

The Second Sunday of Easter Quasimodo Geniti

April 27, 2025



**Who is it that overcomes the
world except the one who
believes that Jesus is the Son
of God?**

(1 John 5:5 ESV)

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Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen Body and Blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by James and Amanda Rose in thanksgiving for the birthday of James' mother, Sue Rose.

Robyn Steele, wife of Rev. Walter Steele, has entered the deaconess training program at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana so she may be better equipped to serve the people in the mission field. She has been able to receive some grants but still has a tuition burden of \$11,000. A plate offering will be available in the narthex on a quarterly basis for any who would like to contribute to her tuition.

Voters' Assembly! The regular bi-annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for May 18. Please plan to attend. The primary item of discussion will be the upcoming year's budget.

Faith Lutheran School invites you to meet authors Katie Schuermann and Christine Elliott Rivers as they launch their latest novels. Mrs. Schuermann and Mrs. Rivers have been working with the Lutheran publisher Kloria to create fiction inspired by the Lutheran Confessions for school-aged children and families. All are welcome to join us for a reading and book signing in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21 at 1701 E. Park Blvd., Plano, Texas. For more information go to **katieschuermann.com** or **christineelliotttrivers.com**.

As you plan your summer activities, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School at Faith Plano. VBS will be June 16 – 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Preschool - 6th grade students are invited to attend. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. Any questions please contact Mina McDonald at **mmcdonald1219@gmail.com**.

Book of Philemon Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Philemon. You can listen at your convenience at **thewordendures.org**, Amazon Alexa, Google

Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY *Quasimodo Geniti, The Second Sunday of Easter*

04/27/25 9:30 AM – Divine Service

11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

12:15 PM – Adult Instruction

TUESDAY 9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 6:15 PM – Youth Confirmation

THURSDAY *St. Philip and St. James*

Pastor’s Vacation (May 1-May 8)

SUNDAY *Misericordias Domini, The Third Sunday of Easter*

05/4/25 9:30 AM – Divine Service

11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

PRAYERS

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- God’s blessings and safe travels for Rev. Wildauer and his family during their two-month home service.
- Robin Wildauer for God’s continued protection and healing during her recovery from surgery.

- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Kristie Messer, Elizabeth Meyers, Reagan Gefaller.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Connor Hendon.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Matt and Tori Thibodeaux, Brad and Roberta Lowery.
- The Sheehan family as they mourn and prepare for Tula's funeral.
- Dale Hackbart in thanksgiving for successful surgery.
- Georgette Walker, who continues to be hospitalized while undergoing stem cell replacement.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham, Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Gaye, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Gloria Lawrence.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael, Greg.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – James Rose

Altar: Gail Sellers

Music: Rebekah Roundey

4/20/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$3,419.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$0.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **surplus: \$667.72**

Calendar year to date: **surplus: \$1,125.85**