When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin (that is, the whole council of elders of the people of Israel). Then they sent orders to the jail to have the apostles brought in. But when the officers*

*arrived, they did not find them in the prison. 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!” When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were puzzled about them, wondering what could have happened.*

*Then someone came and reported to them, “Look! The men you put in prison are standing in the temple courts and teaching the people.” Then the captain went with the officers and brought the apostles in without force, because they were afraid that the people might stone them. After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin. The high priest asked them, “Did we not give you strict orders not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood down on us!” But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you arrested and killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his right hand as Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”*

### SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-18

**The risen Savior promises to be with his churches as they carry out the meaningful mission of sharing the light of the gospel.**

*John,*

*To the seven churches in the province of Asia:*

*Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.*

*Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.*

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.*

*I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.*

*I was in spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, saying, “Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.”*

*I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.*

*When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last—the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell.*

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

**Jesus lovingly deals with our doubts and provides us with peace so that we might be empowered to carry out the meaningful mission of sharing Christ's forgiveness.**

*On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

*But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."*

*After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Maundy Thursday: 51/57; Good Friday: 206; Easter Sunday: 95/149

**Offerings:** Maundy Thursday: \$1,458.00; Good Friday: \$2,614.00; Easter Sunday: \$9,236.25

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$60.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$25.00; St. Matthew's School: \$50.00



*We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plate located on the table at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

**ORGANISTS:** The **May** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**BAPTISM:** On Saturday we (will welcome) (welcomed) Karsyn Jerelyn Foulkes into God's kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Karsyn was born April 21 to Sarah and Alex Foulkes. We rejoice at Karsyn's rebirth through water and the Word and pray for her continued spiritual grace.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:** Today is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following Sunday's worship service. We thank Bill Keller, III and his family for hosting this fellowship hour!

**SERVICE GROUP MEETING:** The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday (TODAY), April 27**. All confirmed members are invited to join us!

**EVERYONE OUTREACH:** The next outreach meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 29**, beginning at **6:30 PM** (for snacks). The meeting will start at **7:00 PM**. Everyone is invited to attend (even if you missed the first two meetings)! We will be continuing with discussions and ideas generated at the workshop and the first follow-up meeting. If you do plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Thank you!

**PASTOR SCHULTE'S INSTALLATION** is scheduled for next **Sunday, May 4**, at **2:00 PM**. Following the service there will be a catered meal which all are invited to attend. We hope many of you will plan to participate in this special service marking the beginning of an exciting and blessed new era for St. Matthew's.

**WALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Our school will be hosting this year's WALL Softball Tournament on **Friday-Saturday, May 16-17**, at the Iron Ridge Firemen's Park. All are invited and encouraged to come down and cheer our teams on as well as enjoy the concessions which will be served throughout the tournament. If you would be willing to help in any way (i.e. concessions, grilling, providing donations, setting up, cleaning up), please speak with **Kevin Lorge** as soon as possible. We need all the help we can get with this big of an endeavor! There will be 11-12 teams involved and all their families in attendance!

**WELS NIGHT AT THE BREWERS:** Back for another year, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning on **Friday, July 11!** Plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Tickets for all WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating levels. Ticket prices are **\$22** (Field Outfield Box), **\$15** (Loge Outfield Box), and **\$8** (Terrace Reserved Infield). Individual tickets and parking are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](http://brewers.com/wels).

# Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED

*Alleluia*

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:           Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**).....9:00 AM  
                     Service Group Meeting – Immediately following fellowship hour

Tuesday:        **EVERYONE OUTREACH PROGRAM**.....  
                     **Begins with snacks** .....6:30 PM  
                     **Meeting begins at** .....7:00 PM

Thursday:       Communion Worship Service .....7:00 PM  
                     Adult Choir.....8:00 PM  
                     **Scrip Orders Due**

Sunday:           Communion Worship Service .....9:00 AM  
                     Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM  
                     **Pastor Schulte's Installation Service**.....**2:00 PM**  
                     **(Catered meal to follow)**

### 150B Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ..... Psalm 150B Refrain



#### Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;  
 praise him in his mighty / heavens.  
 Praise him for his acts of / power;  
 praise him for his surpassing / greatness.   *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,  
 praise him with the / harp and lyre,  
 praise him with timbrel and / dancing,  
 praise him with the / strings and pipe,  
 praise him with the clash of / cymbals,  
 praise him with resounding / cymbals.   *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the Lord.  
 Praise / the Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
 and to the Holy / Spirit,  
 as it was in the be- / ginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen.   *Refrain***

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