

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday

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 – 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: The world is full of people who talk a good game, but don't back it up with action. Jesus tells you in his Word that he loves you dearly. How do you know you can trust him? Simple. Jesus followed up his words with action.

Jesus always does what he says. His every promise is fulfilled. Jesus once illustrated that point in a striking metaphor, that of the Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by action, including his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep. Because he lives, we know Jesus is trustworthy and true.

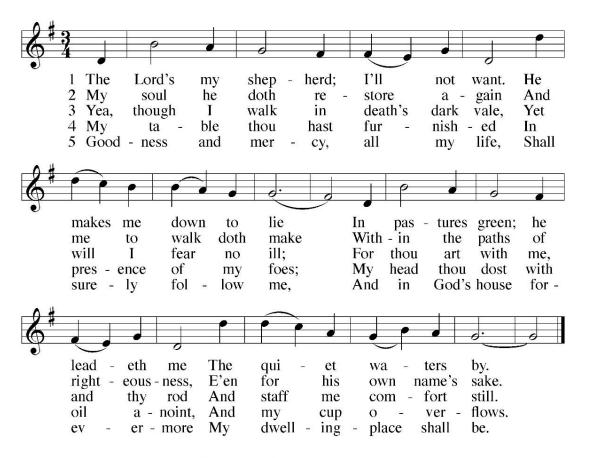
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

May 11, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 360)

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650. Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt. **M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

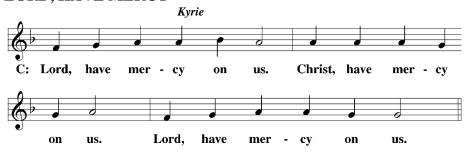




CONFESSION OF SINS

- 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.



Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt. Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39

¹⁵ After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it." ¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said...²⁶ "Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But

God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

³² "We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. ³³ God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you.

³⁴ "That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way:

I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.

³⁵ "Therefore he also says in another place:

You will not let your Holy One see decay.

³⁶ "For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. ³⁷ But the One God raised did not see decay. ³⁸ So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. ³⁹ In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.)

Psalm 23

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out with a loud voice and said: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped

God, ¹² saying: "Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" And I answered him, "Sir, you know." ¹⁴ And he said to me: "These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

STAND

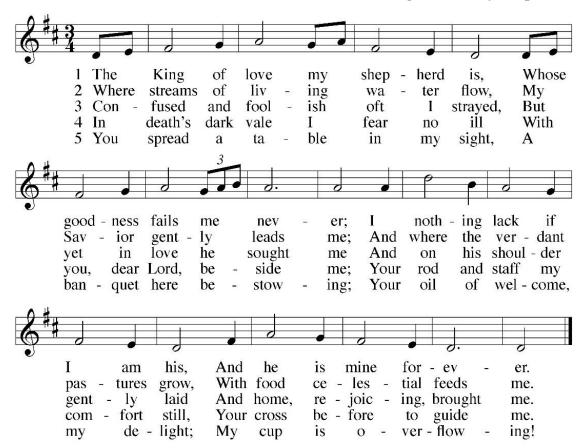
APOSTLES' CREED

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 375)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never. Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: St. Columba (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

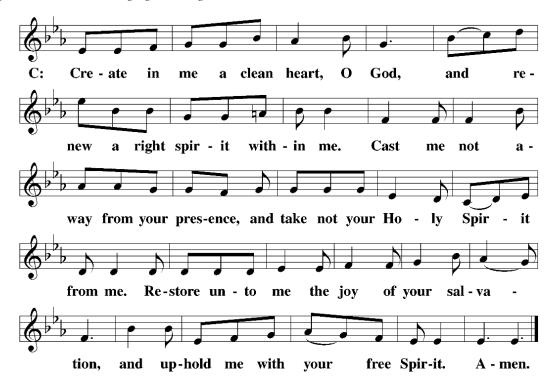
SERMON John 10:22-30

²² Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Perk up, Sheep! Your Shepherd is Talking!

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, your Son purchased us with his own most holy blood, and he now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with you. As the sheep of his fold, inspire us to hear his voice gladly and to follow him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, you have given us a mirror of your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless all mothers in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who would like very much to have a child, but are not able, and bring them comfort through the children of your Church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to your will, and give comfort to the dying. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await your perfect healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Shepherd, you prepare the holy table of your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we give you thanks for giving us your Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear his voice, and follow where he has gone, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

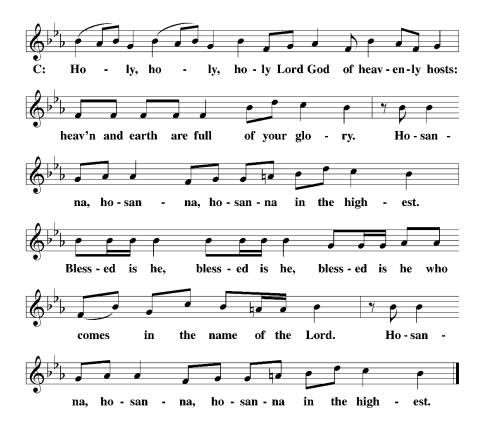


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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:



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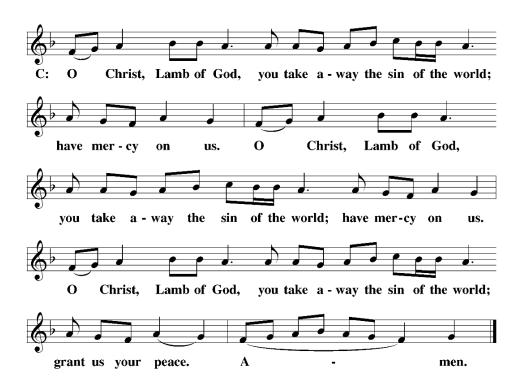
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



Agnus Dei



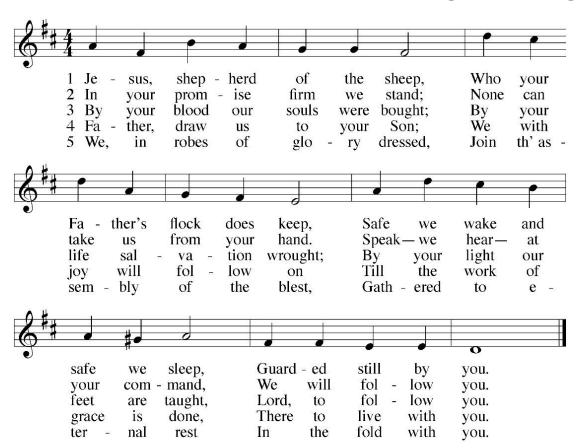
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 436)

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



Text: Henry Cook, 1788-1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 515)

Shepherd of Tender Youth

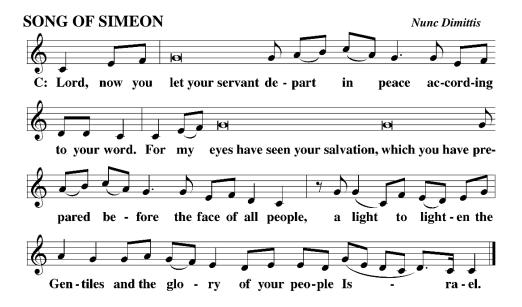


Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170-c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821-90, alt.

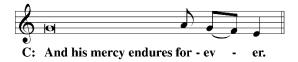
Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

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.



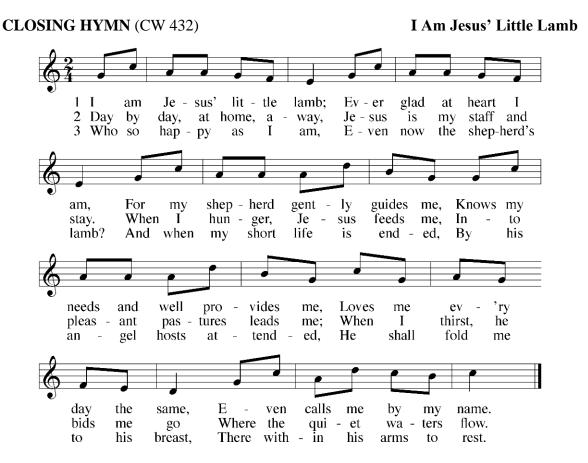
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

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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

<u>Sunday 9:15 am:</u> Exodus, sanctuary (No Bible study May 4.) <u>Tuesday 9:00 am:</u> Kings and Prophets of Israel, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: The Book of James, 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 May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund, Bob Degnan, Kayden and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Steve and Kira Rehberg
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: The Stachowiak Family

Sunday May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00: Dave Olson, 10:30: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Mike Wilson, Ken Krey
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: TBD

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Walt Schroeder (5/11), KaLeigh Andler (5/12), Sarah Haen (5/12), Lori Krey (5/12), Theodore Nitz (5/15), Peg Schroeder (5/15), Elijah Fellin (5/16), Anna Jaeger (5/17), and Kristin Vomhof (5/17) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>: We wish God's blessings to Dave and Kristin Vomhof (5/11) and Mitch and Lisa Myhre (5/12) 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 15: Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner | 6:00 pm – Roadside Grille

May 17: Adult Euchre Night | 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

May 18: Youth Group Get-Together | 6:30 pm – Lower Level

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

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

June 25: Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch

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

The Ladies Friendship Circle would like to invite all 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.

Adult Euchre Night | May 17, 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall:

The fellowship committee is hosting another Fun Euchre Night! Come join us and enjoy this fun social event that allows you to engage in great fellowship during a euchre scramble that moves from table to table. No need for a partner to play, and No Worries if you don't know how to play, someone will be happy to teach or shadow you until you are comfortable. Bring your own beverage, and an appetizer to share if you would like. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Youth Group Get-Together | May 18, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Lower Level

Next Sunday evening, May 18, there will be a youth group get-together here at church. There will be a brief Bible study, games, and a bonfire out on the patio (and s'mores). All youth are invited to attend (7th-12th grade). Invite a friend! Things will start at 6:30 p.m. and be done no later than 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch | June 25, 2025 - 10:00 am:

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.

Fireside Theater Group Outing | Cancelled due to lack of interest

<u>Standing Shoulder to Shoulder: A Workshop | May 17 – Holy Cross Lutheran, Madison:</u>

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) and Institutional Ministries invite Veterans, active-duty Service Members, First Responders, and their support networks to a workshop that addresses the silent battles many continue to fight—suicide, trauma, moral injury, and grief. This workshop offers hope and understanding through God's Word, while encouraging spiritual and mental growth.

- Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025
- Time: 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison, WI
- For more details and to RSVP, please visit <u>www.lutheranmilitary.org</u>.

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: There is a flyer in the Narthex with a QR code to reserve your seats for this fun evening!

Save the Date: Church Picnic | July 13, 2025 – 10:30 am.

Additional details to be provided in future bulletins.

Summer Worship Service Schedule Begins

On Sunday May 25, 2025, we will be returning to our Summer Worship Schedule with one Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. (please note your calendars)



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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.