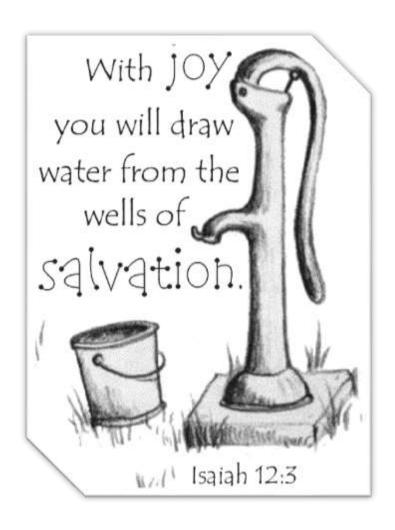


Second Sunday of Easter - April 24, 2022



#### Welcome to Our Savior's

We are delighted to have you worship with us. May God bless your time with us richly.

#### **Our Communion Practice: Close Communion**

Holy Scripture admonishes us to be fully 'prepared' to receive the Lord's Supper: to 'recognize the "Real Presence" of the body and blood of the Lord', 'examine ourselves', and join together as 'one body', united in public confession of faith. On that basis, we practice *Close Communion*.

First time WELS or ELS visitors, please announce to the pastor. All other visitors, please refrain from participating until you have the opportunity to meet with our pastor and thoroughly study these scriptural truths.

Close Communion in no way means to judge anyone's personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to studying these scriptural beliefs so that together we can celebrate this expression of our true unity at the Lord's Table. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for worshiping with us.

## **Prayer Before Communion**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

# **Our Worship**

## 452 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

CW 452

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won; now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia!
- The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
- The three sad days have quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead.

  All glory to our risen Head: Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.Let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!
- 5 By your deep wounds, O risen King, come set us free from death's sharp sting, that we may live and ever sing: Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### Stand

In the name of the Father and of the  $\top$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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  $\top$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

## Glory Be to God

CW 157



# The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

## **First Reading**

Acts 5:12,17-32

<sup>12</sup>The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>17</sup>Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup>They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup>"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

<sup>21</sup>At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. <sup>22</sup>But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not

find them there. So they went back and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

<sup>25</sup>Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

<sup>27</sup>The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup>"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup>Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup>We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### 150B Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 150B









Praise God in his sanctu- / ary; praise him in his mighty / heavens. Praise him for his acts of / power; praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain* 

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet, praise him with the / harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and / dancing, praise him with the / strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of / cymbals, praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain* 

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD. Praise / the LORD.

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. Refrair

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4John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

John 20:29



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

#### Refrain

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Gospel John 20:19–31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas,

"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

Be seated

## 444 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 444

- Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
   Death no longer can appall me.
   Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
   From the grave Christ will recall me.
   Brighter scenes will then commence;
   this shall be my confidence.
- Jesus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and earth is given. I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heaven. God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- Jesus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to Jesus living, pure in heart and act abide, praise to him and glory giving. All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.

- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well nothing me from him shall sever. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell part me now from Christ forever. God will be a sure defense; this shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate to life immortal; this shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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Sermon Isaiah 12

¹In that day you will say: "I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

## Isaiah Rejoices in the Greatness of the Risen Holy One of Israel

- 1. How he turns aside his righteous anger
- 2. How he gives us the joy of salvation
- 3. How this prompts our praise

#### 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.

Be seated

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

## Offering

# The Sacrament

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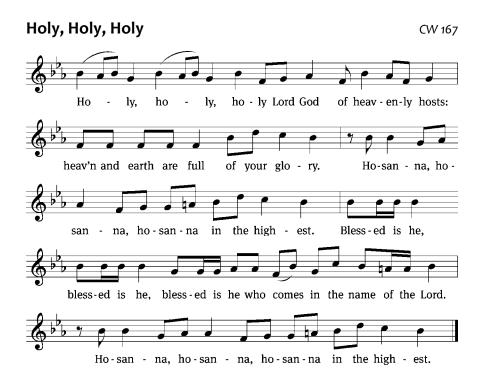
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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

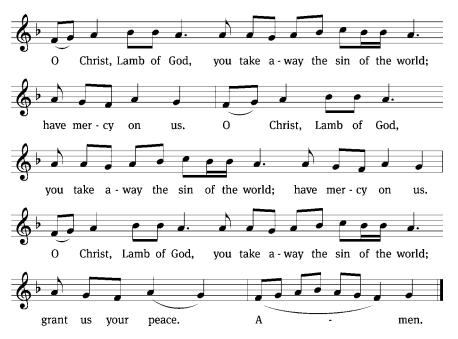
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\top$  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. **Amen**.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



Be seated

## Distribution

# 467 With High Delight Let Us Unite

CW 467

With high delight let us unite in songs of sweet jubilation.
 You pure in heart, each take your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free forever, he is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev'ry nation.

- True God, he first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.

  His enemy shall vanquished be; his death has been death's undoing.

  "And yours shall be like victory o'er death and grave," said he, who gave his life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring; give thanks and bring to Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation. So shall his love give us above, from misery and death set free, all joy and full consolation.

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## 675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his piercèd side. Alleluia!
- Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
  Israel's hosts triumphant go thro' the wave that drowns the foe.
  Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

  Alleluia!
- Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie. You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise.
  Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be.

  Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

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

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.

Amen.

## **Blessing**

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  $\top$  give you peace.

Amen.

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 has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has 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 has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has 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 has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

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# Thank you for worshiping with us! May God richly bless your week.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Small Group Bible Study
Friday		Lucille Schulz funeral
Sunday 5/1	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

# **Worship Time Change**

Beginning next Sunday, **May 1**, our worship service time will return to **9:00 am**. Sunday School & Bible Class will follow our worship service, beginning around 10-10:15 am

## **Ministry News**

The voters approved calling Pastor Jeff Mahnke to be our vacancy pastor. He will coordinate a rotation of pastors and vicar from St. Peter to cover our worship services and other congregational needs.

The voters also approved the council's recommendation to request a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary graduate to serve us. Call Day is May 26 and graduation is May 27. If we do not receive an assignment, we will continue to call from the field. Please keep our congregation's ministry needs in your prayers.

## **Sincere Thanks**

We thank Pastor Mark Schlenner for leading our worship today.

## **Lawn Maintenance**

We're getting closer to that time of year when our church and school green areas need to be mowed. If you're willing to help please put your name on the signup sheet on the table in the narthex. The more people that help the fewer number of times it would be your team's turn.

## Forward in Christ, Meditations & Portals of Prayer

The latest issues are available in the narthex and in the office link.

## Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: April 17, 2022

<u>Weekly Vision</u> <u>Debt Plate Lent Missions</u> \$1,920.00 \$45.00 \$105.00 \$293.00 \$110.00 \$25.00

<u>MThurs</u> <u>Good Fri</u> <u>Easter</u> <u>WELS Scholarship</u> \$778.00 \$758.00 \$2,117.00 \$40.00

School Fees Publications

\$487.00 \$8.00

#### Attendance:

Maundy Thursday -30 & 36 online -12 Total =78 Good Friday -60 & 18 online -34 Total =112 Easter Sunday -121 online -18 Total =139

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