

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!
- / 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!

Worship Participants

Liturgist & Preacher..... Pastor Harlyn Kuschel

Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus Lives"

Christian Worship #153



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: 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.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

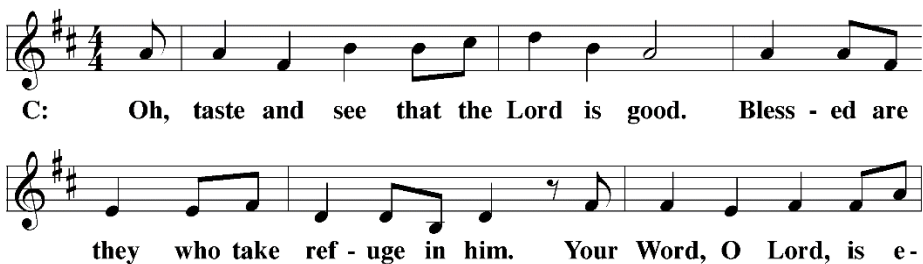
P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

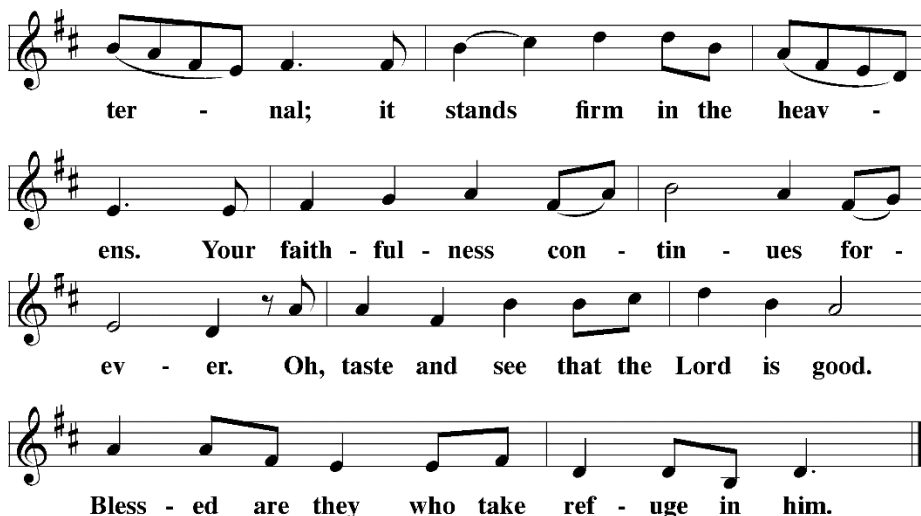
P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The musical notation is for the hymn 'Oh, Taste and See'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -'.

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ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your 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.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 5:12, 17-32

¹²The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”



Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*"
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**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.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (*John 20:29b*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

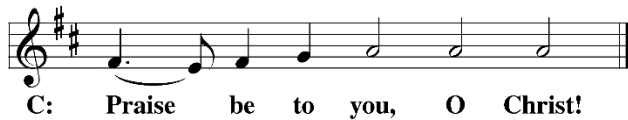
²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

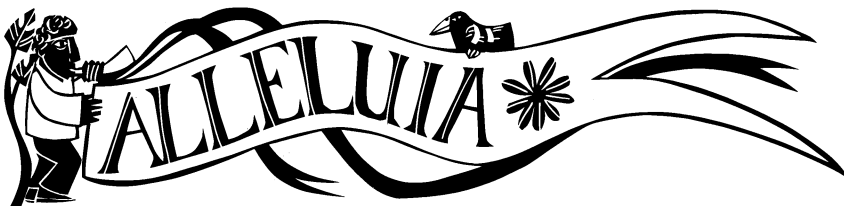
²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

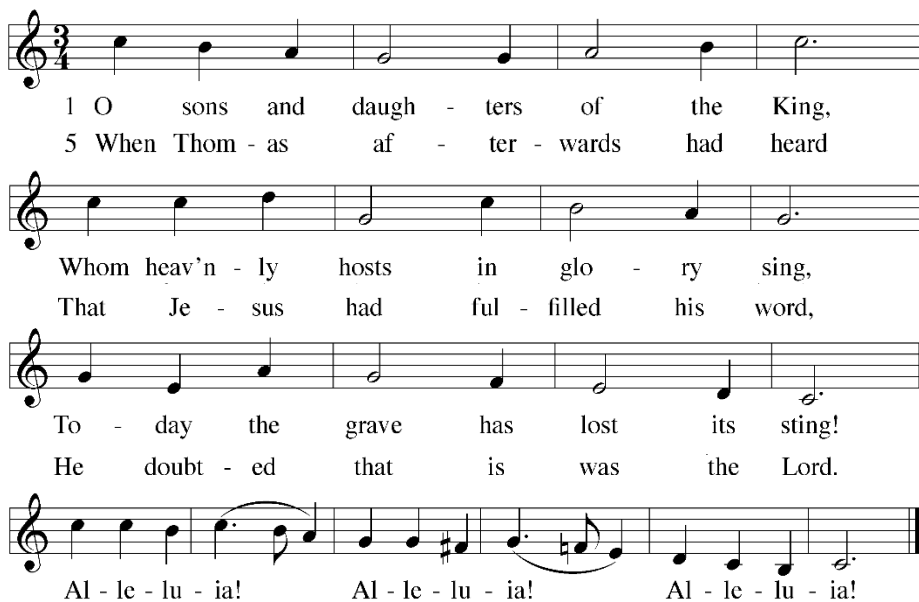


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THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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1 O sons and daughters of the King,
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard
Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,
To - day the grave has lost its sting!
He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

THE SERMON 1 Peter 1:17-21

“Live Your Easter Hope”

Please Stand

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.

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

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "This Joyful Eastertide"
 Christian Worship #160



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Please Stand

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: 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.



Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Christian Worship #141



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Harlyn Kuschel for sharing God's word with us this weekend.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that donated money to beautify the Easter services with plants and flowers!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Stacy Boldt and her crew of volunteers for preparing and serving the Easter breakfast on Sunday.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Don & Marge Gebert in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

NO BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Adult Bible class or Sunday School this Sunday, April 24th. Adult Bible class will resume on Sunday, May 1st. Sunday School will have one additional week off and will resume on Sunday, May 8th.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL MEETING: Our next call meeting for an Associate Pastor will be on Sunday, May 1st following the 10:30 AM service. We encourage all voting members to attend.

MAY BASKET FUNDRAISER: Flower Petals Farm is once again hosting their beautiful hanging basket fundraiser! To keep the cost the same, they are offering a 10" basket for \$25.00, or there are still the 12" baskets available for \$30.00, with \$5.00 from every basket sale going to St. Paul's! Due to the cooler temperatures, the pick up dates will be Sunday, May 15th and Sunday, May 22nd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. To choose your variety, go to www.flowerpetalsfarm.weebly.com or call (414) 517-5161 to place your order. Thank you!

LOWER GRADE PLAYS: Please join us on Friday, May 6th beginning at 6:00 PM for our lower grade plays! Kindergarten – Grade 1 will be performing "Stone Soup" and Grades 2-4 will be performing "I Need a Vacation!". We will be serving root beer floats in between the plays!

NO MEN'S OPEN GYM: For the remainder of the school year Men's Open Gym will be cancelled due to the gym set up for the plays.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers for our Vacation Bible Camp running from June 27 – July 1, 2022. It takes many people to make our camp a success, and we appreciate your help! Sign up using the flyers on the narthex counter, or call the office!

LUTHERAN CHORALE CONCERT: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee will present “O God, Our Help”, a hymn festival on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Broadway, Milwaukee. There will be a freewill offering collected to support the Lutheran Chorale.

VOLUNTEERS

USHERS FOR APRIL

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

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha, Scott Seymer

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

USHERS FOR MAY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

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

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

ALTAR GUILD

April 20-26 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

April 27-May 3 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

April 24: No refreshments

May 1: Set-up – Don Druml & Tony Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 24

Worship Service8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, April 25

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26

NO Public School Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 27

NO Men’s Open Gym

Thursday, April 28

Preschool Power Hour10:30 AM

Sunday, May 1

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study.....9:15 AM
NO Sunday School
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM
Call Meeting11:30 AM
Church Council 6:30 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Maundy Thursday 3:30 PM – 75, 6:30 PM – 64
Good Friday 1:00 PM – 90, 6:30 PM – 152
Easter Sunrise 6:00 AM – 100
Easter Festival 8:30 AM – 302, 10:30 AM – 81