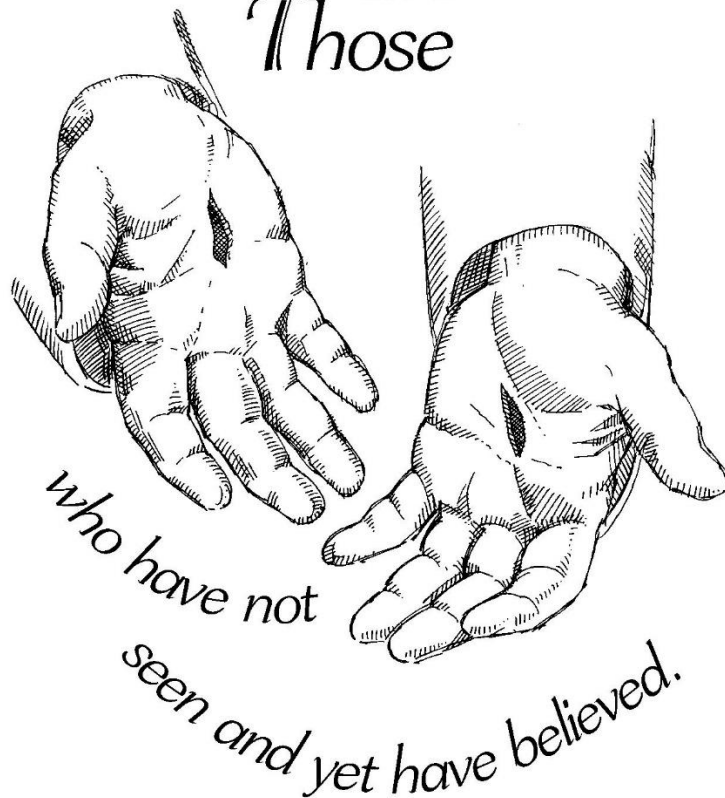


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

Blessed
are
Those



John 20:29

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:*
⁴⁸ *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.*
And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it
had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

AS WE GATHER

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, “My Lord and my God!” Don’t let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE BELLS



(Please stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION O Sons and Daughters of the King *LSB 470 sts. 1, 5–8*



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the
8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt-ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev-ing be."
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

ⲧ Confession and Absolution ⲧ

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
C **Amen.**





1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

ⴒ Service of the Word ⴒ

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”



¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

(Children, and parents of little ones, are invited forward to the chancel area.)



(Please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

LSB 156



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

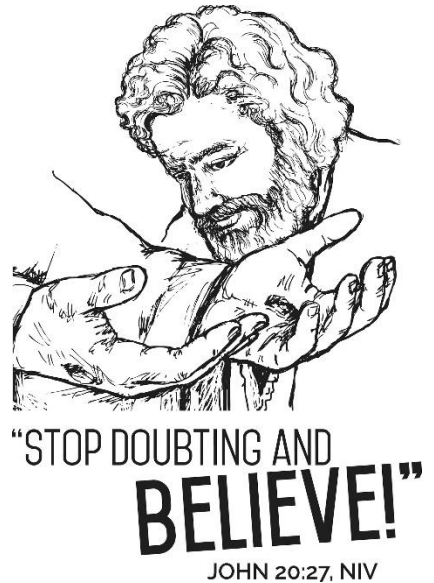
¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

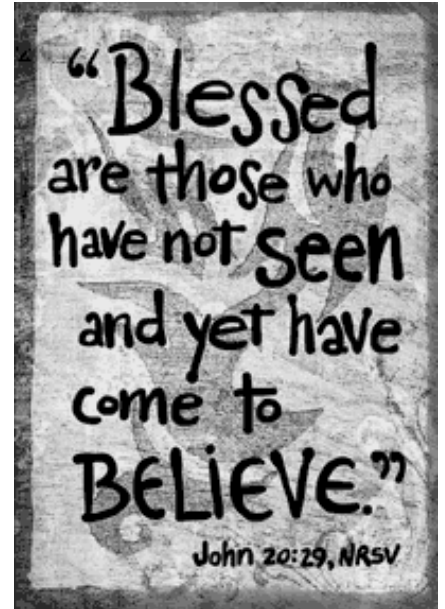
HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

1. We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.
2. We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.
4. For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.
5. Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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SERMON

"Trust Me"

Rev. Jerry Menk

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant us grace, O Lord, that we may not give in to temptation and doubt but with confidence confess the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection and bless those who hear us make the good confession. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us courage, O Lord, that we may not fear along the way but daily become bolder by the power of the Spirit to speak the name of Jesus and to live as His own in His kingdom here and in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us peace, O Lord, that having full confidence in Your loving care, we may neither be distracted by cares or struggles of this life nor succumb to a suspicious heart, but daily grow closer to You through Your Word and live according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us healing, O Lord, that those who suffer may rest all things into Your almighty arms, and, as You have promised, be kept to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Hear us particularly for *Sam & Janet Jackson, Lisa Ann Donofrio (daughter of Tom & Krystyna Johnson)* those who grieve . . . [*The family of Gayle Kasch*] that they may abide in Christ by faith until we all behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us wisdom, O Lord, that we may elect and be served by faithful leaders who acknowledge the voice of Your Word and be faithful in their stewardship of the public trust, providing equal justice and opportunity to all citizens. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us life, O Lord, that we may be kept by Your grace and Spirit that through the days of our trouble and by the merits of Christ alone we receive Your salvation, dwelling among the saints on high even as we rest from all our labors. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Grant us, O Lord, all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and prevent from us all things harmful and enable us by faith to trust without fear in Your judgment and provision. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> or scan the QR Code here.



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OFFERTORY

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490 sts. 1, 3, 5

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

LSB 549 sts. 1, 5-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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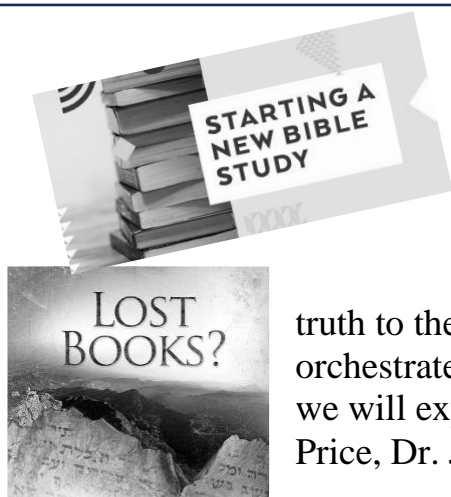
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SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.



Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? Can we be sure the correct texts made it into the Bible? Since God never sent us a specific list of what to include, who exactly decided the Bible should contain the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but not the Gospels of Judas, Thomas and Mary? Is there any truth to the charge that a Roman emperor in the fourth century orchestrated the list of books that we have in the Bible? In *Lost Books?* we will explore these questions with help of Dr. Paul Maier, Dr. Randall Price, Dr. Jeffrey Kloha and Bible Museum curator Joel Lampe.

Join us on Thursdays May 1, 8, 15, & 22nd to explore this topic at 10 AM in the FMC.

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Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering
Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman
Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

April 27, 2025

Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

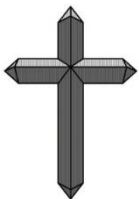
The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Nikki Chouinard in remembrance of her mother's birthday & her parents anniversary.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Peter & Georgia Narsavage in loving memory of the Narsavage/Roberts families.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Elders on Duty
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Altar Servers
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Streaming Team

David Aiken, Mark Keck
Dorothy Christman
Donna Leach, Lori Nelson
David Aiken, Mark Keck
Gloria Cvelbar, Alex Scherer, Luke Stolarczyk



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| | <u>Pastor Menk:</u> | <u>Cell: 941-327-9453</u> |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Marea | Daughter of Georgia Narsavage; recovery & healing |
| Lisa Anne Denofrio | Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; complications |
| The Gusbar Family | Family of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; peace, strength |
| Sam Jackson | Healing & recovery |
| Bruce Kirkland | Healing & recovery |
| Peter Narsavage | Strength & healing |
| Chris Sabin | Healing & recovery |
| The family of Sam Sayers | Friends of LCC; peace & understanding, closure |
| Ronna Trueman | Recovery & strength |
| John Vogel | Strength & healing |
| Ken & Mary Werring | Recovery & healing |

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Adriana | Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma |
| April | Friend of LCC; battling cancer |
| Ivana | Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer |
| Jeanette | Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer |
| Mike | Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer |
| Rick Bausch | Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer |
| Dave DeBraccio | Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength |
| Bill Docherty | Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery |
| Matt Doctor | Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace |
| Tom Druin | Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer |
| Randy Hornby | Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer |
| Robert Jeffery | Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia |
| John Kewn | Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer |
| Todd Klietz | Battling cancer |
| Emily Reidel | Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer |
| Patricia Ruiz | Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer |
| Lisa Sayers | Friend of LCC; battling cancer |
| Tracy Shattuck | Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing |
| Carmen Torres | Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer |
| Lori Truelove | Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace |

Connie Warner
Michael Woodruff

Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski
US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
USAF SrA Riley Latarski
Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
Bragg

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT
& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

| Week Of: 04/20/2025 | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| On-Site Attendance | Weekly Contributions | |
| | Income: | \$ 11,821 |
| | Expense: | \$ 11,170 |

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

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|-------------|---------|---|
| Thurs-May 1 | 10:00am | Bible Study: Lost Books? (FMC) |
| Sat-May 3 | 10:00am | Bird House Buddy Event (Prayer Park) |
| | | Memorial Visitation – Kasch (Sanctuary) |
| | 11:00am | Memorial Service: Kasch (Sanctuary) |
| Thurs-May 8 | 9:00am | Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary) |
| | | Shepherding Leaders Meeting (FMC) |
| Sat- May 10 | 9:00am | Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting (FMC) |
| Wed-May 14 | 3:30pm | Board of Elders Meeting (OFH) |



Beginning May 5th, the Church Parking Lot will be undergoing the resurfacing project. During this work time, we do anticipate some potential conflicts with our available parking. At this time, we do not have a set schedule or length of time in which these conflicts could take place. We do expect there to be times when spaces are limited/unavailable near the buildings, the loss of use of our portico drive through area and closures of several parking spaces at a time. We do expect these events to take place mostly during the work week, but we are unsure how they could negatively affect our weekend operations.

It is also uncertain how long this project will take so currently we are estimating a minimum of 4 weeks to expect these kinds of scenarios.

We do suggest that if you need special parking accommodation during this time, that you reach out to the church office before visiting the campus to ensure if ample parking would be available for your needs. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to reach out to Ron Scheff (269) 250-0047 or call the church office. We do appreciate your understanding during this time.

- ✝ **May 3rd** is our upcoming Birdhouse Buddy event @ 10:00am. If you would like more info please reach out to Rosemary Kraning at 941-380-6371 or Ruth Albert @ 941-286-8813.
- ✝ If you are missing any bowls or serving platters – we have a few left over from the March 30th potluck. Please check the items in the administrators office if you are missing any of these items. These will be discarded if not picked up by **May 12th**!
- ✝ There are some **FREE** hearing aid batteries located on the cubbies in the Narthex. If you are in need, please feel free to take as many as you need. Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided them!
- ✝ An exciting opportunity is here to get involved at LCC. Our **Altar Guild** is looking for new members to help them continue the important work in maintaining the beauty and reverence of our church sanctuary. Over the past few years, we've experienced a decline in volunteers due to life changes, and we'd love to welcome some fresh faces to our team! The commitment is minimal – we only require your service every few months, making it a manageable commitment for everyone, even those who are only here part of the year. Please contact Lori Nelson (941) 875-5295 or Joyce Spier (941) 276-3210 or the church office for more information or to sign up to help!
- ✝ Our Prayer Chain leader, Cheryl Domingo, will be away **May 13th - June 18th**. During this time, please direct all prayers to the church office at: secretary@lccross.org or by calling 941-627-6060. Jennifer will be overseeing the chain during Cheryl's travel. We appreciate your understanding and wish Cheryl & Romy safe travels!