



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus, the Only Way (Confirmation Service)



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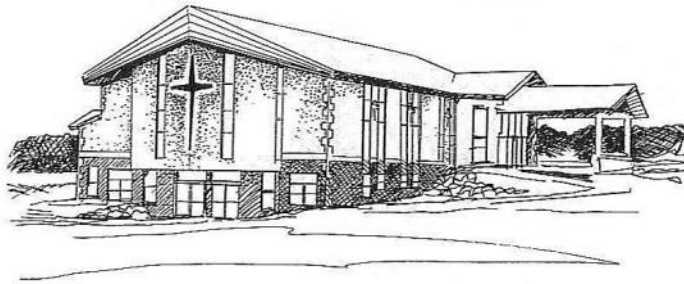
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - ***Christ's Love, Our Calling.***

**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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May 7, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 356)

You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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 forgive us.

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.**

M: 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 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: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious 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 glo - rious 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 glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹ if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let 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. ¹¹ This 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.”

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you 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. ⁶ For 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.*

⁷ Therefore, 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,” ⁸ and, “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. ⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ At 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 OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-11

“Do not let your heart be troubled. 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 am going to prepare a place for you. ³ And 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. ⁴ You 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?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷ If 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’? ¹⁰ Don’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. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon -



and cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 of hosts, and stay; Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 they ask to gain, What they gain from you for - ev - er
 or to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear your peo - ple as they pray, And your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Speak with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.: tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (87 87 87) Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt.

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a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.*

The Stone and the Stones

STAND

NICENE CREED

**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.**

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

*While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass
the Friendship Register. Thank you!*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 a.m.)

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Step by Step

After the choir anthem, the service continues with the service of the Sacrament, p. 13.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (8:00 a.m.)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: 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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 528)

Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
 Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731-89.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 422)

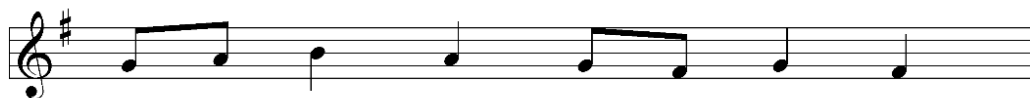
Jesus, Lead Us On



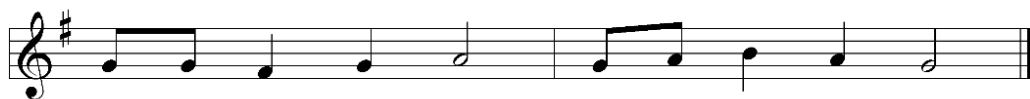
1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
 4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
 Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
 When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
 Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
 Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
 Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
 Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: 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!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace

CLOSING HYMN (8:00 a.m.) (CW 382:1, 3-4)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(see page 20)

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Confirmation

Lia Rose Lee Miller

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

Sophia Marie Strong

Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Sunday May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Teen Class and Sunday School

9:15 am: Confirmation Essays, *sanctuary*

9:45 am: Confirmation class photo, *sanctuary*

Confirmation at the 10:30 worship

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman and The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund providing, *volunteer needed to serve*
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Teen Class and Sunday School

9:25 am: Adult Bible Study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/elder: Mike Wilson (8:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Brennan Porter (5/7), John Schwark (5/9), Sharon Wightman (5/9), Walt Schroeder (5/11) and Lori Krey (5/12) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to David & Shari Blossom (5/7), Dave & Kristin Vomhof (5/11) and Lisa & Mitch Myhre (5/12) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Dan Pierstorff, Peg Schroeder, Steve Tobison, Erica Willitz and Malachi Willitz who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 2 Peter, *sanctuary* (No Bible study May 7th.)

Tuesday 9:00 am: Heaven and Hell, *upstairs*

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Jonah, *downstairs*

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class, *downstairs*

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Carpet Installation Update: The date for the carpet installation has moved to **May 23 & 24**. Volunteers will be needed to help move items on May 21 and 22. Volunteers can begin at 12 noon on Sunday May 21 to pack up items in boxes and move smaller items including the red chairs. Volunteers are also needed on Monday May 22 starting at 4:00 pm to move furniture and bigger items. Mark your calendars.

Ascension Worship

Thursday May 18

6:30 pm

Lord of Love Lutheran



Proposed Summer Worship Schedule

At the April 23rd Open Forum, a suggestion was brought forward by the Worship Committee and discussed with members in attendance to transition from two to one service on Sundays during the summer months. This approach to our summer worship would help create additional fellowship opportunities for Lord of Love members to worship together while allowing the continuation of Bible studies. Summer attendance was also reviewed for the last four years indicating lighter attendance to further support one service. Overall feedback from members in attendance at the Open Forum was positive and in favor of the change.

As follow-up to this support from members in attendance at the open forum, the Church Council in consultation with Pastor Jenswold and Elders Committee are recommending moving forward with holding one service at 9:00 AM during the months of June, July, and August (June 4 – Aug. 27, 2023). A Bible study will be held each Sunday at 8:00 AM. We will return to the two-service schedule starting in September.

Questions or comments regarding this transition can be directed to any member of the Church Council, Pastor Jenswold or Dave Olson, chair of the Elders and Worship Committees. Feedback will be reviewed by the Church Council at the May 15 meeting. Thank You.

Looking ahead:

- **May 11:** Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner – Rodeside Grill, 6:00 pm
- **May 18:** Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm
- **May 21:** Last day of Sunday school and Teen Class
- **May 21 & 22:** Prep for carpet installation.
- **May 23 & 24:** Carpet installation upstairs of church.
- **May 25 & 26:** Move furniture and items back.
- **July 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, downstairs. 12 – 5 pm