

... no one can lay any

FOUNDATION

other than
the one
that has
been
laid;
that
foundation
is Jesus Christ.





**“We have a Solid and Unshakable
Foundation in a Living Savior!”**

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

James N. Proeber, Pastor
Wisconsin Synod

To all our Worshippers

Today, those who have previously confessed their oneness of faith in Christ will also have the opportunity to gather at the Lord’s Communion Table. If you have not communed with our congregation before, we want you to know that we are eager to help you establish communing fellowship with us through the declaration of your faith. Our pastor will be happy to speak with you about the necessary preparations for receiving the Lord’s Body and Blood. We would like to encourage you in this, so that we can welcome you to share the blessings of our Lord’s true body and blood in a future service.



For Parents with Small Children

There is a children’s bulletin available in the basket together with the service folder as you enter. Please pick one up. There is also a “cry room” and rest rooms in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the church, and walk through the double doors.

The Order of Worship

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”

Christian Worship 147

Like the golden sun ascending,
 Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending
 So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
 And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
 At the early purple dawning.

Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!
 Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
 You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
 And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
 Of the resurrection story.

You have died for my transgression;
 All my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation;
 On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
 And shall meet you in the skies,
Death itself is transitory;
 I shall lift my head in glory.

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
 And your Holy Spirit send
That my life and my behavior
 May be pleasing to the end.
That I may not fall again
 Into death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace you have retrieved me
 And from which you have relieved me.

For the joy your advent gave me

For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me,
For your Supper and your Word,
For your death, the bitter scorn,
For your resurrection morn;
Lord, I thank you and extol you,
And in heav'n I shall behold you.

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

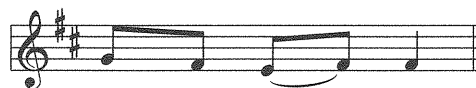
P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with
humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our
sinfulness and ask him to have mercy on us.

For the disobedience and rebellion we inherited from our first
parents, and for our sin-stained hearts which put us justly under
your judgment, we cry out;



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the sins of weakness and the sins of willfulness, for our
disobedience in our thoughts, words, and actions, and because of
the worthlessness of even our best works, we confess;



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For your invitation to come to you with broken and burdened

hearts, for your undeserved love, and for your forgiveness which removes our guilt and punishment, we humbly pray;



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Assurance of our Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the 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.



C: A — — men!

P: For the undeserved compassion of our God and Savior, let us rejoice with the psalmist who confessed, “How blessed is the one whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is covered. How blessed is the one whose guilt the LORD does not charge against him, in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

It is for this forgiveness that we rejoice to confess: the works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise —



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in

all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer-ci-ful Fa—ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com—fort our spir—it; you make us pure and

Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on—ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious Redeemer, as the triumphant Savior you have secured the victory over sin, death, and the grave. Because of this victory, we now have a solid foundation upon which we can build our life of faith and our confidence for heaven. By your Word strengthen our conviction. Never allow us through weakness or neglect to lose what you give us by your love. Be with us. Establish our faith. Lead us to the place you have prepared for us in heaven. There we will praise you—our glorious, all powerful, and triumphant God—who lives and rules together with the Father and Spirit throughout endless ages.

C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word

The Power of the Resurrection

Acts 2:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how

this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 118

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength | and my song; *
he has become my sal- | vation.

The LORD'S right hand is | lifted high; *
the LORD'S right hand has done | mighty things!

I will not | die but live; *
and will proclaim what the | LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you | answered me; *
you have become my sal- | vation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the | capstone; *
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day the | LORD has made; *
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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

Epistle

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him
will certainly not be put to shame.

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone, ⁸and,
a stone over which they stumble
and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into

his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

Verse for the Day

P: I am always with you. You hold me by my right hand. With your guidance you lead me, and afterward you will take me to glory. Who else is there for me in heaven? And besides you, I desire no one else on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever. As for me, God's nearness is good for me. I have made the LORD God my refuge, so that I can tell about all your works.

Alleluia!



C: Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!



These words are writ—ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!

Children's Message

(the children will please come to the front of the church)

“Follow the Best Map”

The Gospel

John 14:1-11

¹Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way."

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

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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

⁹"Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one 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 the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves."

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

Christian Worship 528

Christ is our cornerstone; on him alone we build.
With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.

On his great love our hopes we place of present grace
and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring!
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do now and evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow and all your children hear.
And more and more on those who pray each holy day
your blessing pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, one giv'n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest
are called away!

Sermon

1 Peter 2:4-10

“Jesus’ Church—Built to Last”

A precious cornerstone
A sure foundation
A chosen people

The Confession of Faith

(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: 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 fully 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, 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!**

Thanksgiving

Prayers for the Day

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

**C: 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!**

Hymn of Preparation “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”
Christian Worship 312 st. 1- & 7

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sins oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners and you will not turn me away. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the cross. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from every guilty stain. At your invitation I come trusting your precious Word. Receive me, my Savior, and let me depart in peace, just as you have promised. Amen.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He comforts us with his ever faithful promises and reassures with his never-failing presence. Through him have come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

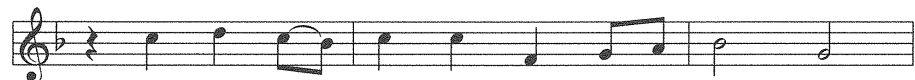
Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

The Words of Institution

P: 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 Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



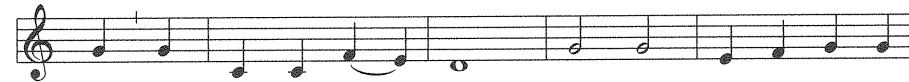
C: A ——— men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O dearest Jesus, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. We have come burdened with our guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our rebellion, and you have forgiven us. Through your gracious Word, together with your body and blood, you have declared all completely washed away. Make this good news the solid foundation of our life. When we daily struggle with temptation and sin, lead us to acknowledge our weakness and humbly confess our disobedience. Then reassure us we are completely washed clean for your sake. Make every blessing you secured by your death and resurrection our highest good, and the confidence of your never-failing presence. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our sure foundation, and our guide. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



C: A — men. A ——— men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”
Christian Worship 160

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

Death’s flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our ever-compassionate and ever-faithful Savior* May the assurance of his resurrection give you the foundation you need for your life of faith and love. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book or a visitor card, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will time for some snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- There will be Bible Class this morning at 11:00 am. Today we will review the significance of the Gospel lesson when Jesus says that he is “I AM.”

Tuesday—Pastor’s Circuit Study at 9:30 am.

- Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm. Church Committees will meet at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study begins for the spring at 7:00 pm. This evening we will start a series on the Holy Spirit—his person and his work. He is often called the silent partner of the Trinity, yet his work is equally important as the Father’s and the Son’s.

Thursday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: C. Schueler

- Lawn mowing beginning May 7th—A. Todd

Sunday, May 14th— Live Streaming and Worship at 9:30 am.

We remember the boldness of Paul as he proclaimed God’s Word to the Athenians. He was undaunted even though they did not come to faith. It is a valuable lesson for us as we live our lives in Christ. Regardless of the outcome we always need to be willing

As a Christian and Scripture-centered congregation, we invite you to believe and confess with us . . .

- ♣ That there is one God, and he has revealed himself as the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- ♣ That God has made himself known to us and all men through the Bible - his true, inspired and error-free Word;
- ♣ That all people, because of the disobedience of the first man and woman, are conceived and born in sin, and that because of sin, all people deserve eternal death;
- ♣ That God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin, to live, die and rise again to take away the eternal condemnation of sin;
- ♣ That God's grace through Jesus is given to us through faith worked by the Holy Spirit and the Means of Grace - the Gospel in God's Word and the Sacraments;
- ♣ That faith, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, is the living force within us which produces good works which are pleasing to God;
- ♣ That on the Last Day Christ will come again in all his glory to take us and all believers to live with himself in heaven for all eternity;



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