



See Christ's friendly heart
and how full of *love* it is..."

MARTIN LUTHER

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy 'Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

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Yours, Lord, Is the Glory



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;
1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways. A - men, a - men.
all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.
Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

- 2 *Tuyos los dominios, los tronos también; tuyos para siempre. Amén, amén.*
- 3 *A ti yo me rindo, te adoro también, amo absoluto. Amén, amén.*
- 4 *Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra también; gloria aleluya. Amén, amén.*

Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

The Peace of the Lord
La paz del Señor



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is Christ, Our Peace, ACS #1037)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Christ, our peace,
you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Christ, our peace,
you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Christ, our peace,
you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING FOR THE WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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Go in peace. Serve the Living One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Coffee Fellowship: WCC Committee

Communion Assistant: Laura Sanborn

Guitarist: Colin Stiemke

Reader/Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING is being donated to the Women's Clothes Closet.

THE WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

The mission of the Women's Clothes Closet is to support the dignity of all womxn providing new or gently used clothing, accessories, and sundry items to womxn who are entering the workforce, in the workforce, or otherwise in need.

Started in 1997, the Women's Clothes Closet was created as a project by a student social worker at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

In 2023, the Women's Clothes Closet had 112 new guests and 1,717 existing visits, and received 277 donations that included clothing, shoes, new undergarments, jewelry, accessories, coats, make-up, and personal care items.

New visitors to the Women's Clothes Closet can choose three complete outfits. Returning visitors can select one outfit per visit, up to two times per month. No questions are asked about income or employment status.

DONATIONS

The Women's Clothes Closet is in need of gently used in-season clothing that is fashionable, clean, and in good repair. Bras (new), shoes, boots, handbags, scarves, and jewelry are also very much appreciated.

We are now accepting spring and summer clothing and accessories.

Donations are made by appointment. Please call **608.784.5745** to schedule your donation appointment (please leave a message and someone will call you back to schedule). Thank you!

Financial contributions help us pay the wages of our Clothes Closet Coordinator.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET RECEPTION TODAY

Let's come together after worship to celebrate this wonderful resource that removes barriers and provides support and dignity to all womxn. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall and tours of the newly remodeled and renovated space. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this important outreach ministry of our church.

EGG NOODLES NEEDED

Come for Supper is in need of packages of egg noodles. Any size bags can be dropped off Monday—Thursday, 9am—1pm or Sunday mornings in the church office. Thank you!

GAME DAY TODAY!

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and games. All ages welcome! Bring a game to share, or just bring yourself!

PEACE GARDEN FIRE PIT THIS FRIDAY!

Friday, April 26, 6—8pm—Peace Garden

There will be fixings for s'mores (and grilled hot dogs too), outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your friends and family for a great night together around the campfire

OSLC HIKING GROUP NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28, 1:30pm—TBD

We're hosting an afternoon hike welcome to beginner hikers, seasoned veterans and everyone in between! Stay tuned for more details.

CINCO DE MAYO POTLUCK – A CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 5, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with your church family! This potluck event is for us to all come together and celebrate the vibrant culture of Mexico, including its rich history and traditions. Come enjoy lively music, fellowship, and feasting. Please bring your favorite Mexican-themed dish or dessert to share. If you need help with ideas call/text Dala Hynek at [608.385.8103](tel:608.385.8103) for simple recipe ideas.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Noisy Offering for the Women's Clothes Closet

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am CF
10:15am Game Day
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am-1pm Office Open
10am Quilters
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS—Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm Dine In/Carry Out
5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only

Wednesday

9am-1pm Office Open
9am Staff Meeting
12 noon Worship/HC

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Church Office Closed

Pastor's Sabbath

6—8pm Peace Garden Firepit

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am CF
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
CF—Coffee Fellowship
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ann Fluekiger, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Casey** Kanter, **Cheryl** Zoerb, **Cindy** Moe, **Dale** Duresky, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Debbie** Dukatz, **Erik** Rudrud, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jennifer** Farley, **Jessie**, **John** A., **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Rich** Pitz, **Robert** Onsrud, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sally** Vaaler, **Sandy** Kjos, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, and **Stacie** Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eli Matsick April 21
Adan Sosa Jr. April 24
Liz Culver April 15