

Fifth Sunday of Easter

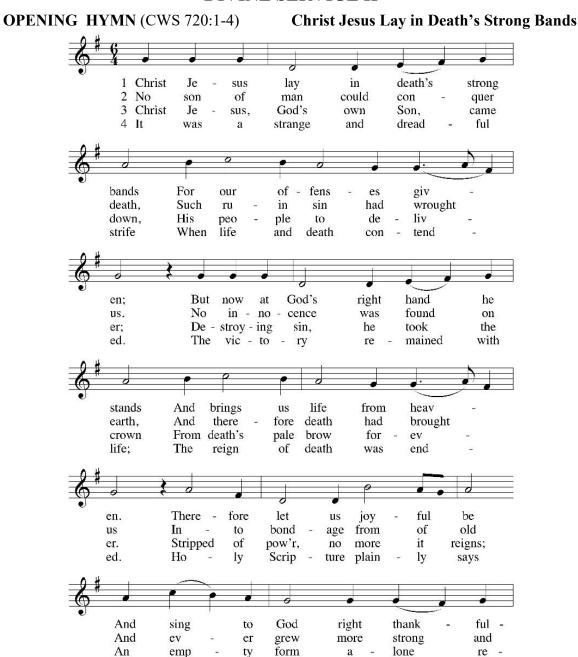


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Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 28, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE II



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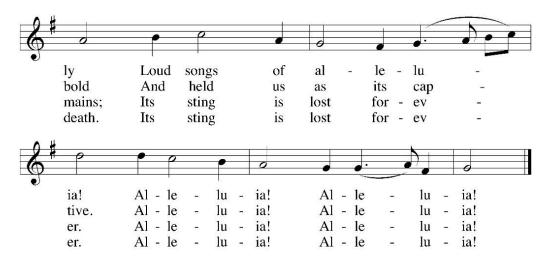
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- 5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree—
 So strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887, alt.

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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis Tune: DUKE STREET



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32-37

³² The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. ³³ The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

³⁶ Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸ Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²² We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³ This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

HYMN OF THE DAY (CW 346)

In You Is Gladness

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SERMON John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

Well-Connected!



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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

During the gathering of the thank-offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, [especially ______,] that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and your saints shall bless you; for you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

| M: | The Lord be with you. |
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| C: | And also 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 good and right so to do. |
| M : | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. |
| | Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song: |

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24.25

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: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close 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.

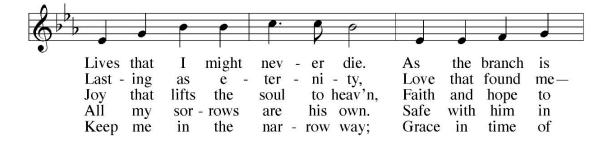
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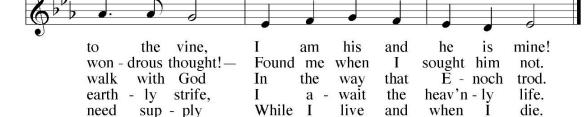




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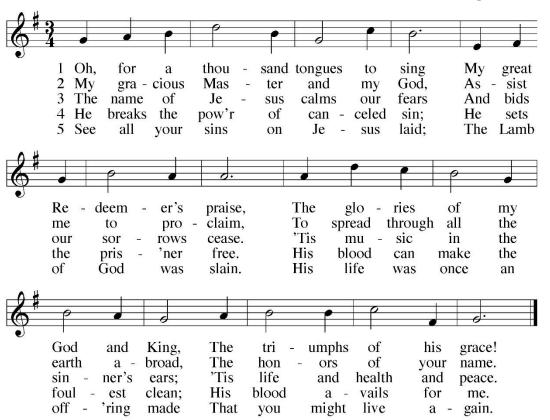
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 340)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



6 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt. Tune: BEATITUDO (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

M: 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: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN (CWS 720:5-7) Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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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 each Sunday 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.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: No Bible study today, Open forum in the sanctuary

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

Wednesday study resumes later in May.

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, downstairs

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

Quarterly Open Forum *Today* April 28 at 9:15 am



Agenda:

- Strategic Ministry Plan update
- Pastor Update
 - Opportunity to provide feedback on the call Pastor Jenswold has received.
 If you have an opinion on whether Pastor should stay or take the call this would be a good opportunity to provide that feedback.
- Summer service
 - Opportunity to provide feedback on whether we should have one or two services this summer.
- Treasurer position
 - Introduction of a concept to move this from a council position to a paid position that reports to council.
- Financial update
- 2024/2025 Budget
 - o Early opportunity for feedback as the budget is being created.

Sunday April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

WELS Connection

9:15 am: Teen Class and Sunday School

9:15 am: Open Forum, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: The Stachowiak Family

Sunday May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Wayne Kaalberg and additional counter needed
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach · A/V & Recording: TBA
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund providing, help needed serving

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kim Bauer (4/29), Gregg Andler (4/30), Gavin Bauer (4/30), Kristin Huebner (4/30), Penny Hershberger (5/2), Linda Jordan (5/2), Noelle Kirsch (5/2), Karen Tobison (5/2), Paul Crary (5/3), Rene LaReau (5/3), Erick Minnameier (5/3) and Miles Oughton (5/3) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Rachel & Tyler Lecy (4/29), John & Sherry Hill (4/30), Gene & Sharon Freund (5/1), Eileen & Ron Betzer (5/2) and Dave & Sheryl Rimmert (5/4) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

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).

Offerings April 1 – 6 (*No Sunday*)

• General Fund: \$3,803

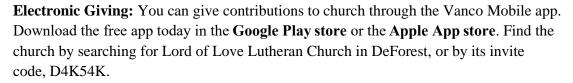
• AV Projectors (Wish List): \$20

Offerings April 7 - 13

General Fund: \$7,185

Mortgage Reduction: \$365

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200



(April 1 - 13: In the totals listed above, \$5,296 was given to the general fund and \$20 to AV Projectors through Vanco electronic giving.)

Looking ahead:

- April 1: Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **April 29:** Patchwork blankets, $\underline{12:30} \underline{3:30}$ pm and 6 8 pm, *downstairs (Note time change in afternoon.)*
- May 6: Patchwork blankets, 12:30 3:30 pm and 6 8 pm, downstairs
- May 9: Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm
- May 13: Patchwork blankets, 12:30 3:30 pm, downstairs
- May 16: Tentative, Ladies dinner outing at Rodeside Grill, 6:00 pm
- May 19: Sunday school children sing both services
- **May 20:** Patchwork blankets, 12:30 3:30 pm and 6 8 pm *downstairs* (*The group does not meet May 27.*)
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm
- July 20: Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI (https://www.discipleshipwwd.org/2024-sunday-school-conference) 8:30 2:00 pm. (Refreshments start at 8:00.)





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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.