



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2019**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)**

**DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Four) – Lutheran Service Book pp. 203-212**

**Entrance Hymn: AGPS 87 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**Hymn of the Day: AGPS 56 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

**Message: “The Best News Ever”– Acts 5:12-32 - Pastor Robert Kriete**

**Closing Hymn: AGPS 66 – “At the Lamb’s High Feast”**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 5:12-32 (ESV)**

**Curt Nadler**

<sup>12</sup>Now 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. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so 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. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” <sup>21</sup>And 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, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” <sup>24</sup>Now 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. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told

them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."<sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,<sup>28</sup> saying, "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."<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.<sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>John 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,<sup>5</sup> and 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<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>7</sup> Behold, 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.<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."<sup>9</sup> I, 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.<sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet<sup>11</sup> saying, "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."<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,<sup>13</sup> and 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.<sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,<sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.<sup>16</sup> In 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.<sup>17</sup> When 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,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>On 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."<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so

I am sending you.”<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So 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.”<sup>26</sup> Eight 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.”

<sup>27</sup> Then 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.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

<sup>31</sup> but 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Today’s meeting packets are on the narthex table. Please pick up one, if you haven’t already.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Shelby Banks** – April 30; **Kathy Krause** – April 30; **Ann Seider** – May 3.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Gary & Ann Seider** – April 30; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey** – May 2.

## **NEXT SUNDAY EVENTS**

Sunday School: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## **APRIL/MAY EVENTS**

**4.28 Congregation Meeting today after worship service with potluck meal.**

4.30 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

5.1 Heritage Hall, 3 p.m.

5.7 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

5.9 Women’s Guild, 6:30 p.m.

5.14 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Christian Growth meeting, 6 p.m.

5.20 Worship Committee Meets at 6 p.m.

5.21 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

5.28 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

## **SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Russell Fischer** – Hip replacement, son of Armand & Barbara Fischer; **Bob Moss**; **Martha Blevins** – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris**; **Jane St. John**; **Bill Mahieu**; **Sandy Harlan**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.

**Community: Brian Flatt** – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

## **ARMED FORCES**

**Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**; **Justin Thurston**.

## **Thank You**

**Special thanks to Ann Seider, Sheryl Bartels, Donna Hoek and Katie Hoek for picking up and delivering the Buddy Packs to our Centralia Schools on Wednesday's in April. This is a monthly Ministerial Alliance project, shared by the Centralia Churches during the school year.**

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts**

### **May emphases – Toothbrush and Comb (*store item*)**

Thank you for adopting one or more boxes so gifts can go to children in other countries that have never received Christmas presents. This is a wonderful way to share God's love. Although we don't know who the recipient will be, I ask you to pray for them throughout the year asking God to show them love and to keep them safe.

We have a store this year which will allow you to purchase one item that you would normally have to buy in a package. The cost will be divided so you will pay for an item at a much lower cost. Look for the word "STORE" next to the items that will be available in the store. **Monthly gift emphases are posted on the bulletin board.**

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