

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 4th, 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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Invocation

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

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

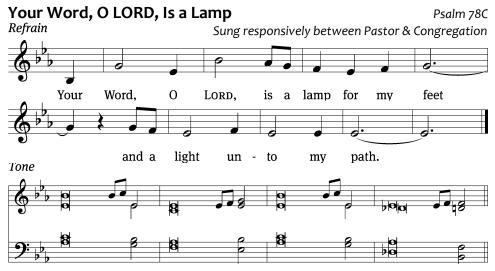
The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

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.



My people, hear my / teaching;

listen to the words / of my mouth.

I will utter hidden things, things / from of old things our ancestors have / told us.

We will not hide them from their de- / scendants;

we will tell the next gener- / ation

the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD,

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his power, and the wonders / he has done. Refrain
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He decreed statutes for / Jacob

and established the law in / Israel,

which he commanded our / ancestors

to teach their / children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet / to be born, and they in turn would tell their / children.

Then they would put their / trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Gospel

Stand

John 14:1-14

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

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Be seated

Preserve Your Word, O Savior



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Examination of Catechumens

Hadley 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 Hulse

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,

for to you I entrust my life.

Psalm 143:8

Mari Hulse

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

Jacob 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 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 Yttri

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

The Third Article (Sanctification)

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed himself to the apostles Philip and James as the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that we also may know that truth and find in him the way that leads to eternal life; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

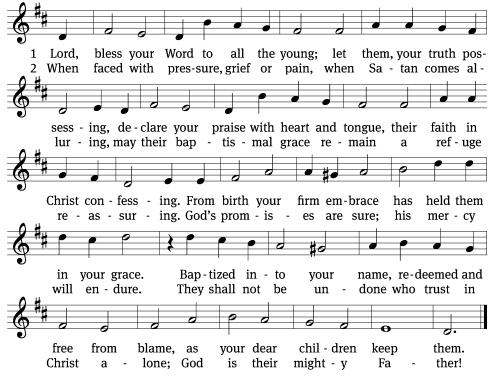
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young



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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."

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, <u>church@stlucaswels.org</u>, 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 <u>ALife2.com/news-events/event-calendar</u>. For questions call 414-727-8176 or email <u>Contact@ALife2.com</u>.

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 <u>brewers.com/wels</u>.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Backhaus – 5/8 Shane Dreher – 5/9 Marvin Marquardt – 5/9 Taylor Toth - 5/9 Andrew Otto - 5/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Sue Laubach - 5/9

CALENDAR

Readings for May 5th - May 12th 2024

