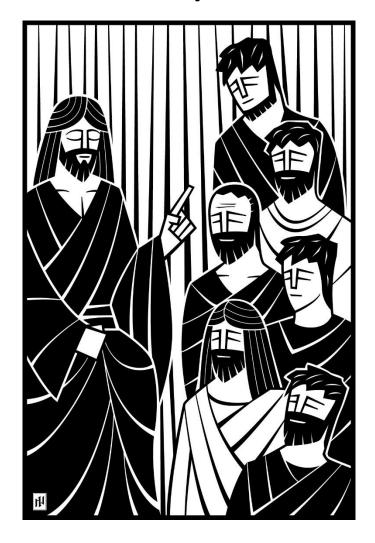


Fifth Sunday of Easter



Because He Lives...We Live Lives of Lavish Love

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 – 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 someone saved you from a horrible death, what would you do to thank them? Probably just about anything they asked! You would be that grateful. Jesus not only saved us from eternal death in hell, but he won for us an eternity in paradise. What shall we do to thank him? Jesus asks for just one thing—love. He tells us to demonstrate the same selfless love that he has shown to us. That is how we thank him.

Fortunately, Jesus doesn't just ask us to show love. Jesus empowers us to show love. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and self-glorification and instead live in a more excellent way. Like Christ, we strive to do everything for the benefit of others. Because he lives, we live lives of lavish love.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

May 18, 2025 (Confirmation Day)

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 452)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



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.

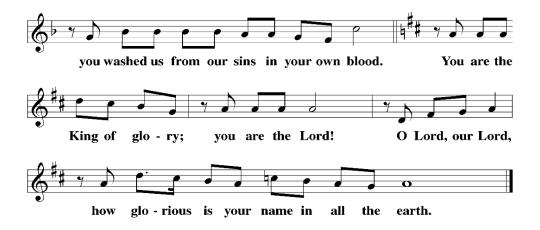


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³ saying, "You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!" ⁴ So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶ When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!'

8 "But I replied, 'Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 A voice spoke from heaven a second time: 'What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.' 10 This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

11 At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were.

12 The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

13 He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter.

14 He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.'

15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning.

16 Then I remembered how the Lord had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God's way?"

18 When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!"

PSALM OF THE DAY (8:00 a.m.)

Psalm 145 (p. 9)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵ It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. ¹³ So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;* his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to an<u>oth</u>er;* they will tell of your <u>mighty</u> acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall* and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

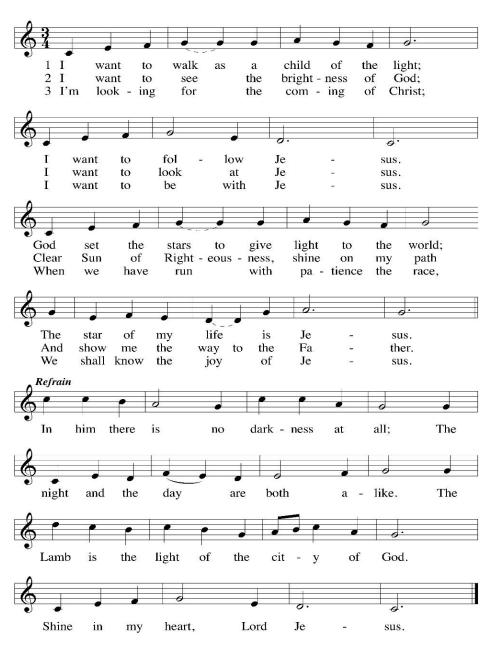
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the <u>proper</u> time.* You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every <u>living</u> thing.

The LORD is near to all who <u>call</u> on him,* to all who call on <u>him</u> in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who <u>fear</u> him;* he hears their cry and <u>saves</u> them.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain



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SERMON John 13:31-35

³¹ After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

³³ "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Your Love Gives You Away



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 (8:00 a.m.)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 a.m.)

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Step by Step

After the choir anthem, the service continues with the service of the Sacrament, p. 13.

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.

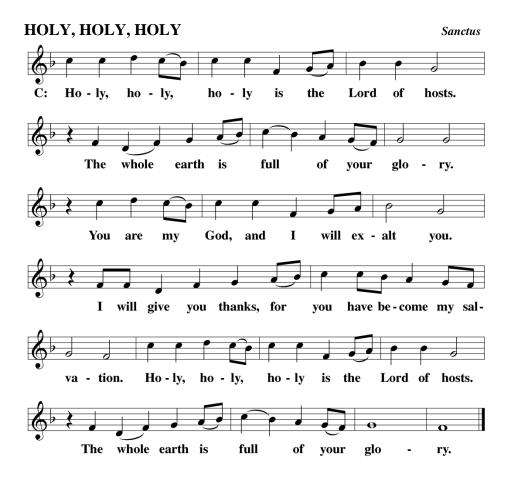


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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."

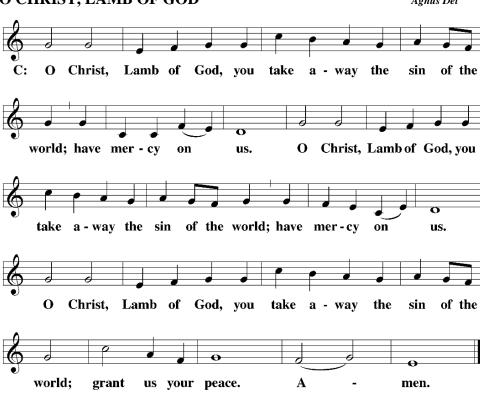
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

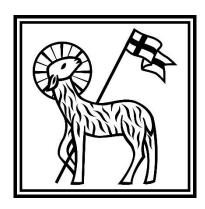


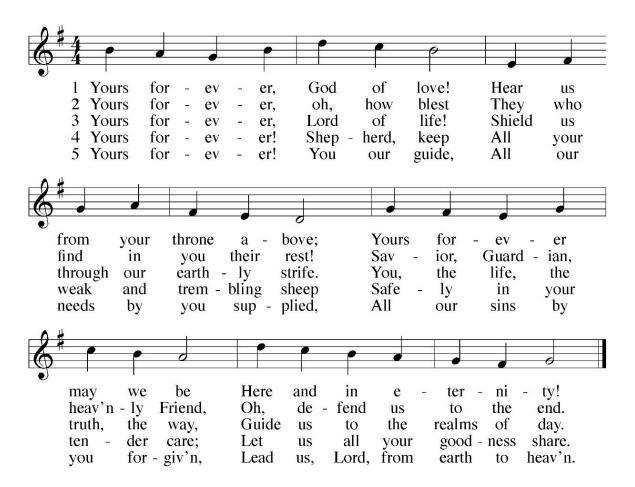
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Agnus Dei



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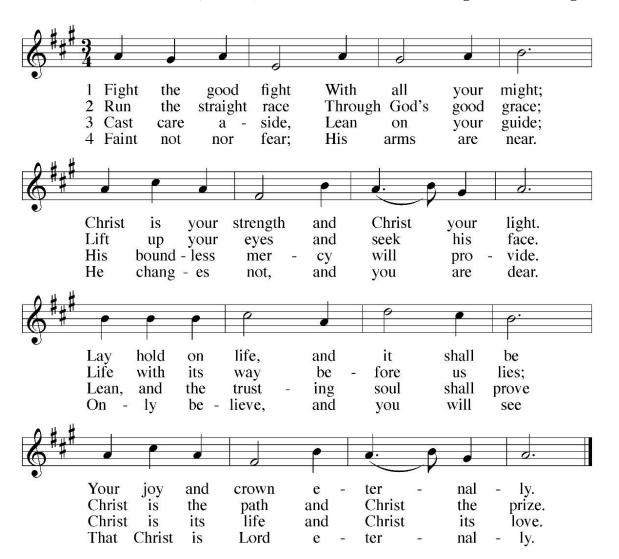




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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 457)

Fight the Good Fight



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.

Tune: MENDON (448 88) The Methodist Harmonist, New York, 1821.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

STAND







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.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. M: 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.

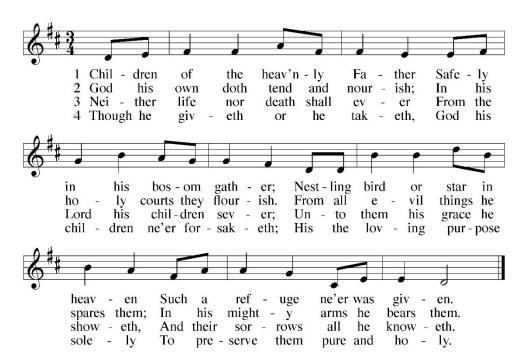


CLOSING CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace

CLOSING HYMN (8:00 a.m.) (CW 449)

Children of the Heavenly Father



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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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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

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)

<u>Sunday May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter – Confirmation</u>

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

Pastor Joel Jenswold

Pianist: Kristin Huebner

• Choir Director: Elaine Wilson

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: Donuts

Sunday May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Pastor Joel Jenswold

• Organist: Jennifer Boll

• Councilman: 8:00: Dave Olson, 10:30: Mitch Myhre

• Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange

• Ushers 10:30: Ryan and Anna Jaeger

• Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund

• Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

• A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

• Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Vicki Hornbeck (5/18), Rob Jordan (5/18), Wayne Kaalberg (5/18), Cayden Myhre (5/18), Jack Sauer (5/18), Jack Doyle (5/19), Mary Federer (5/20), Betty Kannal (5/20), Nate Sauer (5/20), Roger LaGrange (5/21), Devin Anderson (5/22), Irie Krueger (5/23), Kayden Zech (5/24), and Kourtney Zech (5/24) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>: We wish God's blessings to Travis and Amy Ebel (5/22), Justin and Jenny Johnson (5/22), and Dave and Jen Olson (5/23) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers:</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, and John Schueman, who are experiencing difficulties.

A note of Thanks from Steve Tobison:

Steve would like to express his gratitude for extended prayers and support during his time of illness. He is thrilled to announce that he is in full remission and asks that you continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Steve T.

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.



Kyle Milton Kopplin

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

Abigail Ann Strong

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

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

Summer Worship Schedule

May 25 – August 31, 2024

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study 8:00 am

Youth Group Get-Together | Tonight - 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.

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! *The Cutoff Date for Tickets is Friday 5/23/2025*.

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

Additional details will be provided in future bulletins.



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Office Assistant: Kristin Vomhof, Office hours Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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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.