

Jubilate

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



**“You will be sorrowful, but
your sorrow will turn into
joy.”**

(John 16:20b 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.

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by David and Ellen Horn in celebration of the birthday of Jesse Horn.

Voters' Assembly! The regular bi-annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, May 18 after the Divine Service during Adult Bible Class. The children's Sunday School classes will meet as usual. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. The primary item of discussion will be the upcoming year's budget. The monthly Fellowship Lunch will follow the meeting.

The annual Young Adult (18 +) Galveston Retreat will be on May 30, 31, June 1. (June 1 will be only those who want to stay for church at Saint John.) This year's theme is "All Things New." Everyone will meet at Saint John Lutheran on Galveston Island and spend the night lock-in style. There will be Bible study, prayer, games, activities around the island, and much more. There is no cost to attend the retreat and meals are included. Speakers include: Vicar Hendrickson from Memorial Lutheran Houston, Pastor Cholak from Our Savior Lutheran Houston, and Pastor Taylor from Saint John Lutheran Galveston. If you would like to attend, please fill out the form found at <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/8e192127>. You will then receive an email confirmation and an agenda of events.

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.

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OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then, we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>Jubilate, The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
<i>05/11/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY	<i>Cantate, The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
<i>05/18/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School 11:15 AM – Voters’ Meeting 12:30 PM – Fellowship Lunch

PRAYERS

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Sommer Starr, Kaye Hartfield, Matt Gefaller.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Wueller, Sommer Starr.

- Georgette Walker, as she recovers from her recent hospitalization for stem cell replacement.
- The Schwiesow family as they mourn the passing of Marc's grandmother, Lorraine Schwiesow, who fell asleep in Christ this past Sunday.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham, Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Patti Ellis, for upcoming medical tests.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Deanna, Dana Evans, Jill, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Gaye, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael, Greg.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Brad Lowery

Altar: Roberta Lowery

Music: Rebekah Roundey

5/04/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$5,181.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$50.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **surplus: \$122.12**

Calendar year to date: **surplus: \$580.25**