

5th Weekend of Easter **April 29 & 30, 2018**

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
I AM THE VINE

Worship Participants

Liturgist.....Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Karen Pautz

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

DIVINE SERVICE I

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THE OPENING HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
 3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, “Ho - san - na
 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
 to the Lord most high.” Then in the light of
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
 crease our light That we may know your name a - right
 that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

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

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

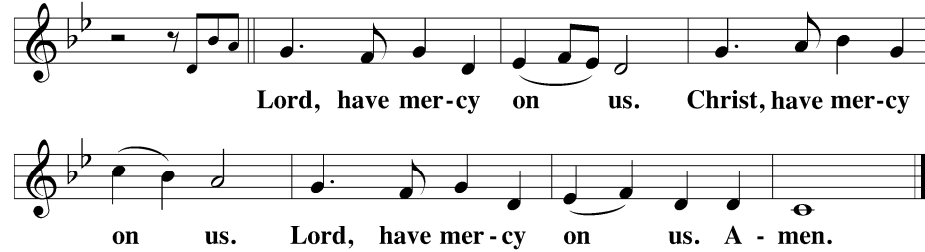
CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

P: 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: *(spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 16:11-15

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had

gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.


God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**


THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 67

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Refrain




Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;


may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.


Refrain

Psalm continues on next page

Refrain




Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *



THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 John 3:18-24

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.²⁴The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia! (John 14:6)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 15:1-8



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE 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.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,

Hymn continues on next page



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

THE SERMON **1 John 3:18-24**

God knows everything.
 Is that bad news or good news?

Please Stand

CREATE IN ME



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please Be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please be Seated

Please Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: 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: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated



THE CLOSING HYMN..... "This Is My Will"

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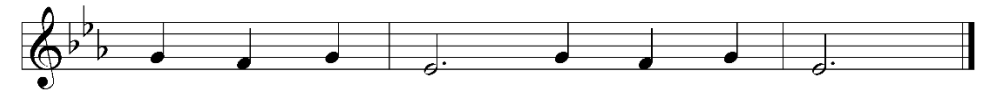
1 "This is my will, my one com - mand,
2 "No great - er love can an - y have
3 "I call you now no long - er slaves;
4 "You chose not me, but I chose you,
5 "All that you ask my Fa - ther dear



That love should dwell a - mong you all.
Than that one die to save his friends.
No slave knows all the mas - ter does.
That you should go and bear much fruit.
For my name's sake you shall re - ceive.



This is my will, that you should love
You are my friends if you o - bey
I call you friends, for all I hear
I chose you out that you in me
This is my will, my one com - mand,



As I have shown that I love you.
What I com - mand that you should do.
My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.
Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
That love should dwell in each, in all."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a Christian Memorial Service for Marie Hille this Thursday, May 3rd. Visitation will be from 5:00-6:00 PM, with the service beginning at 6:00 PM. Marie was called to her heavenly home on Saturday, April 23rd. May the Lord continue to comfort her family with his everlasting comfort.

PRESCHOOL/JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN PLAY: Everyone is invited to join us this Friday, May 4th at 6:30 PM as Preschool and Junior Kindergarten perform their play, "Down on the Farm".

ASCENSION SERVICE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us for our Ascension service on Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 PM. 3K-Grade 8 will be singing for this service. Following the service we will have an ice cream social!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP: We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see today's insert for more information on how you can help. Vacation Bible Camp is July 9-13th.

GALA NEWS: Thank you to everyone that attended our Gala & Silent Auction on April 14th, and to those that bid from home! Thanks to your support and generosity we were able to raise over \$32,000! This money will be used to cover our technology costs for the next two years, as well as purchase two pianos, teacher laptops and STEM kits for the classrooms! We couldn't have done it without you and look forward to seeing you again in two years at our next Gala!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: May 10th & 24th. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

WLHS JOB OPENING: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Residential Life. This position is responsible for the residential life of on-campus students and the running of the residential facility. In addition, this position would be responsible for planning and running summer and winter programs for international students. Candidates should have experience with an educational setting preferably with

international students. They must also be a member in good standing of the WELS. Interested parties should submit a resume to Jodi Lunow at jodi.lunow@wlhs.org. Resumes will be accepted until Monday, May 7, 2018. This position would begin on Monday, July 2, 2018.

WLHS PRISM CONCERTS: WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail-in registration or online at www.wlhs.org/finearts. For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

WLHS RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School has two delicious ways to support the high school. Take your family out to eat on Sunday, April 29, to Buffalo Wild Wings in New Berlin (on Beloit Road), from 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and 10% of your total bill will be donated to the high school. Then, on Saturday, May 19, stop in at Chipotle (across from Mayfair Mall), between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and 50% of the proceeds during those hours will be donated to WLHS. When ordering, make sure to mention you are part of the WLHS fundraiser. Bon appetit!

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (April 29 & 30)

8:00 AM – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen
10:30 AM – Tim & Denise Rasmussen
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 6 & 7)

8:00 AM – Corrine Mayer
10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR APRIL

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR MAY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Apr 25-May 1 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

May 2-8 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Apr 29: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

May 6: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 29

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, April 30

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 1

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 2

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

NO MEN’S OPEN GYM

Thursday, May 3

Marie Hille Memorial Service 5:00 PM

Friday, May 4

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Preschool/Junior Kindergarten Play 6:30 PM

Sunday, May 6

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 172, 10:30 AM – 138, 6:30 PM – 54

Total Attendance – 364

Sunday Bible Class – 27, Sunday School – 9

Bible Information Class – 3