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Welcome, Visitors!

The members of Resurrection extend warmest greetings to our guests and visitors this morning! May the message of the risen Savior comfort and strengthen you as you live in his peace and joy! Can we help you in any way? Please let us know. We kindly ask you to sign our Guest Book on the desk in the church entrance and invite you to worship with us again soon!

Worship Theme The risen Savior gives fruit in his branches.

Prayer Before Worship: Jesus, your resurrection assures me of your power over sin, death and hell. That resurrection is also the greatest news I've ever heard. Fill me with comfort and joy in that saving and forgiving news this morning. May that word move me to share your comfort and joy with one and all as you give me the opportunities and gifts. Amen.

Our Communion Practice: Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice closed Communion in our congregation. This has been the practice of Christians for centuries and is thoroughly scriptural. It judges the heart of no individual, yet expects that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. *For this reason we ask that only members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for the Lord's Supper today.* If you have any questions about this or any other matter of the Christian faith, please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Setting One with Holy Communion

Greeting

Opening Hymn

595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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

C: Amen.

Confession

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

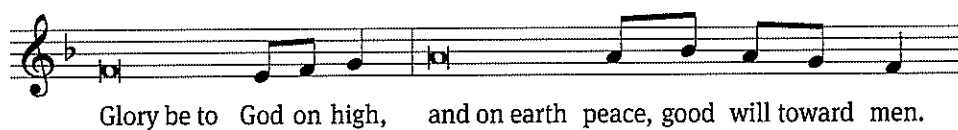


M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory Be to God

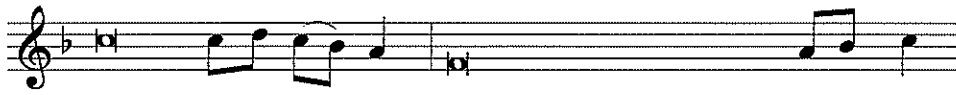




We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



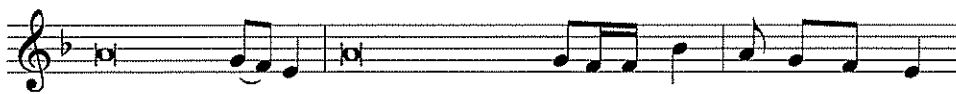
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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, you take away the sin of the world;



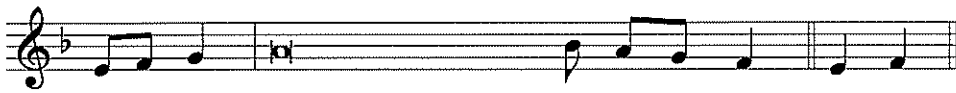
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-37

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 63

M: You, God, are my God,
C: earnestly I seek you;

M: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
C: in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

M: I have seen you in the sanctuary
C: and beheld your power and your glory.

M: Because your love is better than life,
C: my lips will glorify you.

M: I will praise you as long as I live,
C: and in your name I will lift up my hands.

M: Because you are my help,
C: I sing in the shadow of your wings.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 15:1–8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

469 Welcome, Happy Morning



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Sermon Text John 15:1-8

Sermon Theme Connected!

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 truly 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.**

Prayer of the Church for the Sundays of Easter

M: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

M: Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C: **Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

M: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.

C: **Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**

M: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

C: **Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**

M: Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

C: **Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence. (*Silent prayer*)

M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

Offering

(The offering plates will not be passed. Meditative music will play and the offering plates will be brought forward and placed on the altar.)

The Sacrament

Preface

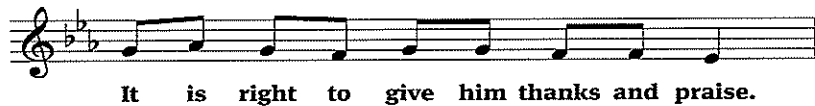
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

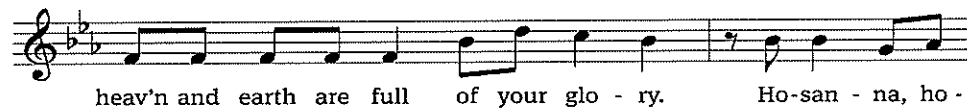
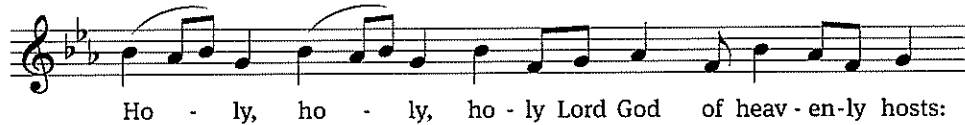


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

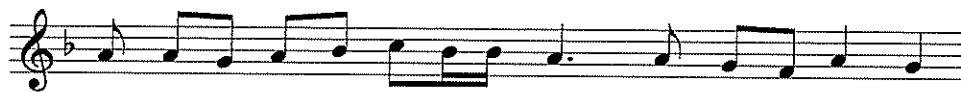
O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



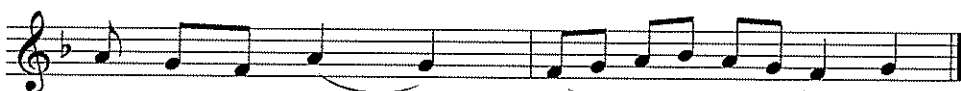
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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.

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
 2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
 4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
 5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



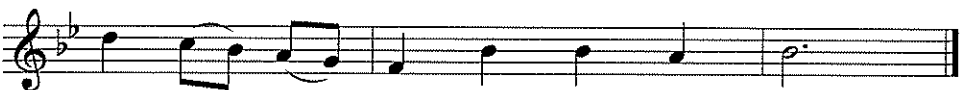
you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
 you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
 near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
 heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

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M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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: Amen.

Closing Hymn

509 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy



Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners



poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the



food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,



may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in



heav'n-ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Prayer After Worship: Lord, you bring forth fruits of faith in me. As you have strengthened my faith in you today through your word you also give me the power to bear those fruits of faith this week. Help me seize the opportunities to share you with others by the way I live and the things I say. Amen.

Announcements

Parents, a cry room is located in the back of the church off the narthex. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall.

A Williams Sound System receiver is available for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Copies of the sermon manuscript will be available on the Guest Book desk after worship.

Vicar Jordan Massiah will lead us in worship today. May the Lord richly bless Vicar's proclamation of the word of God!

Communicants, questions for self-examination before Communion are in the Hymnal on p. 295-296.

Copies of the May edition of our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Resurrection Story*, are available on the table in the narthex.

The Tuesday morning Bible Class will meet this week. What does the 5th Commandment tell me about taking care of my own body? What does the 6th Commandment tell us about modern gender issues? The discussion is certain to be enlightening. Join us!

The quarterly meetings of our voters and the Women's Guild will take place after worship today.

Our Week With Our Lord

Monday Pastor's day off
Tuesday, 10:00 AM Morning Bible Class
4:00 PM Catechism Class
Thursday, 9:30 AM Pastor at Circuit Meeting
Sunday, 9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

4/21 Attendance

Worship—54
Adult Bible Class—23
Sunday School—0
Tuesday Bible Class—22

Serving Next Sunday

Fellowship Refreshments—Bibler

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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