

MAY 7, 2023 | *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The risen Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. There is only one way to the Father, and that way is a person. Jesus does not promise to show us the way like a second Moses, but He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Salvation in Christ alone is the rock against which the world crushes itself, but also the rock upon which God builds His church.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Sunday: Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Ben Brodhagen; Monday Night: Rod Meves
Ushers on Duty	Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Eric Van Kampen
Altar Guild	Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation | 466

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

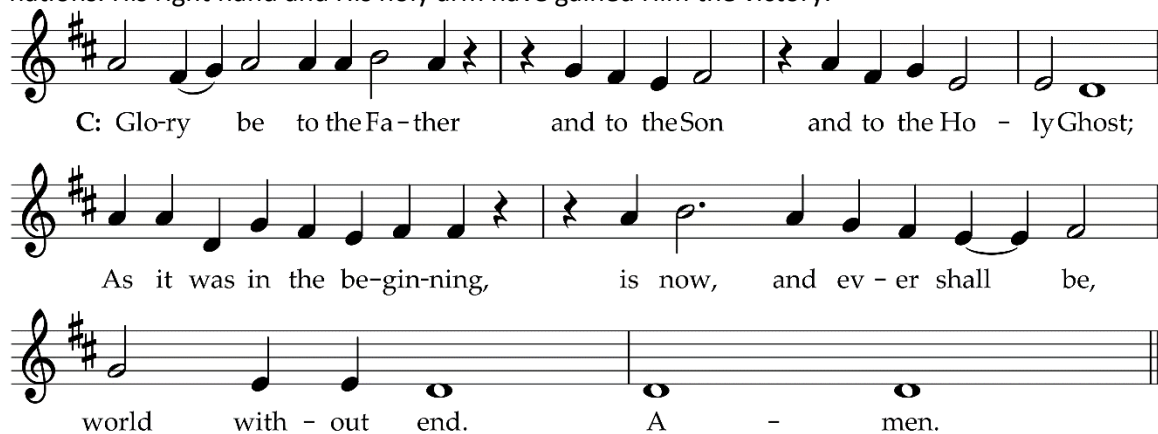


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THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

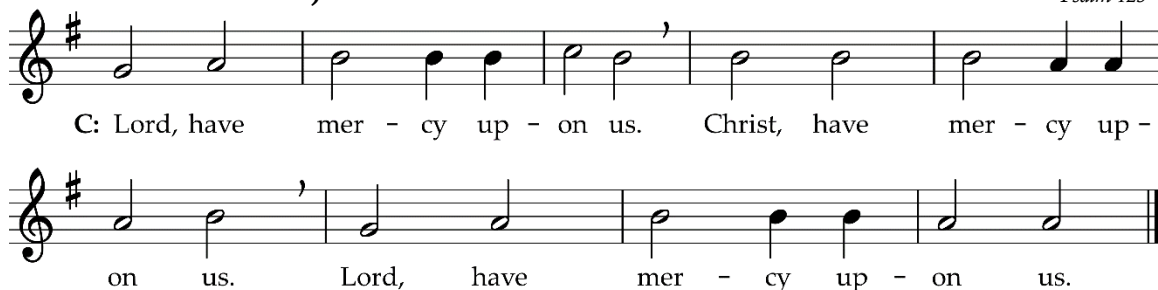
Psalm 98:1-2

M: O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He has done marvelous things. Alleluia! The Lord has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has openly shown in the sight of the nations. His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.



THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalm 123



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—“*GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*”

Luke 2:14

C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: 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.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 17:1-12

Reactions to the Gospel in Thessalonica and Berea.

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

⁴ And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. ⁵ But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. ⁷ "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." ⁸ And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. ⁹ So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. ¹² Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:4-10 *As living stones you are built on Christ's Foundation.*

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

GRADUAL

John 14:6

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus appears to His disciples and to Thomas.



"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ " If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. ¹² " Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand | 467

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – 1 Peter 2:4-10

We Are God's House of Living Stones

1. Built on Christ our chief cornerstone.
2. Built to proclaim our Savior's praises.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and



take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

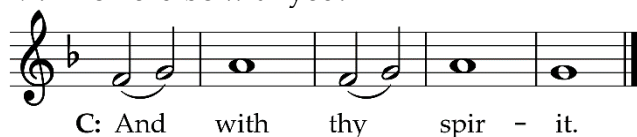
THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the



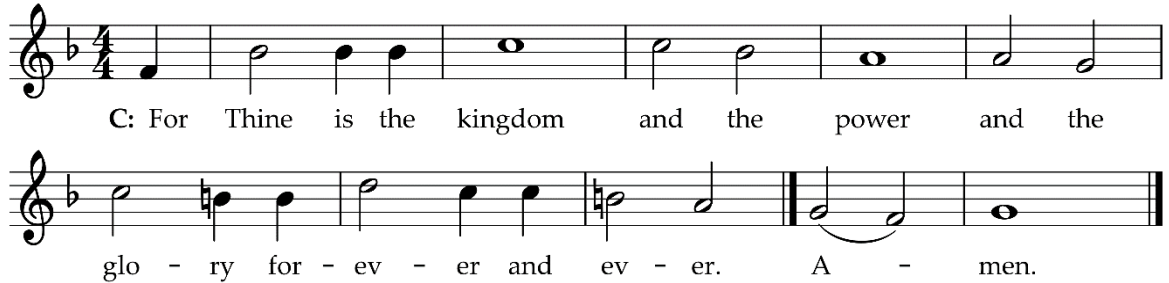
high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord | 427
Thy Table I Approach | 310

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*"Now Dismiss"*)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in_ peace ac - cord-ing to Thy
word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -
pared_ be - fore the face of all people,
a Light_ to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry_ be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it_ was in the beginning is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



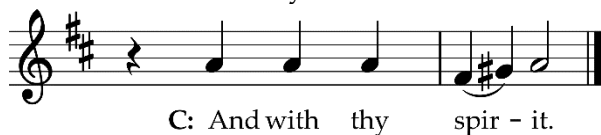
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

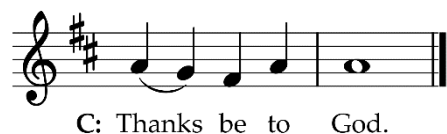


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Christ is our Cornerstone | 465

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to the Greenwoods for serving treats today. If you'd like to serve treats on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED!! DEB & JOHN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AND SPANFERKEL – Saturday, June 10th, 2023 1pm-9pm. Please join us for a casual, fun-filled day including music and a Spanferkel (Pig Roast!) The celebration will be held at the NEW Zoo Ski Lodge Shelter, 4418 Reforestation Road, Suamico, WI (just north of Green Bay). The shelter is located by the upper parking lot, adjacent to the Adventure Course. Appetizers, beer, soda and other beverages will be served throughout the day. The pig roast, with all the fixings, will be served at 4:30pm. Feel free to bring lawn chairs for outdoor visiting and games if you wish! Please RSVP by May 15th, 2023 to: Deb Meyer (507) 382-0725 or debmeyer56073@yahoo.com or John Baril (920) 5627635. We look forward to celebrating with all our friends and family!

“CREATED”—LYA 2023 – The 2023 LYA Youth Convention will be held at Bethany Lutheran College from Thursday, July 27 – Sunday, July 30. Early Registration is February 15-June 1 at a cost of \$250/person. Late registration (after June 1) will cost \$300/person. Open to confirmed youth. If interested, talk to Pastor Van Kampen

“HELLO, SUNSHINE!”—CAMP RISE 2023 – Camp Rise is an ELS-sponsored youth camp for those who have completed grades 4-9. Where? Camp Luwisomo, Wild Rose, Wisconsin. When? July 9-14. Cost? \$390 if registered by April 15 (Save \$30!); \$420 if registered by May 15. Enjoy Bible study, swimming, boating, crafts, group activities, campfire singing, and more! Find more details and register at www.CampRise.org or email Pastor Abrahamson at pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org for more information. (Scholarship funds are available; contact Pastor Abrahamson for more details.)

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (5/7)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
MONDAY	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Women on a Mission, 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	ELS Board of Trustees (Pastor away)
SUNDAY (5/14)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.*