

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7 & 8, 2022

T. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive PO Box 44 Kewaskum, Wisconsin

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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The Season

Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season.

The Series

To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. We are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever.

April 17: Life Marches Victorious over Death

April 23 & 24: Witness Marches Victorious over Restraint April 30 & May 1: Sight Marches Victorious over Blindness

May 7 & 8: Fulfilled Works March Victorious over Empty Words May 14 & 15: Selfless Love Marches Victorious Over Self-Glorification

May 21 & 22: Joy Marches Victorious over Circumstances

May 26: Power from Heaven Marches Victorious to the Ends of the Earth

May 28 & 29: Unity Marches Victorious in Diversity

June 4 & 5 (Day of Pentecost): The Spirit Marches Victorious through the Word

The Sunday

Jesus tells you in his Word that he cares for you dearly... that he would do anything for you. How do you know you can trust him? Jesus followed up his words with works. What makes Jesus the Good Shepherd is the fact that his words are followed by his works, including his willingness to lay down his life. Every word our Good Shepherd speaks to us is trustworthy!

The Service

Out of love for God's Word and people's souls, we offer the Lord's Supper only to communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church or other communicant members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:17 NIV). Our guests who are not yet communicant members of our church are respectfully asked to refrain from communing today, but are encouraged to speak with our pastor after the service about how to become communicant members.

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.



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

Confession

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.

Amen.

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



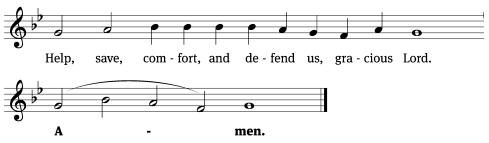
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and

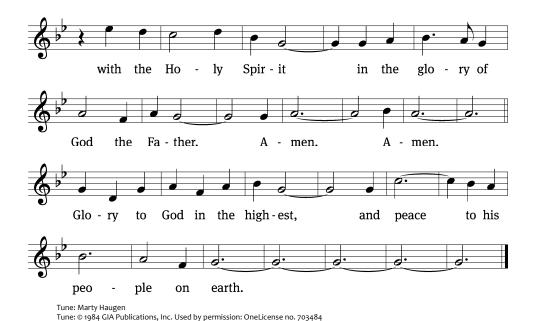




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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³²"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son; today I have become your father.'

³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

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

35So it is also stated elsewhere:

"'You will not let your holy one see decay."

³⁶"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 CW 555



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Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

"All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

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"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"
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¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

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"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

17For 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."
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14







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Gospel John 10:22–30

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

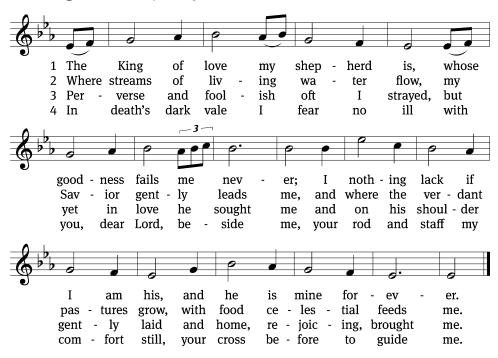
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 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!

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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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

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,

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

Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life. **In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us and others from evils which deplete households, degrade children, cheapen love, and dishonor old age.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. Hold those we love in the arms of your grace.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love. In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. Amen.

The Sacrament

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Preface CW 183

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

Lift up your hearts.

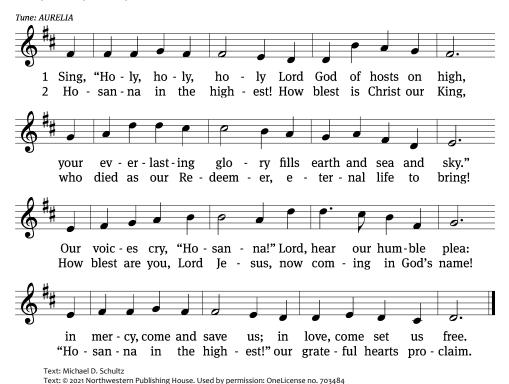
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

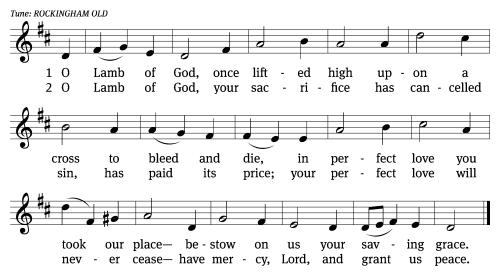
Words of Institution

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

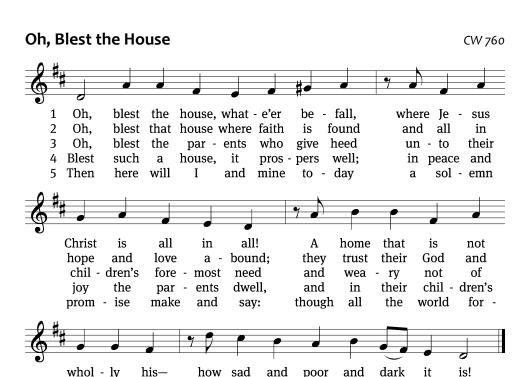


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Be seated

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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + 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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz Cantor: Patrick Loroff

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm), Matthew Stoltz (8 am), Steve Wolter (10:30 am)

Altar flowers are placed in the memory of Minnie Dreher

Announcements

Ascension Day / St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School Graduation service will be on Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 pm. Celebrate our Ascended Lord who now sits and the right hand of God the Father. Give thanks for the blessing of our Lutheran Elementary School and the class which has been taught the truth of God's Word through their grade school years.

Summer Worship Services will be held on Saturdays at 6:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM (one Sunday service). The summer schedule begins Memorial Day weekend (May 28 & 29) and runs through Labor Day weekend (September 3 & 4)

Dive In to Vacation Bible School Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15. Join us each day, 9:00 am -11:00 am to take an undersea adventure and learn more about your Savior Jesus. Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week for all. Watch our website (www.stlucaswels.org) to sign up both children and volunteers.

Welcome to our new office assistant Mrs. Susanne Giese. Her office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. God bless her work for the Lord and our congregation.

Celebrating God's Blessings this Week

Birthdays

Shane Dreher	9
Heather Harrison	9
Marvin Marquardt	9
Taylor Toth	9
Andrew Otto	11
Abby Backhaus	12
Tim Belger	12
David Butzke	13
Violet Hesse	13

Anniversaries

Richard and Sue Laubach 9

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list or we have a wrong date, please contact the office.

Calendar

May 7 - May 15, 2022

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday 6:00 pm	(Exodus 40: 17-38, Luke 8: 40-56) Worship w/ Communion	Ushers: Peters
8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	(Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9: 1-17) Worship w/ Communion Family Bible Hour Worship w/ Communion	Ushers: Stoltz Ushers: Wolter
Monday	(Leviticus 9: 1-24, Luke 9: 18-36)	
Tuesday 6:30 pm	(<i>Leviticus</i> 10: 1-20, 9: 37-62) Bible Study	
Wednesday 2:30 pm	(<i>Leviticus 16: 1-24, 10: 1-22</i>) Kettle Moraine Gardens Service	
Thursday 10:00 am	(Leviticus 17: 1-16, Luke 10: 23-42) Bible Study	
Friday 7:45 am	(<i>Leviticus 18: 1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11: 1-13</i>) Chapel	
Saturday 6:00 pm	(Leviticus 19: 9-18, 26-37, Luke 11: 14-36) Worship	Ushers: Beyer
8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	(Leviticus 20: 1-16, 22-27, Luke 11: 37-54) Worship Family Bible Hour Worship	Ushers: Schacht Ushers: Strack

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