

# **Lord of Love Lutheran Church**Wisconsin 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** – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly 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 other congregations 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:** Death can sting in many ways. Death can sting by casting a shadow over every moment of life. No matter what earthly joy you are experiencing, death guarantees it won't last. Death can sting by separating loved ones. There are no phone calls or hugs from the dead. Death can sting by instilling fear of what follows. Yes, death can sting in many ways.

Note that word *can*. Because Jesus lives, death has lost its sting for those who put their faith in the living Lord. Christ has defeated death! So, while death may still cause tears, death need not cause dread. Because he lives, death has lost its sting.

### Lord of Love Lutheran Church

## The Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection – April 20, 2025

#### **DIVINE SERVICE II**

#### OPENING PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM/HYMN

Easter Morning Alleluias

The choir will process while singing our opening anthem this morning. The congregation is invited to join in the singing the verse of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" printed below. Please follow the director's cue when to begin singing.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise! Alleluia!

Please rise when the Hallelujah Chorus begins.

#### AN EASTER DIALOGUE

**M:** Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**M:** Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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

**M:** If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

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

**M:** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

\*\*Romans 6:4\*

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

**M:** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:54,55

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

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M:** Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you.

I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed.

I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid.

Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this, your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

Psalm 116:5

C: When I was in great need, he saved me.

**M:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: He has become my salvation.

Exodus 15:2

#### **ABSOLUTION RESPONSE** (CW 150)



Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821.



#### THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

#### HYMN RESPONSE

Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one; From the gloomy house of death, Forth the conqueror has gone, Bright forerunner to the skies, of his people yet to rise.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally; Joined to him, your living head, where he is, you too shall be; You with him at his right hand, Victor over death shall stand.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

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

STAND

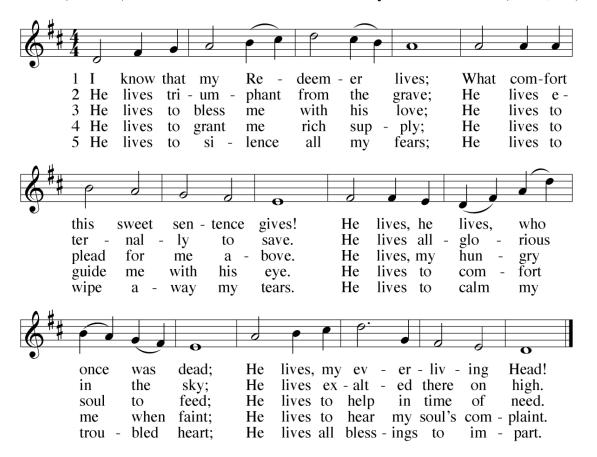
GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup> When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

The men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.

#### I Know that My Redeemer Lives (v. 1-4, 7-8)



- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

<sup>51</sup> Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

#### The Villain, the Victor, and Final Victory

STAND

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** (excerpts from the Athanasian<sup>1</sup> Creed)

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead... This is the true Christian faith.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This creed is named for a church father named Athanasius. "Athanasius" means "no death" or

<sup>&</sup>quot;immortal." It seems fitting to use the creed with this name on Easter Sunday!

#### GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

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

STAND

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, you kept your promise and delivered up your own Son to be our Savior. By his sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by his rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Be with all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to your people the apostolic Gospel of your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Bless all law enforcement officers and first responders. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Give us joy in your Son's great victory feast as he shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of his true body and the drinking of his precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by his forgiveness and swallow up our death in his life, that we may be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before you, dear Father, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 



#### THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

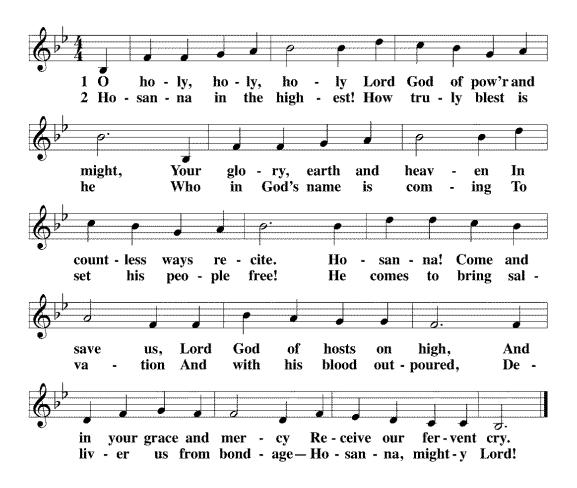
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



#### 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

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



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.

#### O Sons and Daughters of the King



- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see; And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been; In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days To God your hearts and voices raise In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Gelobt Sei Gott (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32



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.

C: Amen.

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.

#### **CLOSING HYMN** (CW 341) **Crown Him with Many Crowns** 1 Crown him with man - y The crowns, Lamb his up - on 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and Who 3 Crown him the Lord tri - umphed o'er of life. the heav'n. En - throned in 4 Crown him the Lord of worlds a throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly them drowns All an -Rich wounds, yet side. vis - i ble bove. In a -And vic in strife For grave rose - to - rious the King The bove; Crown him the to whom is giv'n sic but its own. Α wake, my soul. and mu glo beau - ty ri fied. No gel in the an those he came save. His glo - ries we to now won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y sing Of him who died thee, for And hail him sky Can ful - ly sight, bear that But down ward Who sing Who died and rose on high, died e -As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, crowns ye match-less King Through all thy as e - ter - ni - ty. won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies bends his bright. bring And life lives die. ter nal to that death may man - y crowns For he kings, with is King all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.

Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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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

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine, 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)

#### **Sunday April 20th: Easter Sunday**

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

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Fruend
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Dave Olson, 10:30: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Mike Wilson, Ken Krey, Bob Degnan, and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Kristin Huebner and Sophia Strong
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Easter Breakfast in the lower level at 9:15 am

#### **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

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Bonnie Gotzion (4/23), Lori Kalscheuer (4/25), 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 Roger and Leona LaGrange (4/21), Matthew and Shannon Garrett (4/25), 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 | 6:30 pm - Roadside Grille

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

<u>Happy Easter:</u> If you are visiting with us today, welcome! We are glad you have joined as we celebrate our risen Lord. You have an open invitation to join us again in the future. Our regular Sunday worship services are 8:00 & 10:30 am. We offer adult Bible study, teen class and Sunday school between services at 9:15 am.

<u>Easter Breakfast:</u> We invite you to join us downstairs for breakfast after the 8:00 service. We are serving eggs, sausage and ham. You can make a hot breakfast sandwich and help yourself to the self-serve pancake bar. There is a large assortment of potato dishes, fruit and baked goods. Come join us!

#### **Employment Opportunity:**

We are looking to fill a part-time paid assistant bookkeeper to serve as a back up to our bookkeeper and help with weekly duties. This includes recording of counting reports/deposits, processing A/P check requests including printing checks, recording credit card purchases and entering payroll on a bi-monthly basis. Some bookkeeping and/or accounting background would be helpful for the position. Please see Mike Wilson for additional details and questions



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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.