

What's Happening

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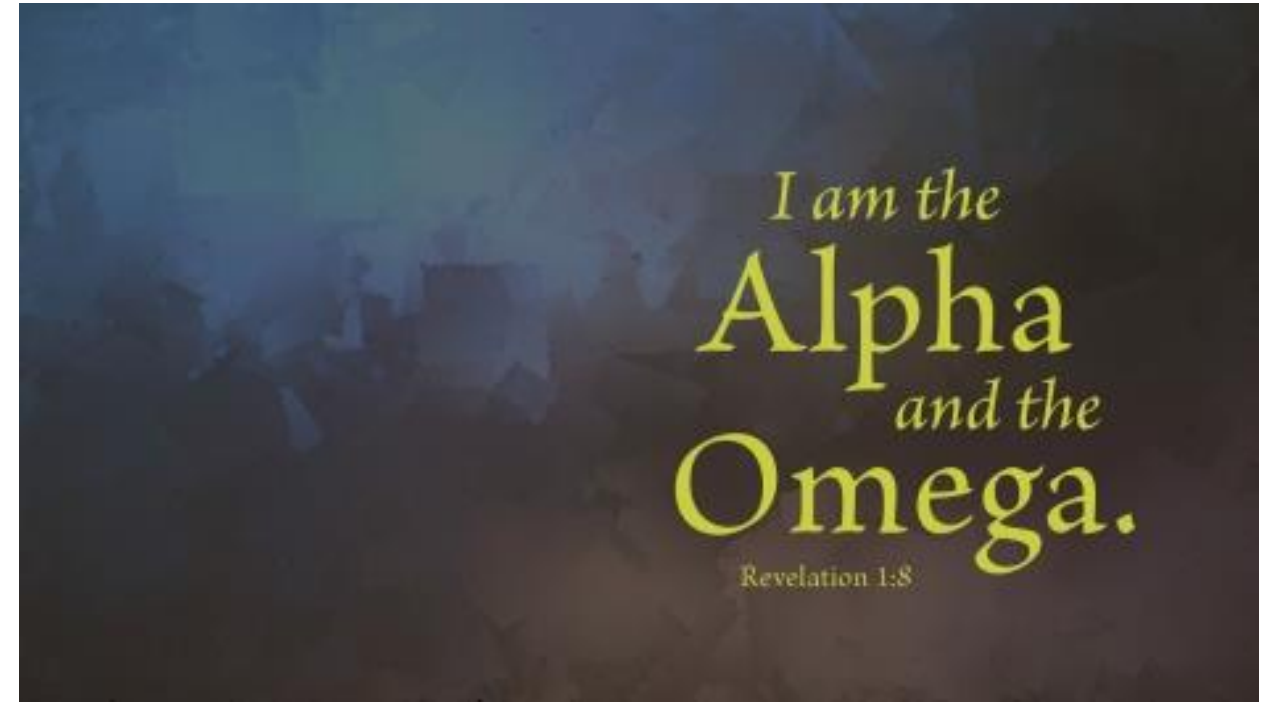
Today	11:15 am	Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:30-11am	Quilters (Coffee at 9:30 am)
	6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship, Otium Brewing (Mark 406-515-0116)
Saturday	8:00-12 am	Trunk Sale in Parking Lot

Notes & News

- Please take lilies home today, for yourself or others to enjoy!

Lessons for Next Week

Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:[1-7] 8-14; John 21:1-14 [15-19]



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**ON SUNDAY MORNINGS LISTEN TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM
ON KATL 770 AM OR ON A CONNECTED DEVICE AT KATLRADIO.COM.**

This congregation practices "open communion". We invite all who believe that our Lord's body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, "given and shed for you" are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Prelude, Announcements *(please stand when indicated by *)*

We Gather

- *Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77
- *Opening Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* LBW #315
- Greeting & Kyriep. 78-79
- *Hymn of Praise *"This is the Feast of Victory for Our Lord"* p. 81-82
- *Salutation & Prayer of the Day..... p. 82

We Hear God's Word

Lessons

- First Reading: Acts 5:12-32
- Psalm 148.....p. 288
- Second Reading: Revelations 1:4-18

- Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"* p. 83
- *Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31
- Sermon *"Living in the Faith of Jesus"* Pastor Mike Fiske

We Respond to God's Word

- *Hymn of the Day *"When Peace, like a River"* LBW #346
- *Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed.....p. 84
- *Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace.....p. 85-86
- *Offering, Offertory Hymn & Prayer.....p. 86-87

We Receive Holy Communion/Eucharist

- *Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus..... p. 88-89
- *Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer.....p. 89, 91
- Lamb of God & Sharing the Lord's Supper..... p. 92
- *Post-Communion Canticle *"Thank the Lord and sing his praise"* p. 92-93
- *Benediction & Amen.....p. 94-95
- *Closing Hymn *"Thine Is the Glory"* LBW #145

We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields

Postlude

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 white wool, like 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."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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 any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, 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.

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, all the senate of the people 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."]

Psalm 148 (LBW pg. 288)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
²**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**
³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
⁴**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they were created.
⁶**He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²**Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-18

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