



**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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**Fifth 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."***

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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](http://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.**

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **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.**

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pour into our hearts, God, the Holy Spirit's gift of love, that we may share the joy of friendship, human and divine, revealed in the love of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his friends and in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **READING: 1 John 4: 7—21**

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.



God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

## Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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## **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 Your Will Be Done, ELW #741)*

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.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for the Mississippi, Kickapoo, La Crosse, Black, and the Wisconsin River, for Coon Creek, Lake Onalaska, Neshonoc Lake, the Great Lakes, and all other bodies of water. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord. *(sing 5x)***

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign.

For all those in need: for any living without permanent shelter or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord.. *(sing 5x)***

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who minister to and with one another, and for all who seek to share your love with the world.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord.. *(sing 5x)***

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**

## **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.**



## Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



- 1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
 one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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## **DISMISSAL**

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:** Jim Radatz and Bruce Losby

**Coffee Fellowship:** Dorcas Society

**Communion Assistant & Prayer Reader:** Dala Hynek

**Pianist:** Mary Stutesman

## **SYNOD'S ANTI-RACISM SURVEY**

The La Crosse Area Synod Anti-Racism Team would like your feedback regarding issues of race, racism, anti-racism work and how these issues intersect our faith and public life.

This survey takes approximately **4-7 minutes** to complete. The deadline to complete the survey is **Tuesday, May 14**.

The anti-racism team will be sharing their findings at synod assembly, and their learnings will shape our work moving forward.

**If you'd like to take this survey or have any questions**, please speak with Pastor Joanne today.

## **NEXT SUNDAY! 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*

## **OSLC HIKING GROUP TODAY!**

### **Sunday, April 28, 1:30pm—Myrick Park Marsh Trail**

Beginner hikers, seasoned veterans, and everyone in between is welcome. We will meet at the parking lot north of Myrick Park's Gun Club shelter. For more information, please contact Jessica at [608.738.1016](tel:608.738.1016) (call/text).

## **WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY**

### **Special 50th Anniversary Edition**

#### **Sunday, June 30, 2024**

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to share in God's work in the world.

Fifty years ago, Lutherans, in the United States launched the World Hunger appeals to stand with their neighbors experiencing hunger. Now a core ministry of the church, ELCA World Hunger embodies our hope in God's promise and our faith that God is revealed in the neighbors we accompany together.

Join us Sunday, June 30, as we will celebrate 50 years of impact through ELCA World Hunger in 2024 and be part of the story of our next 50 years together—boldly and hopefully pursuing God's promise of a just world where all are fed.

**Can't wait?** Give online anytime at [ELCA.org/WH50](https://ELCA.org/WH50) or by calling [800.638.3522](tel:800.638.3522) or by mailing a check directly to

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### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES!**

We wish to honor our high school, technical college, university, graduate school, and seminary graduates. Please contact the church office (608.782.3468 or [osloffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](mailto:osloffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net)) with information about any graduate. Let us know what has been accomplished and what is ahead for our grads and then come on Sunday, June 5 and take this opportunity for us to honor you and your accomplishments!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** CF  
**1:30pm** OSLC Hiking  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

**9am-1pm** Office Open  
**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  
**10am** WELCA Board  
**12 noon** Worship/HC  
**6:30pm** Dorcas

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Church Office Closed**  
**Pastor's Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC Open

### Sunday, May 5, 2024

**8:45am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Cinco de Mayo Potluck  
**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** Cray, **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

<b>John</b> Bahr	April 29
<b>Chris</b> Krueger	April 30
<b>Dennis</b> Baehr	May 1
<b>Leo</b> Matsick	May 1
<b>Liz</b> Harrell	May 2
<b>Steven</b> Covey-Holmes	May 3
<b>Deb</b> Daehn Zellmer	May 3
<b>Ann</b> Matson	May 3
<b>Ella</b> Shively	May 5