



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Confirmation Service

Sunday May 5th, 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

The resurrection reality is that with the same supernatural power by which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life—one marked by radically selfless love. The motivation and ability to do this comes from seeing the endless love Christ has for us. We love only because he first loved us.

Prayer before Worship

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Jonathon Koch (10:30 am Sunday)



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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

"Peace be with you!"

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

"Feed my lambs."

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

"Take care of my sheep."

"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

"Feed my sheep."





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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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 Acts 9:36–42

Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.

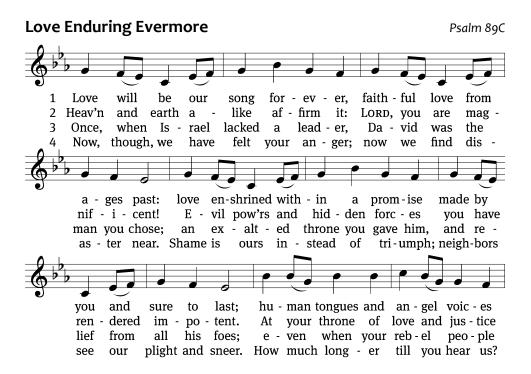
³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

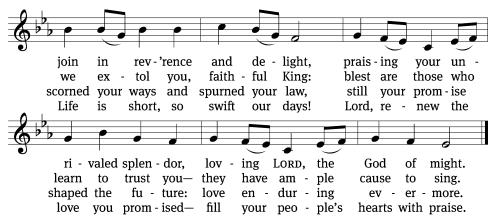
³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





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Second Reading

1 John 4:7-11,19-21

Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 13:13

Alleluia!

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9–17

Remain in God's love so that we might also love each other.

9"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹ºIf you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹¬This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated





vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly his right arm the it has cost him! had be - come liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me. on - ly death be my share and hell to be my sen - tence. re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear-est trea - sure.

- 5 He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they may live with you forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother, and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.

 No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore to lead the devil captive.

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Sermon

Acts9:36-42 God's Love Lives

Stand



Be seated

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Confirmation

My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father? Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Yes, 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Yes, 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.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? **I do reject him.**

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God? **I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God? **I do.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Prayer

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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.

I now invite each of you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

Those being confirmed may approach the altar in turn and may kneel. The minister may lay his hand on the head of each and speak one of the following blessings. A passage from the Scriptures may also be read.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit for your strengthening in faith, your growth in grace, your patience in suffering, and for the blessed hope of eternal life.

The God of peace sanctify you through and through and keep you blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.





Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through 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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Confirmands

Hadley Ann Enright

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *Joshua* 1:9

Maddex Joseph Hulse

for to you I entrust my life.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

Show me the way I should go,

Psalm 143:8

Mari Adelyn Hulse

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Revelation 3:11

Jacob Lee Koth

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Autumn Elizabeth Reindl

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *Joshua* 1:9

Matthias Michael Yttri

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31



Announcements

UPCOMING DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

May 9, 6:30 pm Ascension Day Worship

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."

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.

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.

WELS Lutherans for Life Welcomes Abbie Strong: We are pleased and excited to announce that Abbie Strong has recently accepted the position of Client Services Director! Please join us in congratulating and welcoming her at a "Welcome Abbie" Open House party on Wednesday, May 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at APS Medical at 8501 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI, 53227. Stop by to meet Abbie, welcome her, and wish her well in her new role! Light appetizers will be provided as will tours of the pregnancy clinic. See more details at ALife2.com/news-events/event-calendar. For questions call 414-727-8176 or email Contact@ALife2.com.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Taylor Toth - 5/9 Andrew Otto - 5/11

Virginia Backhaus – 5/8 Shane Dreher – 5/9 Marvin Marquardt – 5/9 <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Richard & Sue Laubach - 5/9

CALENDAR

Readings for May 5th - May 12th 2024



MAY 05 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

Confirmation - 1:00 pm

MAY 06 Monday

Numbers 8:5-26 Luke 15:11-32

MAY 07 Tuesday

Numbers 9:1-23 Luke 16-:1-2-18

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

MAY 08 Wednesday

Numbers 10:11-36 Luke 16:19-31

MAY 09 Thursday

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35 Luke 17:1-19

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

Worship (Ascension) 6:30 pm

MAY 10 Friday

Numbers 11:24-29, 12:1-16

Luke 17:20-37

MAY 11 Saturday

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33 Luke 18:1-17

Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

MAY 12 Sunday

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

10:30 am

Worship w/Communion

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

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

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

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