



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter



**The Blessings of Easter Come through the Word
(Confirmation Sunday)**

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 141)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



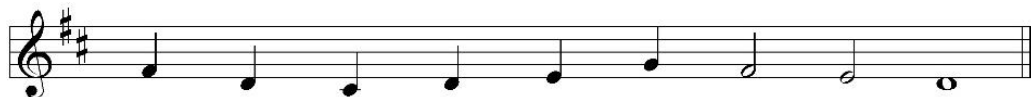
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.
Now no more the grave en - thrall;
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;
Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing
You have con - quered in the fight; You have
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.

Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,




you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:11-20

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹² When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵ You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ "Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸ But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰ so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
 joyce and be glad! This is the day the
 Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength and my song;
 he has become my salvation.

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
 he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;*
 the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
 and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
 you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

HYMN (CWS 771)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Life Lessons for Our Dear Children

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

*While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass
the Friendship Register. Thank you!*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 a.m.)

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Step by Step

After the choir anthem, the service continues with the service of the Sacrament, p. 14.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (8:00 a.m.)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

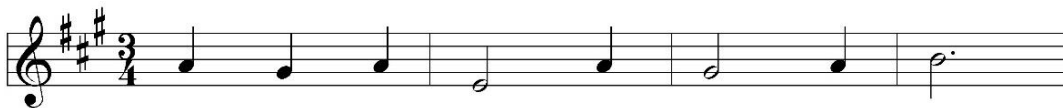
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DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 457)

Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
 2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
 4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
 Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
 His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75. alt.
 Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 452)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the
4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us
e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,
sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,
from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his
Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in
Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -
Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,
fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the
Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.
on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;
gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,
thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
There, oh, share thy joy with me.
There to live e - ter - nal - ly.
Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace

CLOSING HYMN (8:00 a.m.) (CW 449)

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Confirmation

Wilson Scott Corcoran

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:30-31

Harper Michael Craney

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Braylon Matthew Garrett

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Ella Mae Holzman

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

Anna Elaine Jaeger

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

Lucas Alan LaGrange

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Wyn Lee Jean Miller

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

Cayden Allan Myhre

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

Wilhelm Arthur Schwark

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. John 1:9

Daniel Michael Turnbull

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

Sunday April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Confirmation class photos in the sanctuary

9:15 am: Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and *volunteer*
- Ushers 10:30: Heath Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Kristin Huebner and the LaGrange family

Sunday April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

- Pastor Jerry Ewings
- Pianist: Ava Wilson
- Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00) and Phil Boll (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kourtney Zech, Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: *Volunteers needed*

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to James Immel (4/16) who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Extra fellowship time this morning ☺
Confirmation class photos in the sanctuary.

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, *downstairs*

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume in May.

Thursday 6:30 pm: *No Bible information class this week.*

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**
DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Quarterly Open Forum Sunday April 28 9:15 am



Ladies Friendship Circle: The ladies group is meeting this Thursday April 18 at 6:30 pm in the upstairs addition. All ladies are invited.

Looking ahead:

- **April 15:** Patchwork blankets, 12 – 3 pm and 6 – 8 pm.
- **April 18:** Ladies friendship circle at church, upstairs, 6:30 pm
- **April 20:** Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee
- **April 20: LWMS Spring Rally, 8:30 am. Our Redeemer, Madison**
- **April 20: WELS Coulee Women's Retreat, Onalaska, WI, 9:00 – 4:00 pm**
(registration begins at 8:00)
- **April 22:** Patchwork blankets, 12 – 3 pm
- **April 28:** Quarterly Open Forum, 9:15 am in sanctuary
- **April 29:** Patchwork blankets, 12 – 3 pm and 6 – 8 pm.
- **May 9: Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm**
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 – 5:00 pm



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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**

