

**Misericordias Domini
The Third Sunday of Easter**

April 19, 2026



**“I am the good shepherd. I
know My own and My own
know Me.”**

(John 10:14 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

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 Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of Baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We rejoice today to install David Ricks as the new Treasurer of the congregation, and we give thanks to God for Ken Lawrence's service in this position for the last four years. May our gracious Lord pour out His blessings on all His faithful servants.

The Fellowship Lunch originally scheduled for today has been moved to May 17, the same day as the next Voters' Meeting.

Mites Collection today!

The second annual Confessional Lutheran Summer Youth Retreat is scheduled for June 29—July 2 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Any interested youth (having completed 8th grade through and including having just completed 12th grade) can register here: <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/3048a9736>. Housing during the retreat will be beach houses close by on the island. The retreat will be action-packed with Bible study, activities at the church, an afternoon on the Strand, prayer services, and a day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ulmer.

The newly re-designed Parent Lounge is available for nursing mothers and all parents who need a calm and quiet place to help resettle restless children while still being able to listen and watch what is going on in the Divine Service. To help facilitate this, young children should not be left in the lounge unsupervised. We rejoice and give thanks to God for the improvements that have been made to the room and pray that it will be a blessing to our congregation for many years to come.

Book of 2 Timothy 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 recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.” The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice and delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. But following the Shepherd means life, and following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path, let us follow Him!

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY <i>04/19/26</i>	<i>Misericordias Domini – Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SATURDAY	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>
SUNDAY <i>04/26/26</i>	<i>Jubilate – Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class

Ushers next week: Joe Mallon, Kyler Mallon

PRAYERS

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brandi Boeder, Matt Thibodeax, Donovan Kieser.
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- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Brandon and Rosa Lowery.
- Emma Cassanova, Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Abbe Fenner in thanksgiving that her sister, Ruth, has recovered enough to be released from the hospital and is now settled in a new home.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Sarah Wickham, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig, Sandra Zastrow, Randy Cooper.
- Reagan Armstrong who is suffering from a shoulder injury that will require surgery scheduled in May.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Rush, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino, Lindsay Penrose, Stephanie.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Gil Daughtrey	Altar Duty – Gail Sellers
Organist – Daniel Kim	Ushers: Stephen Kieser, Michael Null
4/12/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,880.00	
Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$5.00	
Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68	
Budget year to date: surplus: \$7,052.98	