

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27th, 2025
Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
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Sermon

“These things are written that you may believe.”
Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings

Acts 5:12-20: The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an

angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

Rev. 1:4-18: John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.” I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like

a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

John 20:19-31: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put

my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Matt Brown, Lucas Brown;
Ben Bekemeier*
Organist *Pam Bernreuter*
Choir. *5th-8th Grade Choir*
Altar Guild *Karli Bierlein,
McCauley Cameron*

Wednesday

Elder *Dave Miller*
Pianist *Terese Petro*

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed *Worship Service 7 p.m.*

Next Sun Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Confirmation Questioning 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

Note From Pastor: In my Good Friday sermon I mistakenly said that over 200 million people died in wars during the 20th century. The actual number of wartime deaths is closer to 100 million. However, approximately 100 million more died in China's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution; the USSR's slave labor camps, ideological purges, and famine; Cambodia's Killing Fields; and other global acts of genocide and communist tyranny. -- Pastor Gillaspie

CPR/AED/First Aid Training: The Board of Elders is organizing some basic medical training for anyone interested. There is no cost unless you need a wallet-size CPR card. Sessions will likely last 90 minutes . Sign-up sheets for May 8th at 6:00 p.m. are in the foyer.

National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 1st, starting at noon at Frankenmuth City Hall.

LLL Peat Moss Sale: Spring is here, it's time to order the Peat Moss you need for this year. \$4.50 for a 40 lb bag; buy 10 get one free. Pickup & delivery-- May 2, afternoon & May 3, 9-noon. Call Mark(989)280-1166 or Jim(989)670-1710.Sponsored by Thrivent & Proceeds to Lutheran Hour Ministries & Becky Grossman, Bible Translator.

Little Dresses Sewing Ministry at Mary Reinbold's house Saturday May 3rd from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Potluck lunch at noon.

Mary Martha welcomes all ladies to their annual outing on May 5. We will tour the Log House at Cross Park in Frankenmuth and then proceed to the Frankenmuth Historical Museum. A candle making activity is optional. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 to carpool. Cost is \$10 per person, plus \$2 for the candle making activity. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, Colossians 3:2”*

Sisters of Ruth will meet at church on May 7th . We will leave the church at 10:40 and travel to the Frankenmuth Woolen Mill. Admission will be \$5.00 each. After we will have lunch in the Michigan on Main room at the Bavarian Inn. Please let Luann or Pat Roedel know if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

St. Michael’s Mother’s Day Chicken BBQ: Sunday, May 11 | Starting at 10:30 AM, Drive-Thru Only at St. Michael’s School – Richville. Treat Mom (and the whole family) to a delicious meal on Mother’s Day! Come hungry and drive away happy! Proceeds support our outreach and community efforts. More information can be found in the foyer.

Mary Martha Flower Sale: Saturday, May 17, 8 am - 12 noon. There are new colors and varieties to choose from. Blank order forms are available on the table in the back of the church. Orders are due by May 11.

Attendance
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Weekly Income: 4/6-4/12: \$44,470.63
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "An Old Place, A New Beginning" *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola.* God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19)

Richville Legion Chicken BBQ: Sun. April 27th at 11 a.m. Drive Thru & \$14 per dinner.

STEM Event at VLHS: Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade are invited to a STEM Event on Saturday, May 10 from 2:30-4:00 at VLHS. Stop by Room 208 to explore various science demonstrations and activities. RSVPs are appreciated at www.vlhs.com/STEMevent.

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Prayers

Health
Keith Bierlein, Craig Compton, Jameson Doud, Don Duperon, Hope Hecht, Devin Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Joann Kern, Norm Petzold, Larry Putman, Lavonne Richards, Dave Rushford, Donna Schoenow, Pastor Bruce Keseman (father-in-law of Erik Gillaspie) injured in a car accident

Sympathy
Family of Keith Bierlein, who passed away April 24th

Mission
Deaconess Caitlin Ramírez serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Peru. In this role, she works alongside local pastors and at Castillo Fuerte Mercy House.

Prayer of the Day
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.

