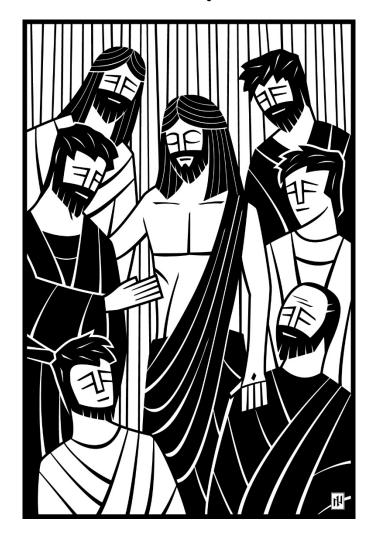


Second Sunday of Easter



Because He Lives...We Have a Mission

Lord of Love Lutheran ChurchWisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but may if you wish.

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.

Explanation of the theme of the day: If Jesus remained dead, all he would provide is an example of a beautiful life. Therefore, if Jesus remained dead, the mission of his followers would simply be to share advice. "Here is how Jesus would want us to love one another. Or "Jesus would want us to think about money like this." Or "This is how Jesus would pray."

But because he lives, his followers now have a meaningful mission. It is not to share advice, but to testify to what we have seen and know to be true. Christ has risen! Thus, Jesus is not a standard, but our Savior. Jesus is not primarily an example for this life, but the doorway into eternal life. His resurrection to glory will be the resurrection of all who put their faith in him. Sharing that good news—that's our mission.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 27, 2025

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 156)

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.

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.



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.



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.

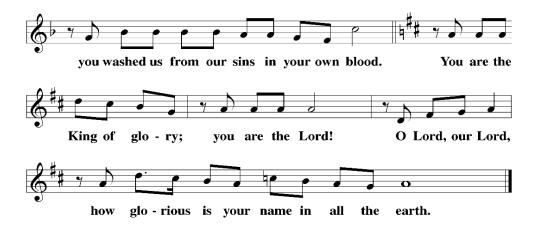


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 5:12, 17-32

¹² Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the apostles. With one mind, they all continued meeting in Solomon's Colonnade... ¹⁷ The high priest rose up, along with his associates (that is, the party of the Sadducees), because they were filled with envy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and keep on telling the people the whole message about this life." ²¹ After they heard this, they entered the temple courts at daybreak and began to teach.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin (that is, the whole council of elders of the people of Israel). Then they sent orders to the jail to have the apostles brought in. ²² But when the officers arrived, they did not find them in the prison. 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!" ²⁴ When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were puzzled about them, wondering what could have happened. ²⁵ Then someone came and reported to them, "Look! The men you put in prison are standing in the temple courts and teaching the people."

²⁶ Then the captain went with the officers and brought the apostles in without force, because they were afraid that the people might stone them. ²⁷ After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin. The high priest asked them, ²⁸ "Did we not give you strict orders not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood down on us!"

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you arrested and killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his right hand as Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

ANTHEM BY QUARTET

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-18

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

⁴ John,

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever.

Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him.

Yes. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.

¹⁰ I was in spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

¹² I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. ¹⁴ His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. ¹⁵ His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— ¹⁸ the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell.

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

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."

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, ^[a] was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

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.



Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt. Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

SERMON Psalm 40:9-11

⁹I preach righteousness in the great assembly.

Indeed, I do not hold back my lips, O LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ I do not conceal your righteousness deep in my heart.

I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

I do not hide your mercy and your truth from the great assembly.

¹¹ LORD, you do not hold back your compassion from me.

Let your mercy and your truth always protect me.

"Too Good Not To Share!"

- 1. The truth about our God's faithfulness & love
- 2. The privilege of sharing this truth with others.

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

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.

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.
 - 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

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

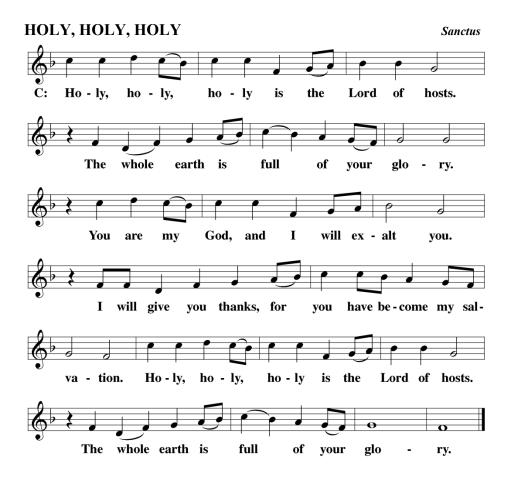


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



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.

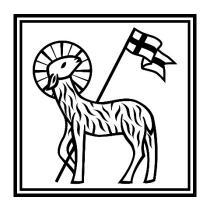


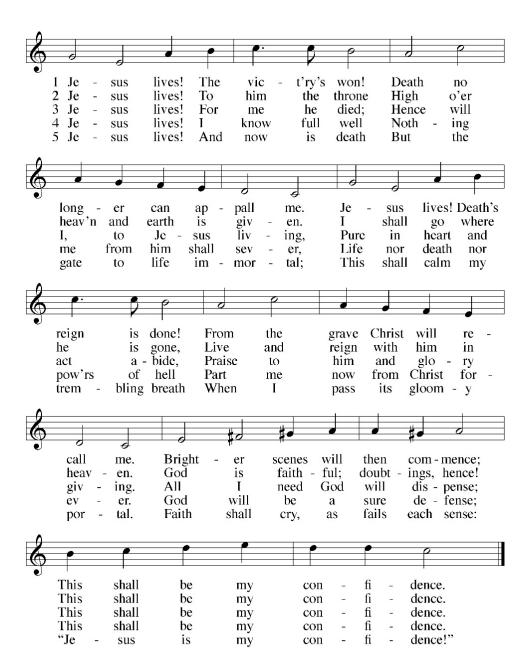
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED





Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt. Tune: Jesus, Meine Zuversicht (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

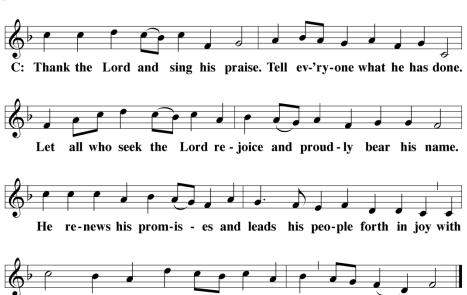


Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

STAND



of thanks - giv - ing. 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.

Al-le - lu

ia!



shouts

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.



CLOSING HYMN (CW 147:4-5)

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
And your Holy Spirit send
That my life and my behavior
May be pleasing to the end,
That I may not fall again
Into death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace you have retrieved me
And from which you have relieved me.

For the joy your advent gave me,
For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me,
For your supper and your Word,
For your death, the bitter scorn,
For your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you,
And in heav'n I shall behold you.

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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 require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, lower level

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Hebrews

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor John Boggs for graciously joining us and ministering to our congregation this week.

Thank you, Pastor Boggs!

Sunday April 27th: Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor John Boggs, Professor at Luther Preparatory School
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Jim Miller, 10:30: Mike Wilson
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Kristin Huebner and Sophia Strong
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Donuts

Sunday May 4: Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: TBA, 10:30: TBA
- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Sammi Nelson (4/27), Pam Timm (4/27), Steve Tobison, (4/27), 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), and Miles Oughton (5/3) as they celebrates their birthdays this week.

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>: We wish God's blessings to John and Sherry Hill (4/30), Gene and Sharron Freund (5/1), and Ron and Eileen Betzer (5/2) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers:</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, 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), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

May 1: Sunday School Teacher Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

May 15: Elders & Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

May 15: Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner | 6:00 pm – Roadside Grille

May 19: Council Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

May 30: Madison Mallards Congregation Outing with Drone Show | 6:35 pm

June 21: Fireside Theater Group Outing

June 25: Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch

A Message from the Turnbull's:

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your incredible support, prayers and generous giving. Your love and compassion have been a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness. Your kindness has truly reflected the love of Christ. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Michael, Elena, Daniel & Veronika.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting | May 1, 2025 – 6:30 pm:

As we are near the end of our Sunday School Year, we would like to have a final teacher's wrap up meeting on May 1st at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

<u>Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner | May 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm – Roadside Grille:</u>

The Ladies Friendship Circle would like to invite all of the Ladies of the congregation to enjoy some common fun and fellowship over dinner at the Roadside Grille in Windsor Thursday evening May 15 at 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up prior to May 9th, so we can provide a final number of attendees to the restaurant. All are welcome, bring a friend if you would like.

Fellowship Night at the Madison Mallards w/ Drone Show | May 30, 2025 - 6:00 pm:

Come join in for a fun night of fellowship and baseball with the Madison Mallards on May 30th with an incredible drone show after the game.

We have set up 2 options for you to reserve tickets to the game:

- <u>Pepsi Pregame Party:</u> Includes a reserved grandstand seat and 90-minutes of all-you-caneat food & drink in the pregame party area. Think of it as a tailgate party built into your ticket price for \$27 per ticket.
- <u>Ticket & Hat:</u> Includes a reserved grandstand seat and a free Mallards hat included for \$16 per ticket.

(children 5 and under are free as long as they do not require a seat.)

Please see the flyer in the Narthex for the QR code to reserve your seats for this fun evening!

Fireside Theater Group Outing | June 21, 2025 – 10:30 am:

The Fellowship Group is planning a group outing to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson to see *The Last Potluck Supper* on June 21st. We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and plan to arrive at the Fireside at 10:30 a.m., with time to browse through the shops, perhaps enjoy one of their specialty beverages, and then enjoy a wonderful lunch with your choice of four different entrées. The show begins at 1:30 p.m. The discounted group rate is \$83.00 per ticket, which includes your meal with coffee, tea and milk (including tip), and the show. We have 16 tickets reserved, so please sign up on the sheet in the entryway if you are interested in attending this fun outing. If you have questions, please see Elaine Wilson or Donna Cotter.

<u>Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch | June 25, 2025 – 10:00 am:</u>

On Wednesday June 25 at 10:00 am, our Ladies Friendship Circle has scheduled a tour of EPIC in Verona with lunch following at Sugar River Pizza. They would like to meet at church at 9:00 am to carpool from there. All ages are welcome to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please indicate if you are willing to drive on the sheet. Please see Bonnie Punzel with any questions.

Thank You!

With grateful hearts, we thank all who helped make our Easter celebration a beautiful reflection of Christ's resurrection. To those who assisted with the Easter egg hunt and Easter breakfast and to those who adorned the altar with glorious flowers, your service and generosity truly glorified God and blessed our church family. May the joy of our risen Lord continue to shine through us.

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