Seventh Sunday

EASTER





Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 11th & 12th, 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

This world is very broken. For that reason, our gracious, living Lord promises that one day soon enough, he will take us to a better world. More, he promises that until that time, his Father will protect us, preserving our faith through the truth of his Word. This is the resurrection reality. By God's grace, we will overcome this broken world.

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

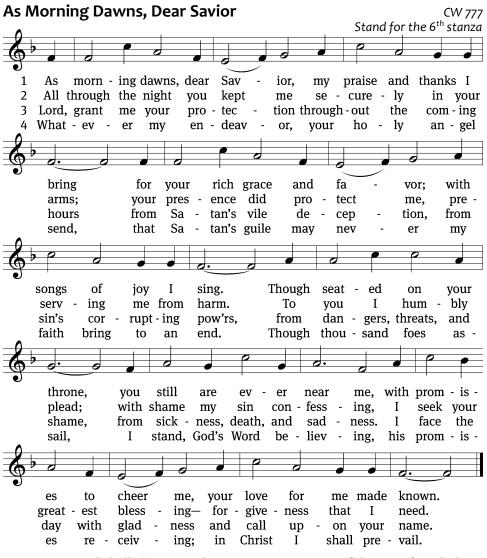
Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance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

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)
Dan Zuehlke (8 am Sunday)

Dan Zuehlke (8 am Sunday) Joe Herther (10:30 am Sunday)



- Your Word shall always guide me, rich wisdom to bestow; you will with grace provide me and cause my faith to grow. Your power from above will keep me and protect me; in all I do direct me, in keeping with your love.
- on God's unchanging Word; in him my trust is grounded, with promises assured.

 My hands with joy I give to do the work he sends me, with talents that he lends me; for him alone I'll live.

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

Confession CW 172

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

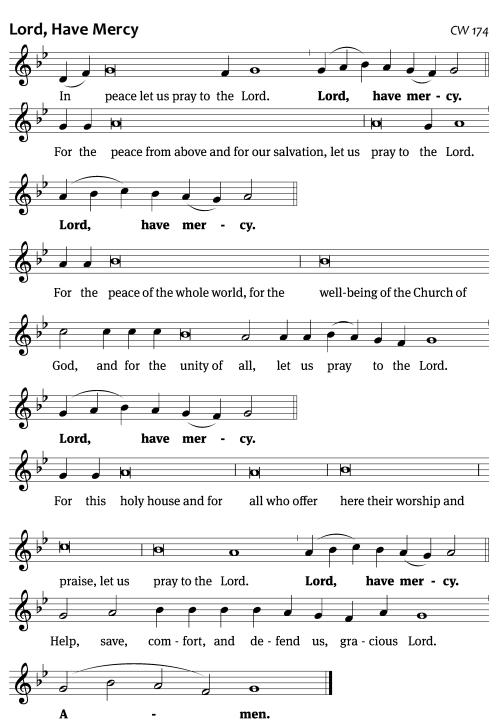
with his innocent suffering and death.

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.







The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Simply for proclaiming Christ, the Sanhedrin condemned Stephen to death.

¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

²To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me!

⁵¹"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵²Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

⁵⁴When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

John explains that everyone born of God overcomes the world.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



John 14:18





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Gospel John 17:11b–19

Jesus, our great high priest, prays that his Father would sanctify us with his truth and enable us to overcome the world.

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

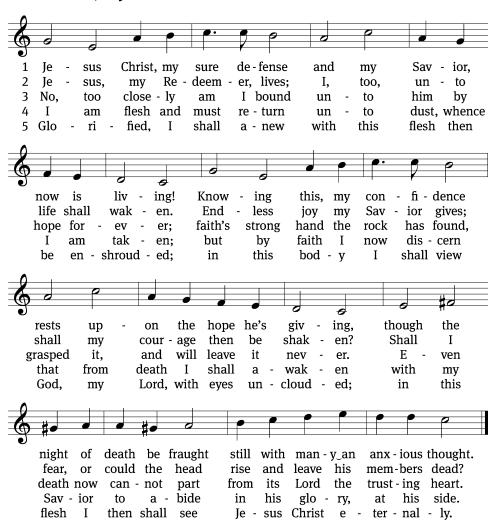
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew



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Sermon

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 You are in God's Hands

Nicene Creed

He ascended into heaven

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.

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

Eternal God, in the beauty of Eden you created a man and a woman and brought them together in marriage. You enabled them to be fruitful and increase in number and so you established the family. Help us to see in your creating wisdom your love for parents and children.

Move us to be thankful for mothers and fathers and for all the blessings you bring to our homes.

Today we remember the mothers who loved us even before we were born, who endured the trauma of childbirth, and who cared for us when we could not care for ourselves. On this day and on other days cause us to recall the hours they spent and the sacrifices they made so that we could be content and carefree as we grew up.

Lead us to express our thanks and return the love our mothers showed to us.

We cannot thank you enough for mothers and fathers, too, who brought us to Holy Baptism, taught us simple prayers at mealtime, and read us Bible stories at bedtime. Forgive us for resenting their correction and ignoring their guidance as they desired to keep us on the narrow path of life with Christ.

Never let us forget the Christian training they gave to us.

We remember with compassion the mothers who were not always able to reflect your love in our lives. Help us understand the pressures they carried and the sadness they experienced. Take away unhappy memories and rid us of resentment.

Lead us to forgive them as you have forgiven us.

We confess our failures to hold our parents in love. For the naughtiness of childhood, the flare-ups of youth, the overconfidence of adulthood, and for all the words and actions spoken in haste and to hurt, we ask you and our parents for pardon.

Give us courage to make up for past sins when we can.

As their minds and bodies age, help us to support our parents as well as we can. Give us patience to accept their struggles for independence and strength to deal with their weaknesses. Enable us to keep them mindful of Jesus and his promises of a perfect life in heaven.

As they brought us to your Word, so lead us to keep them close to your Word.

Keep in your care all the mothers of our world. Comfort mothers who have been separated from their children. Give strength to mothers who care for children who are sick or troubled. Encourage mothers in societies where mothering is disrespected or discouraged. We pray especially for those who long to be mothers but have not been so blessed.

We pray you to preserve and protect the blessed task of motherhood.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

So many women have influenced our lives. Lead us to think about their wisdom, compassion, patience, and encouragement and give us opportunities to say thank you when we can. Help us imitate their care for us as we work and play with children and young adults.

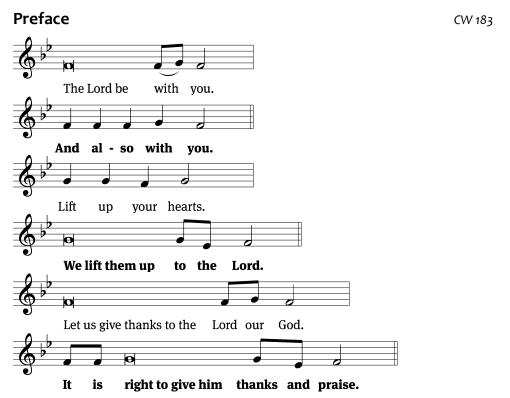
Strengthen us to love others as Jesus loved us. Amen.

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The Sacrament

Stand



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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:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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."

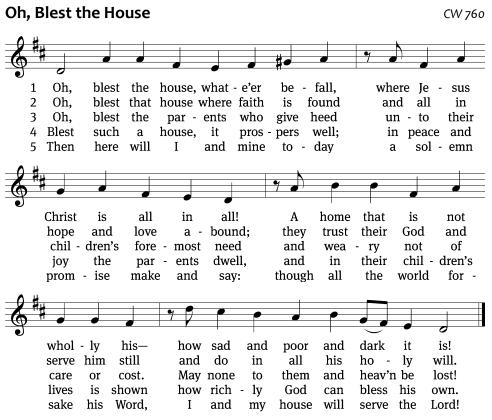
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



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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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Announcements

UPCOMING DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

May 25 & 26 the Summer Worship Schedule Begins: Services will be held on Saturdays at 6:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM (one Sunday service). The summer schedule runs through Labor Day weekend.

May 30 Coffee Corner Conversations: Thursdays during the summer, 6:15-7:00 am, We will gather on the patio at the Coffee Corner in downtown Kewaskum, weather permitting. Otherwise we will gather inside. We will discuss "Important Chapters of the Bible."

Church/School Secretary Out of Office: Mrs. Jana Baumann will be out of the office from May 18th-27th, returning on Tuesday, May 28th.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Join us each day, July 8th-12th from 9:00 am -11:00 am, for VBS with the theme "Gone Fishin". 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. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts or music. Registration for both children and volunteers is now available. Please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to register children for VBS and to sign up to volunteer. Links for both registration and volunteer signup are located on the right hand side of the home page.

National Night Out: We will be hosting National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The Kewaskum Big Band will provide entertainment 6:30-7:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, games, set up and take down. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to sign up. A link to sign up to volunteer is located on the right hand side of the home page.

Bible Information Class: A new round of Bible Information Class will start Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - noon. This class will meet for three hours on three Saturdays. The other two Saturdays will be scheduled after the first class. This class reviews the basic teachings of Scripture. If you know someone who is interested in joining our congregation, or you would like a quick review of your Catechism instruction, feel free to attend this class. Let Pastor Henning know if your are planning to attend.

Annual Pig Roast: You are invited to Crown of LIfe's annual Community Pig Roast on Saturday, June 8, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, fun, and music by *Unworthy*. Crown of Life is located at 1292 Tally Ho in Hubertus.

Disney's *Frozen Jr.*: "In summer..." come and see Frozen *Jr.*, a musical production with rehearsals at Redeemer Lutheran in Cedarburg and performances at the KML Performing Arts Center. This musical is presented by the talented students from: Peace, Hartford; David's Star and Morning Star, Jackson; Crown of Life, Hubertus; Trinity (Pleasant Valley), West Bend; Christ Alone, Thiensville;

Christ the Lord, Brookfield; St. John's, Lannon, St. John's, Newburg; and Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls.

Performances are on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 PM; Friday, June 21, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, June 22, at 1 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday, June 23 at 1 PM.

Tickets will be sold at the door at KML beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$10 each.

MLC Open Positions: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, a full-time Accountant, a full-time Resource Development Counselor, a full-time Administrative Assistant for Mission Advancement, a regular part-time Administrative Assistant for Academic Deans, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, a part-time Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, and a part-time Women's Basketball Assistant Coach.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

LWMS Convention 2026 1st meeting: The first meeting to start planning and organizing the 2026 convention will be held at Luther Prep on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to come.

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.

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:

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Abby Backhaus - 5/12 Silas Schill - 5/17 Michael & Jana Baumann - 5/16

Tim Belger – 5/12 John Scott – 5/17 David Butzke – 5/13 David Stern – 5/17

Violet Hesse – 5/13 Benjamin Marquardt – 5/18

CALENDAR

Readings for May 12th - May 19th 2024



MAY 12 Sunday

Numbers 14:1-25 Luke 18:18-34

8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am

Worship w/Communion

Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

MAY 13 Monday

Numbers 14:26-45 Numbers 15:1-41 Luke 18:35-19:10

MAY 14 Tuesday

Numbers 16:1-22 Luke 19:11-28

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

MAY 15 Wednesday

Numbers 16:23-40 Luke 19:29-48

MAY 16 Thursday

Numbers 16:41-17:13 Numbers 18:1-19:22 Luke 20:1-18

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am Ladies Guild - 6:30 pm

Friday

Numbers 20:1-21 Luke 20:19-44

Piano Recital - 6:30 pm

MAY 18

Saturday

Numbers 20:22-21:19 Luke 20:45-21:19

Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday

Numbers 21:10-35 Luke 21:20-38

Worship 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Next week starts our summer worship schedule with one service on Sundays at 9:00 am.

Ushers for 5/18 & 5/18

Sat. 5/18 6 pm - Beyer

Sun. 5/19 8 am - Stoltz

Sun. 5/19 10:30 am - Wolter

Ushers for 5/25 & 5/26

Sat. 5/25 6 pm - Kempf

Sun. 5/26 9 am - Schacht Strack

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