

Morning Star Lutheran Church
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

Order of worship on video slides

WORSHIP MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Rev. John Mouritsen

Ministers of Music: Mr. Neal Hayes, Dr. Katie Ann McCarty

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Janet Kobe, **Church Sexton:** Mr. Jeff Miller

AV Technicians: Ellen Moretz, Madeleine Leonard, Victoria and Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Nursery Attendants: Mrs. Chrissy Stublaski, Mrs. Teresa Scott, **Chapel Manager:** Mrs. Susan Lyttle

Gallery at Morning Star Curators: Ms. Amelia Osborne and Mr. Tom Eure

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

GREETERS: 9 *a.m.* Gail Frankenburg, Mike Medlin;
11 *a.m.* Buddy Swayney, Debbie Swayney

USHERS: 9 *a.m.* Rick Fliss, Cindy Fliss, Bob Burnell, Mike Medlin
11 *a.m.* Ray Brooks, Dennis Burgoon

COMMUNION: 9 *a.m.* Gail Frankenburg, Robin Logan, Dick Swiontek, Liz Baker,
Patti Szmuriga, Deb Allen, Ralph Edelman
11 *a.m.* Debbie Swayney, Diane Doak

READER: 9 *a.m.* Susan Goldbach; 11 *a.m.* Elizabeth Edwards

ALTAR GUILD: 9 *a.m.* Lisa Turner; 11 *a.m.* Andrea Comer

COUNTERS: Patti Szmuriga, Peter Swartz

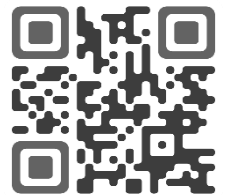
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S prayer concerns list, Taking Faith Home, latest *Beacon*, and children's bulletins are located on the credenzas in the Narthex. Seasonal devotional books are also available. Please take your bulletin home or recycle in the Narthex bin.

PLEASE NOTE AP TESTING WILL BE IN THE FLC GYM at certain times this week. Do not enter the FLC, Art Gallery, kitchen or youth areas during these times as it could invalidate the students' scores. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

A NEW TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY began on April 29. Beverly Elwell and Bob Small are leading the series, which is titled "Martin Luther and the Reformation." Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. to take part in the study.

REGISTER FOR MSLC DAY CAMP! Registration for Morning Star's Day Camp "I'll Do My Best" is open! Camp runs June 23-27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and includes music, crafts, Bible study, games, good food and fun. The camp fee is \$50 and open for rising kindergarteners through rising fifth graders. You can register by using the following QR code:



THE MORNING STAR CEREAL DRIVE lasts throughout May! Please bring your unopened boxes or bags of cereal to Sunday worship or the church office before the end of the month. Cereal will be distributed by counselors and staff at neighboring schools to support hungry students and their families this spring and summer.

DONATE YOUR EYEGASSES! The Social Ministry Team invites donations of used or new prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, and over-the-counter reading glasses. All will be taken to Charlotte-area optometrists who recycle them so that they might serve people in need. Baskets are in the Narthex and church office. Please contact Jan Durr at janrobbinsdurr@gmail.com for more information.

THIS WEEK IN MINISTRY AND MISSION AT MORNING STAR

SUNDAY, MAY 11

~ *Healthy Food Collection for Matthews Help Center* ~

~ *Cereal Box Collection for Mint Hill Elementary* ~

9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for Children & Youth, various classrooms

11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

MONDAY, MAY 12

7:30 a.m. ~ AP Testing, FLC Gym, NO ENTRANCE

10:00 a.m. ~ La Leche League Meeting, FLC 134 Living Room

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Choir Rooms

6:30 p.m. ~ Youth Ministry Team Meeting, FLC Conference Room

7:00 p.m. ~ Coming to the Table Discussion via Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 13

11:00 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer in FLC Living Room 134 and Zoom

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Choir Rooms

6:00 p.m. ~ Women's VdC Reunion Group, Admin. Conference Room

6:00 p.m. ~ Men's VdC Reunion Group, FLC Conference Room

6:15 p.m. ~ Instrumental Praise Ensemble Rehearsal, Worship Center

7:00 p.m. ~ Connect Team Meeting via Zoom

7:00 p.m. ~ Radiance Ringers, Bell Room

7:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:30 a.m. ~ AP Testing, FLC Gym, NO ENTRANCE

9:00 a.m. ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), FLC 108

10:00 a.m. ~ WELCA Ruth Circle Meeting, FLC 128

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Choir Rooms

1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Meeting, Administrative Conference Room

2:00 p.m. ~ Spirit Bells Adult Bell Choir, Bell Room

6:00 p.m. ~ YOGA for all levels, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Time with Meal, FLC Gym & Kitchen

7:00 p.m. ~ Young Clappers Handbell rehearsal, Bell Room

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee & Bible Study with PJ on Facebook
6:00 p.m. ~ Joyful Noise Ringers rehearsal, Bell Room
7:05 p.m. ~ Praise Choir & Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the FLC Gym
11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Choir Rooms
11:30 a.m. ~ AP Testing, FLC Gym, NO ENTRANCE
5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Activities, Youth Room 110
7:00 p.m. ~ Men's Small Group, BPO, at Dave Denecke's home

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 10:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
10:00 a.m. ~ WELCA Faith Circle, FLC Conference Room

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- ~ Bishop Tim Smith Preaches at Both Services ~ RIC Sunday ~
~ Cereal Box Collection for Mint Hill Elementary ~
9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
10:15 a.m. ~ Reception for Bishop Tim Smith, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for Children & Youth, various classrooms
11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
2:00 p.m. ~ Girl Scout Troop 387 Meeting, Various FLC Rooms

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43 ³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 ⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel: John 10:22-30 ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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