



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 27th & 28th, 2024

The Season

Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. The reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).!

The Sunday

Jesus lives! Therefore, through his Word, he is able to work on our minds and hearts, molding them to his perfect will. Here is a resurrection reality. Jesus fills us with his Spirit, not only so that we have faith, but also so that we produce the fruits of faith he seeks.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

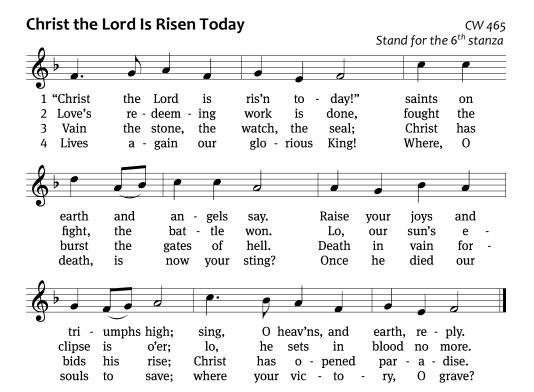
Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Kevin Kempf (6 pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday) Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday)



Soar we now where Christ has led, foll'wing our exalted head.Made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n! God has now fulfilled his Word; praise the resurrected Lord!

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

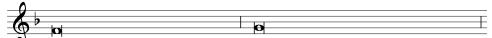
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Lord, Have Mercy



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



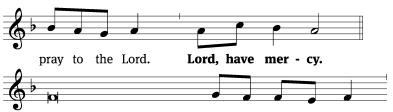
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.





The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

The living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-37

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





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Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

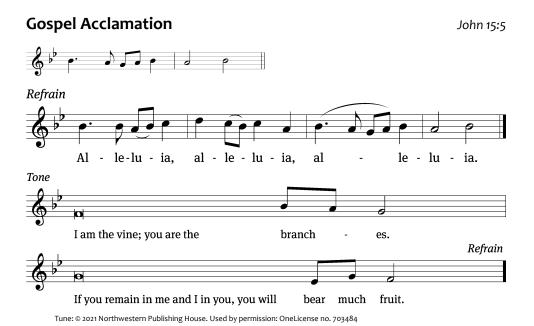
We demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

¹⁸Dear 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel John 15:1–8

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

¹"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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day (*during this season*), for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

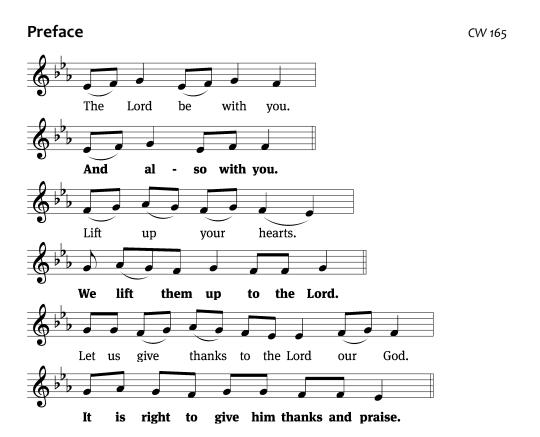
Amen.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.

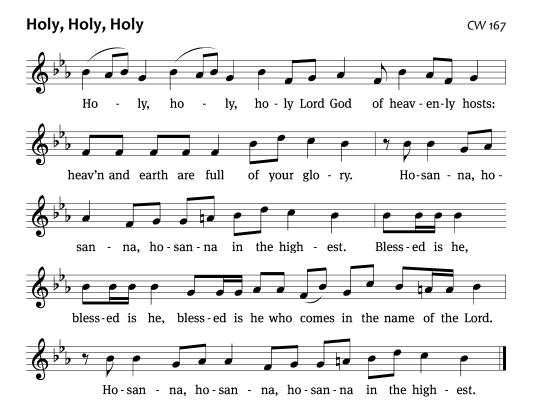


The Sacrament

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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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Words of Institution

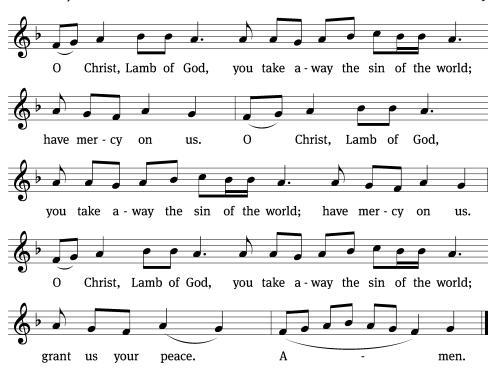
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God

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Be seated

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

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path with your own pres-ence, grant us grace to heed your call. thirst with liv - ing wa - ter spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly. branch-es in your vine - yard till e - ter - nal life we gain. God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing to the Father's home on high; Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die; mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest: lead us to your heav'nly mansions, there to share your wedding feast.

Text: Steven P. Mueller, b. 1964 Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinatti, 1825, ed. William Moore Text: © 2001 Steven P. Mueller. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703484 Tune: Public domain 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead; Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head: praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be to the Father and the Spirit and to you eternally.

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go \dotplus in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.



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Announcements

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: The Tuesday evening bible study for this week has been moved to Wednesday evening, 5/1/24, at 6:30 pm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: If you notice anyone listed on the birthdays and anniversaries list that has passed or is no longer a member, or if a birthday or anniversary is missing, please let the Church/School Secretary, Jana Baumann know. I (Jana) am trying to update the lists as best as I can and would greatly appreciate your input if something needs to be updated. Please feel free to contact me by email, church@stlucaswels.org, or by phone, (262) 626-2680.

Band Registration for 2024-2025 School Year: The Elementary School Band Program offered by KML has begun online registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and current fourth through seventh grade students who wish to learn more about the program and our free summer band camps are invited to attend one of two informational sessions on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 PM. We also have one final concert performance at KML on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM if you would like to see and hear the group in action. Admission to this concert is free! All three events will be held in the KML Performing Arts Center Auditorium. If you would like more information, please contact Nate Amundson, the Director of Elementary School Bands, at nate.amundson@kmlhs.org or visit www.kmlhs.org/kmlesbands.

Taste of Missions: Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at **tasteofmissions.com**.

Upcoming Concerts at KML: All are invited to attend the upcoming band and choir concerts at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. (All concerts are available live at kmlhs.org/stream for those unable to attend in person.)

- Jazz & Echoes Concert: Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 PM
- **Percussion Concert:** Saturday, May 11, 6:30 PM
- Spring Concert: Saturday, May 18, 6:30 PM

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee Presents - Sola Scriptura:

Saturday, April 27 at 4 p.m. ~ Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Brookfield Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Troy

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, under the direction of Levi Nagel, will present their annual spring concert entitled *Sola Scriptura*. It will highlight sacred texts that are direct quotes from God's Word and will feature piano, organ, brass, strings, and the 48-voice Lutheran Chorale. We hope you will join us for this monumental concert as we sing the Word of God.

A freewill offering will be collected. For more information and to make an online donation, visit <u>LutheranChorale.org</u>.

KML Spring Play

Join us for Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of the play *While the Lights Were Out** by Jack Sharkey on **Friday & Saturday**, **May 3 & 4**, **at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday**, **May 5**, **at 2:00 PM**. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5 each.

*While the Lights Were Out is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.

WELS Night at the Brewers: Back and better than ever, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 12 to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Let's pack the stands with WELS connections!

Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating categories. Ticket prices are \$23 (Field Outfield Box), \$17 (Loge Outfield Box) and \$10 (Terrace Infield). Individual tickets are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at **brewers.com/wels**.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Greg Sarauer – 4/28 William Seefeldt – 4/28 Jadelyn Stoltzmann – 4/28 John Witte – 4/28 Lynn Garvey – 4/29 Kevin Kempf – 4/29 Arianna Krueger – 4/29 Holly Reindl – 4/29

Dawson Weyker – 4/29 Jen Kertscher – 5/1 Sandy Shambeau – 5/1 Rosa Rudzitis – 5/2 Jean Vorpahl – 5/3 Matthew Kempf – 5/4 Megan Dreher – 5/5

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

David & Cindy Butzke – 4/29 Steven & Susan Backhaus – 5/3

CALENDAR

Readings for April 28th - May 5th 2024



Sunday

Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54

Worship w/Communion 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

Monday

Leviticus 21:1-24 Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday

Leviticus 23:1-22 Luke 12:13-34

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Wednesday

Leviticus 23:23-44 Luke 12:35-53

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Thursday

Leviticus 24:1-23 Leviticus 25:1-55 Luke 12:54-13:17

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am

Friday

Friday

Leviticus 26:1-20 Luke 13:18-35

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Saturday

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44 Numbers 1:1-2:34 Luke 14:1-24

Worship 6:00 pm

Catechism Examination 6:00 pm

Sunday

Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48 Numbers 4:1-8:4 Luke 14:25-15:10

Worship 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am **Worship 10:30 am**

Ushers for 5/4 & 5/5

Sat. 5/4 6 pm - Butzke

Sun. 5/5 8 am - Schacht

Sun. 5/5 10:30 am - Koch

Ushers for 5/11 & 5/12

Sat. 5/11 6 pm - Peters

Sun. 5/12 8 am - Zuehlke

Sun. 5/12 10:30 am - Herther

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