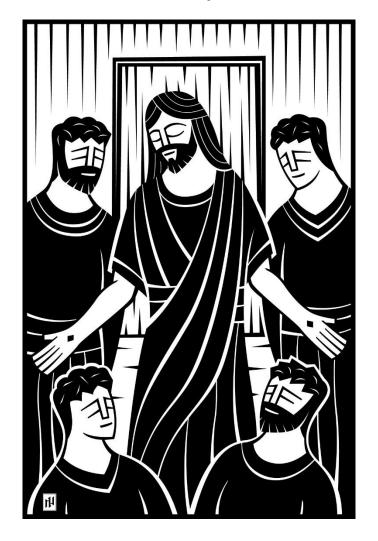


Second Sunday of Easter



Peace be with You!



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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.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 7, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

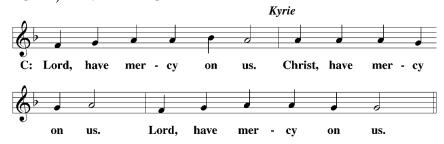
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sing) Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies,
See the glorious Savior rise.

You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade. Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears. Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save. (CW 159)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 18:1-11

PASTOR: After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³ Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

MEN: ⁵ When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

WOMEN: ⁷ He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

ALL: ⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

SONG (Quartet)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

SECOND LESSON 1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—² the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

HYMN (CW 166)

The Day of Resurrection



- of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it day out a - broad.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from e vil That we may see a - right
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy ful; Let earth her song be gin.



glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver The Pass - o - ver of of God. e - ter - nal Of The Lord in rays res - ur - rec - tion light Let the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



e - ter - nal, From this world to the life From death to sky, And, lis-t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain, Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad-ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry. His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain. For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

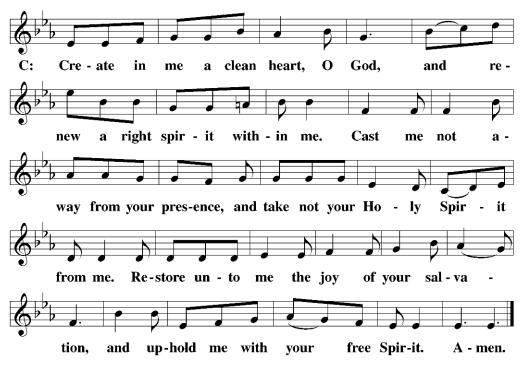
Tune: Lancashire (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

SERMON John 20:19

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!"

Easter Peace

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Hear us now, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

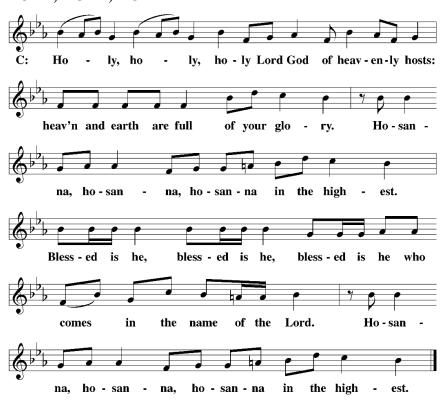


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



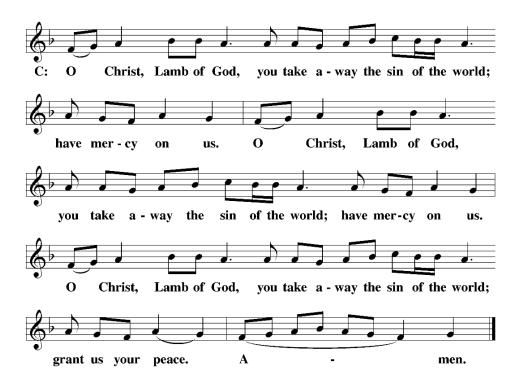
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





BE SEATED

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 143)

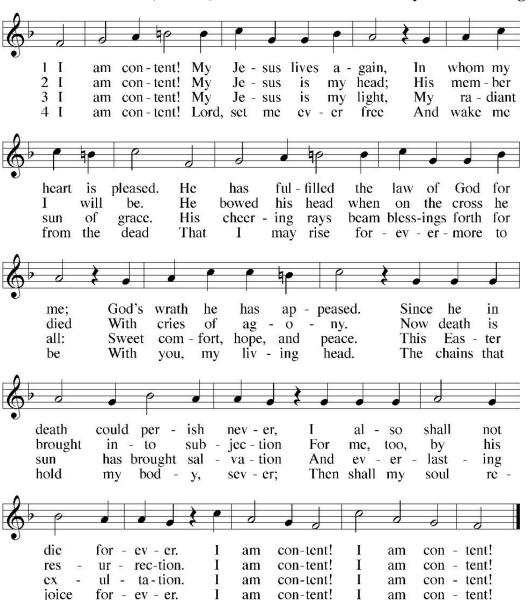
He's Risen, He's Risen



Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt. Tune: WALTHER (11 11 11 11) C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 158)

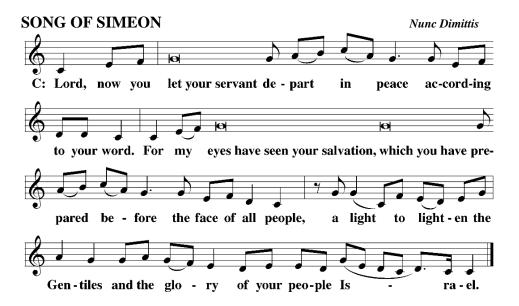
I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



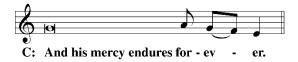
Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Es ist genug (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 156:4-5)

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (see page 17)

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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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 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: *Confirmands present their essays this morning.*

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

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume in May.

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, *downstairs*. Speak with Pastor if you are interested in joining this class.

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



Easter Flowers: Thank you to the congregation for the many donations of Easter flowers. Our altar looked beautiful on Easter morning! There are plants that can be taken home for the bulbs in the fellowship area. You are also welcome to take flowers home today from the altar.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: The Saturday before Easter, we hosted 179 children at our annual Easter egg hunt. It was a fun filled morning and the rain stopped just in time. Pastor shared a devotion with the children and their families then everyone headed outside to find 3,000 eggs. Following, there were games, crafts and easter cookies to frost. Thank you to our coordinators Lisa Myhre, Anka Kopplin and RaeLyn Parker. A big thank you to the many volunteers that came and helped set up, ran the activities and cleaned up after.

Food Drive: During the month of April, we are collecting donations for the DeForest/Windsor food pantry. Items needed are non-perishable food, canned goods, grains, cereals, toiletries, personal care products and diapers. Donations can be placed in the bin as you enter church.

Sunday April 7: Second Sunday of Easter

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

9:15 am: Confirmands share their essays in the sanctuary.

9:15 am: Sunday School. *Teen class attending confirmand essays today.*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Ryan Jaeger (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: Josh Hodkiewicz and *volunteer*
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Refreshments: RaeLyn Parker and Elaine Wilson
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

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

9:15 am: Confirmand photos in sanctuary9:15 am: Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Mitch Myhre, 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

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Sandy Heath (4/8), Roger Timm (4/8), Amanda Needham (4/9), Michael Needham (4/9), Meredith Walsvick (4/9), Morgan Wolfrum (4/9), Evie Sullivan (4/11) and Kim Bradley (4/12) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Heather & Ryan Jaeger (4/8) and Dillon & Sandy Kuecker (4/10) 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).

Looking ahead:

- April 1: Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- April 15: Patchwork blankets, 12-3 pm and 6-8 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
- 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.)

Offerings March 1 - 9:

• General Fund: \$13,094

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$150

• AV Improvements (Wish List): \$120



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

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to church through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(March 1 - 9: In the totals listed above, \$4,203 was given to the general fund and \$120 to AV Improvements through Vanco electronic giving.)