

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday;** Leviticus 20:1-27, Luke 11:37-54

**Monday;** Leviticus 21:1-24, Luke 12:1-12

**Tuesday;** Leviticus 23:1-22, Luke 12:13-34

**Wednesday;** Leviticus 23:23-44, Luke 12:35-53

**Thursday;** Leviticus 24:1-23, (Lev.25:1-55) Luke 12:54—13:17

**Friday;** Leviticus 26:1-20, Luke 13:18-35

**Saturday;** Leviticus 26:21-44, (Numbers 1:1—2:34) Luke 14:1-24

**Sunday;** Numbers 3:1-48, (Num. 4:1—8:4) Luke 14:25—15:10

(Jesus said) I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ~Luke 12:4-5 ESV.

## Business Manager Hours

Business Manager,  
Jaylene Miller, will be in  
the office this week  
Monday – Wednesday.

Please feel free to leave  
Jaylene a message by  
calling the church office  
or emailing her at  
[business@1stglencoe.org](mailto:business@1stglencoe.org)  
or emailing her personal  
email account at  
[gsus1st@live.com](mailto:gsus1st@live.com).

## ATTENDANCE 04/26 - Confirmation

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Worship Total     | 554 |
| Communed          | 233 |
| Visitors          | 25  |
| Adult Bible Study | 29  |
| Sunday School     | 15  |

S.S. offering \$0 – for Heifer, Int.



## Stewardship Message about Our Giving

from Lutheran Service Book #781  
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

(Stanza 1)

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.



## E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation. It allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, Ways to e-Give: and make your gifts recurring.

1. Give on-line via: [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)
2. Vanco Mobile Faith – Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619.
4. Use the QR Code. It is provided to the left.

## FIRST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH – Missouri Synod

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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**AS WE GATHER** People can be obstinate, impervious, even to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Faithful apostles, prophets, and preachers can become martyrs because they earnestly believe in Jesus. But for us, Jesus becomes the martyr—the sacrifice—the cornerstone, so that we may be His people, basking in light, shrouded in mercy. Christ ushers us, His precious, chosen, and holy ones, into His eternal realm that we may reside in the heavenly mansion prepared by God the Father.

**HYMNS:**

**8:00 AM** #465, 861, 912, [526, 633, 645], 726

**10:30 AM** #465, 861, 912, 726

**BIBLE READINGS:** First Reading ~ Acts 6:1 – 9; 7:2a, 51 – 60  
Epistle Reading ~ 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10  
Gospel Reading ~ John 14: 1 – 14  
Introit ~ Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

**SERMON:** Pastor Michael Ewert  
“Milk, a Stone, and Priests?” 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 8:00 AM  
~ Senior Choir “Speak, O Lord”

**CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10:**  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. & Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Evangelism

**SPECIAL SERVICE NOTES:** Special Music is provided at the 8:00 a.m. service today by the Senior Choir. Title of their selection is “Speak, O Lord.”

**ORGANIST:** Mrs. Robin Kruse

**DEACONS:** 8:00 AM ~ Dennis Wolter, Mark Schmidt  
10:30 AM ~ Brian Grochow, Dean Dahlke

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 AM ~ Brady Goff  
10:30 AM ~ OPEN

**SOUND SYSTEM:** 8:00 AM ~ Glenn Cohrs  
10:30 AM ~ Steven Schauer

**CAMERA:** (either) ~Andrew Mackenthun

**FACEBOOK LIVE:** OPEN

**SCREENS:** 8:00 AM ~ Chloe Donnay  
10:30 AM ~ Tyler Schauer

**CHRISTIAN ED. ASSISTANCE:** Emme Neubarth,  
Natalie Schafer

**GREETERS:** 8:00 AM ~ Deb Bargmann  
10:30 AM ~ OPEN

*Thank you for sharing your Time, Talents, and Treasures for service today in God's House!*

**INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- Alice Lietzau, who is recovering from surgery at Abbott Hospital
- Family and friends of Arlyce Grack who passed away two Saturdays ago. Funeral services for Arlyce are Friday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation the two hours prior. Blessed are those whose faith is in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and who close their eyes in His blessed assurance.
- Elaine Becker, Lee & Randall Carrigan, Marcia Dummer, Joel Grack (Brother of Norma Mathews), Willis Herrmann, Bob Hallowell (Father of Megan Polzin) who has cancer, Howard Hoecke, Brenda Ide (Wife of Lars Ide), Shirley Krienke, Kali Marshall (11-year-old daughter of Angela Templin-Marshall and Tony Marshall) who is undergoing chemo for leukemia and lives in Panama City, FL; Pastor Ronald Mathison, Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Randee Petterson (Mother of Justin Petterson), Judy Rickheim, Sally Schmulke, Braelynn Schrunk (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Ashley Smith (Cousin of Danielle Petterson) who has cancer, Matt Solmonson (Son-in-law of DeLue & Mary Grams) who has Stage 4 Melanoma, Earl VonBerge, Donald Wolff, Charlotte Wolter

Please Note: At 1:50 p.m. each day, we have “Congregation in Prayer.”

**Sunday, May 3** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion,  
♪ Senior Choir sings  
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time  
9:15 AM – Education Hour: Evangelism  
*Stronghold Cambodia Mission Presentation*  
10:30 AM – Divine Service  
6:30 PM – I. M P. A. C. T. (last one until Fall)

**Monday, May 4**

9:00 AM – Crochet for a Cause  
NOON – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
LERT Speaker (Lutheran Women in Mission)  
1:00 PM – Quilt Tying  
7:00 PM – Trustees

**Tuesday, May 5**

1:15 PM – Staff Meeting  
1:50 PM - Congregation in Prayer  
4:45 PM – Stewardship  
5:30 PM – Day School  
6:00 PM - Evangelism

**Wednesday, May 6**

Handbells in Fellowship Center for Refurbishing  
5:00 PM – Handbell Choir  
6:00 PM – Flames Boosters

**Thursday, May 7**

8:10 AM – Chapel  
11:00 AM – Funeral Service for Lorraine Krumm  
6:00 PM – Deacons

**Friday, May 8**

11:00 AM – Funeral Service for Arlyce Grack  
**Sunday, May 10** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
HERITAGE SUNDAY

8:00 AM – Divine Service  
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time  
9:15 AM – Education Hour  
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion

**SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING PEW HYMNALS**

Recently two hymnals were turned into the church office workroom with pages badly torn with jagged edges so that it was very difficult to tape the pages back together. Also, hymnals with very large amounts of scribbling across the pages have been found. These hymnals are not inexpensive. Although accidents do happen, please try to be careful and respectful of the pew hymnals and Bibles. Thank you.

**General Church Announcements**

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

Thank you for being with us here today! For our Visitors, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers on your way for gift bags for all ages!

**CHILDREN IN THE DIVINE SERVICE**

Located at the sanctuary entrances, there are English and Spanish Children's Bibles, Noah's Ark busy bags (actually, backpacks), and a sensory bag (puzzle backpack). You are invited to use these, as well as the Children's Bulletins, Children's Devotional Books, and Children's Pew Cards.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE – Sunday, May 3**

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight

**PASTORAL VISITS**

**Pastor Ewert makes monthly visits to our Senior Care facilities and brings Word and Sacrament to our members there.** If you or your family members wish for an additional visit, please contact the church office so that we may schedule a .

**JUST A COUPLE OF FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

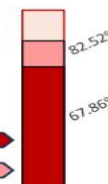
When you leave the church building, please make sure all the lights are turned off and the water faucets are turned all the way off. Thank you for helping us to be conservation aware. 😊

**DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE**

There are free devotional materials available for the edification and strengthening of your faith and spiritual life! There are devotion books for children and adults. Additionally, the new Strength for the Day booklets are set out. Please pick up a copy.

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**  
(April 20 - May 3)

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Last Week Giving ** | \$21,024    |
| Weekly Budget Need  | \$28,301    |
| YTD Giving          | \$1,000,742 |
| YTD Budget Need     | \$1,216,943 |



\*\* Includes Offerings, School Tuition, & Registration

## LERT Presentation on Monday, May 4



### LERT

#### Lutheran Early Response Teams

##### What is LERT?

LERT "Lutheran Early Response Teams" are trained LCMS volunteers that provide immediate, compassionate and practical support to communities affected by disasters. These teams focus on safety, debris clean-up and disaster assessment. They are often deployed within 72 hours of a natural disaster. Other times they come later for on-going disaster help.

- Mission: to provide "Mercy in Action" through a mission of presence and practical help.
- Services: debris clean-up, roof tarping, chain saw work, flood clean-up.
- Volunteers receive training in disaster response, safety and spiritual care.
- Deployment: LERT operates under "LCMS Disaster Response," usually in cooperation with local congregations.
- Eligibility: anyone can be trained. Official LERT certification is for LCMS congregation members age 14 and older.
- Chain saw work: requires additional training and certification.

LERT volunteers often deploy to help with hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fires.

Would you like to learn more about LERT? Rev. Kristian Bjornstad will be speaking about LERT

**Monday, May 4, NOON  
at the Lutheran Women in Mission meeting.**

A meal will be served. ALL MEMBERS high-school age and older are welcome to come that day to learn about LERT.

## Time, Talents, & Treasure Opportunities



To volunteer, you may use the QR code to the left, or you may call the church office. Thank you for sharing you Time, Talents, and Treasures to the Glory of God!



**May Abundant Blessings: Shoes** We are collecting new, or like new, shoes for the St. Paul Outreach Center. All sizes and types are being accepted. Shoe donations may be dropped off at church in the tote located outside of the church office. Thank you for your donations!



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** Looking ahead – we are in need of around 40 volunteers to assist with the German-style meal on July 12<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of positions available, and even if you only contribute for just 1 or 2 hours, it is greatly appreciated and it will help ensure that everything runs smoothly. "Many hands make light work." Thank you for considering! Please contact the church office if willing to help at 864 – 5522.



**Silent Stories Cemetery Tour** We're looking for volunteers to help read scripts at our upcoming **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** Silent Stories Cemetery Tour. Stop by the table at the south entrance to browse the available roles. If you're interested in taking part, please reach out to Cindy E. at 612-840-6308. We're in need of both readers and tour guides.



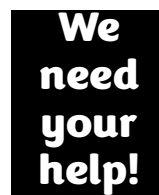
##### **Grass Clippings for the School Garden**

We can use your clean grass clippings for the school garden. Please drop-off next to the school garden fence. Please see Mr. Scheele for questions. Thank you!



##### **Church Landscaping**

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, plans are being made to "freshen up" the church landscaping. Part of these plans include fresh mulch. If you would like to help, we are asking for donations, please, to help with the cost. Or, if you would like to help with the manual part of the landscaping, your time is appreciated as well. To assist or for questions, please contact Dennis Wolter.



##### **Running the Church Screens**

Congregation members and guests benefit from the use of our church screens. They help us to focus on the service and stay on track where we are in the service. It's a beneficial visual for all ages. The screens also present useful information to our congregation and guests. Currently, we only have a couple of people available to run the screens at the 10:30 a.m. services. We are urgently asking for volunteers to assist. Interested volunteers of all ages, grades 5 to adult, are asked to contact the church office.

## Missionary Visit from Tim and Diane Esala, Stronghold Cambodia

This morning we welcome missionaries Tim and Diane Esala back to First Ev. Lutheran!

Since 2015, in response to God's call to "tithe their retirement", Tim & Diane have served as missionaries with Stronghold Cambodia, a faith-based, nonprofit NGO led by Cambodian Christians, Phan Narit (Jesse) and his wife, Chin Sithon (Naomi). Tim & Diane's primary role has been to support the Cambodian leadership by joining their mission to nurture vulnerable children and their families intellectually, physically and spiritually so they can come to know Jesus as their Stronghold, Shelter and Shade.

Over the years, Tim & Diane have divided their time between Cambodia and the USA. As a result, their servant roles have changed according to their location and the needs of Stronghold. Their service has included teaching ESL, leading praise during devotions, providing building maintenance, teaching health/dental education, fundraising for Stronghold's capital campaign, managing Stronghold donors, supervising construction of Stronghold's new facility and building furniture for it. But their primary role has always been as ambassadors for Jesus whether in the USA or Cambodia.

Tim & Diane invite you to partner with them prayerfully and financially as they spend a short time back in the USA promoting partnerships with Stronghold Cambodia to support the outreach ministry on Fish Island in Kampot, Cambodia.

During the Adult Bible study in the Fellowship Center this morning, Tim and Diane will be sharing a slide presentation of their mission work and also speaking briefly with the children at Sunday School opening. During the worship service they will lead the children's message and give a brief update of their work at the close of this morning's worship service.

Tim and Diane last visited with us in 2024 and we are blessed to be able to warmly welcome them back!



### Church Directory Update



LATEST Church Directory Update A rough draft of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Directory was mailed to the church directory publishers, Universal Church Directories, last week. In 20 days, we should receive a proof book. After our committee edits, the book will be mailed back. If there are no mistakes, the book will be published in 20 days. If there are mistakes, the company will send us another proof book within 20 days, and the process begins again. Our goal is to have a finished product by Sunday, July 12. Yay! For those who did not have a picture taken, books will be available for \$20.

- If you submitted a paper copy of a picture, you make obtain it from the church office.

## First Lutheran Events

**Celebrating  
150 Years**

**1876  
-  
2026**

**JOIN US!  
SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 10 AM  
ANNIVERSARY  
WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL**



### Office Closed and Staff Vacations

- The office is closing early on Friday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. for last day of school.
- The office is closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.
- The office is closed on Friday, July 3 for the Fourth of July.

- Pastor and Amy Welch will be on vacation Wednesday, May 27 through Tuesday, June 9. Laura Schmalz will be filling in at the church office.
- Deaconess Megan Polzin will be at convention on July 17 – 23.



### Important Youth Dates in May

- Gertens Flower Pick-up is **Monday, May 11** from 3 – 6:00 p.m.
- The last IGNITE is **Tuesday, May 19** from 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
- Youth Scholarships are due **Thursday, May 28**.



**Retirement Party** You are invited to the Retirement Party for Mrs. Sheila Scheele. Mrs. Scheele has been the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at First Lutheran School and she is now retiring. The retirement party for Mrs. Scheele will be on **Sun., May 31<sup>st</sup> between church services**.



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary German-style Meal** Join us as we celebrate our church's 150th anniversary with a German-style meal served following our service on **Sunday, July 12, in the fellowship room**. This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship and give thanks for God's blessings through the years. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meaningful celebration. We look forward to celebrating together with you.

**Ignite**  
**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!**  
**Tuesday, May 19th**  
**3-4:45pm**

Note: This is our last Ignite of the 2025-26 school year. Look for 26-27 Youth Calendar for upcoming dates starting again in the fall.

Don't forget to register your child HERE. All pre-registered children must come to the church on their birthday!



## Ascension Service

**Thursday, May 17  
7:00 p.m.**

**Divine Service  
with Communion**



*Equipping children  
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### **HOW TO DONATE:**

**By Mail:** Make checks payable to *Mission of Christ Network*  
Write 'Stronghold Cambodia' in the memo line.  
Mail to MCN at PO Box 533 Concordia, MO 64020  
**Online:** <https://missionofchrist.org/stronghold-cambodia/give/>

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 | 1 - 3 PM

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