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Seeking God's Wisdom in Witnessing and Outreach

+ 5th Sunday of Easter +
Unity Worship Service #3
April 28, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church



Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Sunday Morning Divine Worship

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FROM THE LAY ELDER-DEACONS: Welcome to Messiah. We want to make sure your worship experience goes well. So just as a reminder, ***please turn cellphones ringers off during worship. Please remove hats, no earbuds, no gaming, no texting, and no social media. If you need to use your phone or have a conversation with someone, please excuse yourself from the sanctuary. Thank you.***

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Live audio of the worship service is available in the room that is just off the Narthex in the back of the sanctuary. This room has a bathroom and is a safe place for anxious children (or adults) to go and still be a part of the worship service. ***Also, the service is available to hear and see in our Fellowship Hall downstairs.***

Prayer before worship: (Please pray silently): *O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray You would close off worldly distractions. Please open my heart to the power of Your Word through the hymns, in the liturgy, with the preaching of the Word, and by the assurance of Your grace in Your Holy Supper. Please bless me so I can repent of my sins, trusting more in Jesus Christ as my only Savior to grow in good works to glorify You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

LITURGICAL SEASON: The Easter season is the time we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection in the flesh to life, which shows He defeated sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Therefore, Easter is also a time of renewal for reaching out, speaking, and showing Christ’s victory given to us by faith alone in Him. The white Paraments and stole signify the purity Jesus gives us through faith in Him when He forgives our sins and gives us eternal life.

WORSHIP THEME: In our culture where worship attendance is declining, it is easy for our congregations to give up and go into a “survival” mode. Yet the Word of God is so powerful that we can invite people who are not members of Christ’s Church to be a part of His kingdom. This week we seek His wisdom to know how to best do that in our witnessing and outreach efforts. This way we can see His Church “thrive” as more receive saving faith so they can attend Jesus’ everlasting banquet.

We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. John's and Trinity for Unity Worship #3. Thanks to Pastors Randy Senn and Ron Rather for assisting with worship. Also, welcome special guests South Wisconsin District President John Wille and Vice-President Jonah Burakowski.

PRELUDE

WELCOME – WORSHIP THEME - GREETING PEOPLE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Bible Verse for Easter: 1 John 1:5 ESV

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: That God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!!

C: He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!!

P: God bless you in worship, showing you with His wisdom how to invite others into His kingdom.

HYMN OF INVOCATION.....“Lift High the Cross” ... LSB 837

(Please follow the crucifier and acolyte processing)

Refrain:

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in con-quer'ing ranks combine. (Refrain)
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (Refrain)
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (Refrain)
5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. [Refrain]
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dearly beloved, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father beseeching Him in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of You, O Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto You, O Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of us all.

Silently consider the 10 Commandments and think about your callings in life: spouse, parent, child, student, employer/employee, church member, etc.

- *Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?*
- *Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?*
- *Have you hurt someone with your words and deeds?*
- *Have your thoughts, words or deeds revealed lust or greed?*
- *Have you stolen, been negligent, or wasted anything?*
- *Have you stayed silent and failed to step up to do the right thing?*

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

FORGIVENESS PRONOUNCEMENT – HOLY ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and only by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE (We stand humbled before the Lord in awe of His forgiving love asking for His peace and guidance.)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Glory Be to God the Father".....LSB 506

(To give thanks for the renewal of faith through forgiving our sins)



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

THE SALUATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: *(Moment of silence to reflect on worship theme)* O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, the power of Your Word is manifested in Your Son Who became flesh to dwell among us. Because of His victory over death and the Devil, hearts are converted by Your Word through Your Spirit. Today, give us greater courage to invite more into Your kingdom so we can celebrate in true joy for eternity at Your banquet. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING.....Acts 8:26-40 ESV (Pastor Rather)

Luke describes how an adult is taught toward baptism to assure him of saving faith in Jesus!

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water,

Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Reflection Berta Eddy solo

THE EPISTLE READING.....1 Peter 3:8-16 ESV (Pastor Senn)

The Apostle Peter wrote to the early church about how to be a witness to the Gospel even under adverse conditions.

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Jesus will make us His own” Senior Choir with June Cook on the flute

THE GOSPEL READING.....Luke 14:16-24 ESV (Pastor Senn)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th Chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹⁶“A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²²And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” LSB 830

To prepare for today's sermon



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON: "How to be a Blessing to Others" Text: 1 Peter 3:8-16

SERMON: "Never Stop Inviting" Text: Luke 14:16-24

THE NICENE CREED (*The Creed of our Confirmation.*)

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty

Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**The only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
Came down from heaven**

**And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again,
According to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory
To judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
Is worshiped and glorified
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(If it helps to better meditate while praying, please sit)*

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Specific Prayer Petitions and Thanksgivings:

- **Our World:** Order from chaos, seeking peace in Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and other areas.
- **Our Nation:** Blessings for leaders: President, Vice-President, U.S. House Reps, U.S. Senators, Governors, State Legislatures, County leaders, Mayors/City Managers, City Councils, School Boards, U.S. Armed Forces, and Law Enforcement.
- **The Church:** Being a light of the Gospel.
 - Blessings for LCMS leaders: Synodical President Matt Harrison, District President John Wille.
 - Our Concordia Universities and Seminaries, Parochial High Schools, Elementary Schools, and Day Care Centers.
 - Planting new congregations and revitalizing struggling ones.
 - LWML and LLL
 - Our missionaries serving outside the United States.
 - Our 6000 US congregations.
 - **District Congregation of the Week:** Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and her pastor Barry Allen Akers
- **Our Congregation:**
 - Unity Services and Fellowship time with St John's and Trinity
 1. Thanks for good attendance.
 2. Good listening, sharing, and input at today's Fellowship Time
 - For good celebration of April Birthdays today for all three congregations.

- For wise discussions from the Merger Consideration Talks with St. John's and Trinity Sunday, May 19 at 2pm at St Johns.
- For good fundraising for 7 Messiah Youth and Friends planning to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year
- Safety and Security Committee for wise plan
- For Christian Education: Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Men's Group, Ladies' Bible Study Class, and Confirmation.
- For upcoming Community Spaghetti Dinner
- Thanks for helping 95 local households this past Thursday with Messiah's Food Pantry, equating to over 210 people.
- Thanks for Messiah Christian Service helping with yesterday's Funeral.
- Offerings: thanks for faithful support to stay on budget.
- **Family and Friends of Douglas Eddy:** Pastor Dan's brother and Messiah member, laid to rest here at Messiah yesterday. For continued comfort to those mourning his sudden passing from a cardiac event.
- **Terry Borgwardt:** At UW-Hospital, lung aneurism, heart stop, brain damage, and taking off of respirator. For his wife, Mary, and her family, and for Terry's family.
- **Jackie:** Mother to Rev Gene Dassow, in hospice.
- **Elena:** Mother to member Elvia Reid, knee surgery delayed, more tests need to be done.
- **Cindy:** Daughter to member Harry Anderson, challenges in recovering from extensive brain tumor surgery. Thanks that it is benign. For successful rehab.
- **Julie:** Sister to Mary Knueppel, in rehab and taking first steps, recovering from hip repair surgery.
- **Debbie:** Daughter to member Bev GeRue; thanks for recovering well from hip surgery.
- **David Goff:** Nephew to member Bill Goff, with brain cancer and only months to live.
- **Randy Kenyon:** Good friend of Pastor Dan, spot in lung was benign. Thanks no cancer.
- **Birthdays:** Keith Ingham, Mark Yates, Janice Totten, Traci Pingel, Rod Burzinski, Pamela Thompson, Belynda Herstad, Julia Marie Wendt, Jennifer Delaney, Cole Gerber, and Rebecca Sennett
- **Anniversary:** Terry and Lori Morgan (18 years)
- **Missionaries:** Dan and Patty Schmelzer in Kenya.
- **Messiah Homebound Members and Friends:** Fay Fink, Janice Adney, Lois Weideman, Bettie Harris, Brett Fawcett, Donna Steinkellner, Pat Hanson, Barb Thurman, Kathy Stolarzyk, and Vergean Jurs.
- **LWML Messiah Prayer Chain Members:** Vickie Dansbury, Ruth Komprood, Cindy Zimmerman, Sandi McDearmon, Larry Wilkins, Karl Wetzel, Janette Alf, Mary Lou Palmer, Carol Wilkins, Linda Stocker, Mary Borgwardt, and Jean Behl.

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or PM Pastor Dan.

P: Into Your Hand we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

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.

OFFERING.... *Please put your offering in the plates at the entrance. Thank you for your support.*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in Holy Communion God comes to us with forgiveness through tangible means. Because the gospel has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in his Supper to bring forgiveness of sins received through faith and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of unity in our beliefs, if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or one of her sister church bodies, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our beliefs before we have had an opportunity to explain them.

For those who cannot tolerate alcohol of any kind, the center glass in the individual cup trays and the glasses surrounding it contain grape juice with a few drops of wine added to it.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

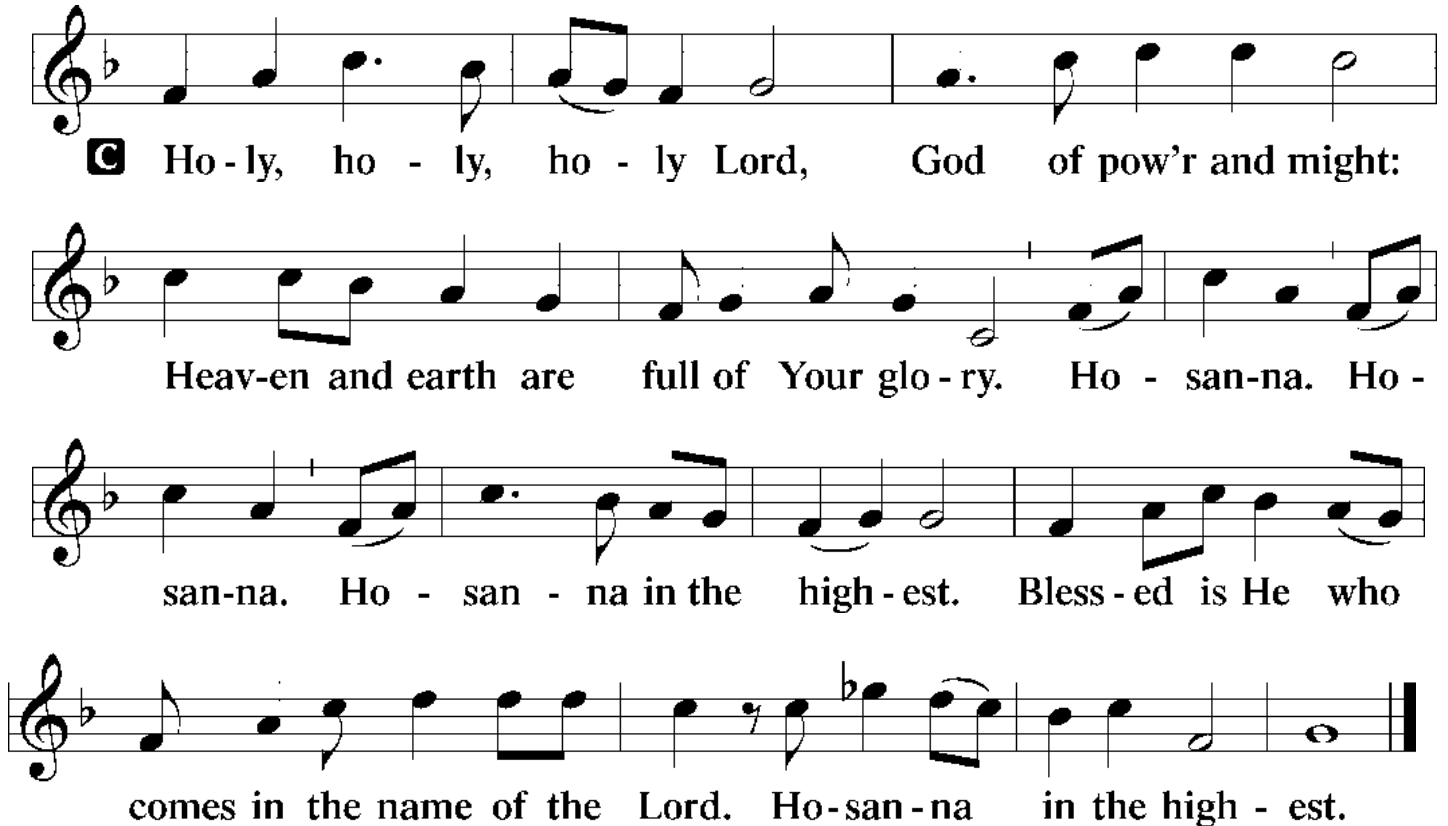
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE *(Prayer for the liturgical season in preparation for Holy Communion)*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for we praise You for the glorious

resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world, and gives that to us in this Sacrament, so that by His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising to life He restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*Latin for "Holy"*) (Divine Service, Setting One)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Hosanna: "Save now."*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*The Word of our Lord proclaimed to bless the bread and the cup on the Consecration Table to also now be His body and blood. Please look up to witness this beautiful consecration.*)

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

PAX DOMINI (*Latin for the "Peace of the Lord"*)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God"*) (Divine Service – Setting One)

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION and DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- "Song of Fellowship" – Senior Choir with June Cook as Flutist
- "Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus"... RED 348
- "O Savior, Precious Savior"RED 352
- "What a Friend We Have a Jesus" ... RED 457
- "Beautiful Savior"...RED 657

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER: *(Please pray silently after receiving The Lord's Supper)*

Almighty God, I thank You for feeding me this life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in order to preserve my forgiveness and salvation from You. Send Your Holy Spirit to help me live, by not sinning, and by serving You through helping others with my thoughts, words, and deeds. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Now that we better appreciate God's everlasting blessings, here are some suggestions for ways we can show that thanksgiving through service and participating in our congregation.*

THE BENEDICTION *(God be with you blessing)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN..... "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"LSB 660

(Please follow the crucifier and acolyte as they recess)



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!!

C: He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!!

P: With the light of Christ, go in peace, inviting people to the everlasting heavenly banquet.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ESV: English Standard Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal

Serving Today: Organist/Keyboard: Susan Kolander **Lay Elder-Deacons/Ushers:** Zach Anderson, Chuck Baumann, Adrean Avery, Mark Boos, and Jeff Sennett. **Streaming Crew:** Garrett Cook, Joe Goff, Virginia Cook, and Joe Laidig **Acolyte:** Miley Berrier **Crucifier:** Audrey Veale. **Fellowship:** Cindy Zimmerman, Beth Thompson, Ruth Komprood, Sandi McDearmon, Sue Kolander, Vickie Dansbury, Jean Behl, Teresa Behl, and Chrissy Behl. **Altar Guild:** Ruth Komprood and Janice Totten **Office Administrator and Custodian:** Teresa Behl

In-Person Worship Attendance:

- Unity Service #1 at St John's on April 14: **230** (93 of those were from Messiah)
- Unity Service #2 at Trinity on April 21: **208** (91 of those were from Messiah)

On-Line Streaming:

- Unity Service #1 at St. Johns on April 14:
 - Facebook Total Views: **216**
 - YouTube Total Views: **96**
- Unity Service #2 at Trinity on April 21:
 - YouTube ONLY views: **101**

<u>General Operating Offerings Needed Per Month:</u>	\$16,289
Month-To-Date Plate Offering:	\$12,717
Month-To-Date Givelify:	+ \$ 1,355
General Operating Offerings received for April (4 of 5 weeks)	\$14,072
General Operating Offerings still needed to pay April bills	\$ 2,217

*We give praise You, O Lord, for the gifts we have received;
Please, help us receive more for Your glory. Amen.*



If you don't carry much cash or write many checks then Givelify is the perfect and easy way to give your offerings to Messiah. Simply download the app at the *Google Play Store* or *Apple App Store*. It is safe and secure. If you need help setting up the app, please contact Jim Shellenberger at (815) 275-2081 or Carl Creedy at (608) 201-2466.

Messiah's Food Pantry at the Farmer's Market in Downtown Beloit: Saturdays, July 20 and September 7 from 8am to 1pm. We will have our own booth selling food, offering nutritional information, and so much more. Further details to come.

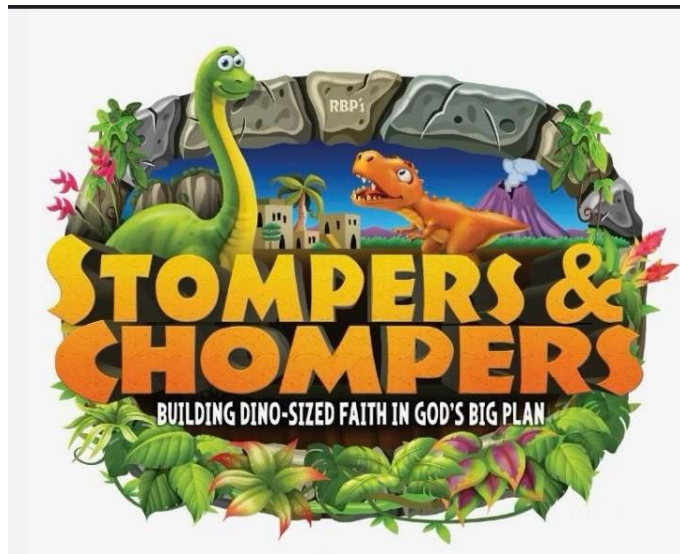
Devotion Resources: (To help you with your daily meditations with the Lord)

- **Portals of Prayer** devotion books. If we are out, please talk to Pastor Dan
- **LHM.org** for Daily Devotion and other resources to help you with your study of God's Word. The site has audio podcasts, videos, and Bible Studies to download.
- **KFUO.org** the LCMS owned radio station...has audio podcasts.
- **Project Connect** carousel has topical pamphlets to help you with specific challenges you or a loved one may be facing. Located by main church entrance.
- **CD Table:** has previous worship services and Bible Studies edited for you to listen in your car, on your computer or CD player. Located in Narthex.
- **Messiah's Library:** Over in the Parsonage/Sunday School area. Books and videos that are harder to find on the Internet. See Cheryl Sennett or Pastor Dan.
- Please take advantage of these free resources.

Sunday	9am	Unity #3 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	10am	Sunday School (Dismissed before Communion)
	10:30am	Unity Fellowship with St. John's and Trinity Bake Sale and celebrating April Birthdays for Messiah, St. John's and Trinity
Monday	6pm	Confirmation Downstairs Conference Room
Tuesday	1pm	Adult Bible Study Fellowship Hall, Phone, and Zoom
	5:30pm	New Membership Class in Upstairs Conference Room
Wed - Thurs		Pastor Dan's Days Off for Bereavement
Saturday	9am	Senior Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sunday	9am	Divine Worship with Holy Communion (Regular Schedule)
	10am	Sunday School and Fellowship (Regular Schedule)
	11am	Divine Worship with Holy Communion (Regular Schedule)
	12:15pm	Lay Elder-Deacons' Meeting in Upstairs Conference Room

Upcoming Events at Messiah

- Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm: **Parish Planning Council Meeting** Downstairs Conference Room
- Thursday, May 9 from 3:30-5:30pm: **Food Pantry Open**
- Saturday, May 11 at 9am: **Men's Group** In Downstairs Conference Room
- Thursday, May 16 at 5:30pm: **Ladies Bible Study Class** Downstairs Conference Room
- **Mother's Day Services**, Sunday, May 12 at 9am and 11am and Wed, May 15 at 7pm
- **Mother's Day Brunch**: between services on Sunday, May 12 hosted by Lay Elder-Deacons
- **Merger Consideration Committee** Meeting: Sunday, May 19 at 2pm at St. John's
- Thursday, May 23 from 3:30-5:30pm: **Food Pantry Open**
- **Father's Day Services**, Sunday, June 16 at 9am and 11am, Wed June 19 at 7pm
- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, June 23 after 9am service. No 11am service.
- Saturday, July 20 from 8am to 1pm. **Food Pantry at the Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market**
- **VBS**, Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24 5-5:30pm Dinner; 5:30-7:30pm



- Saturday, September 7 from 8am to 1pm: **Food Pantry at the Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market**

Pastor Dan is taking Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2 off for bereavement. If you have an immediate Pastoral Care need, please call Pastor Gene Dassow at 608-481-1162.

Messiah Youth Group will be having a Bake Sale after Worship to help the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2025. It will be a free will donation for all baked goods.

Board Objectives and Responsibilities

These are brief summaries of the various boards. For a comprehensive description of objectives and responsibilities, please ask Jared or Pastor Dan for a copy of the full Constitution and By-laws.

Board of Lay Elder-Deacons

Responsible for supporting the spiritual welfare of the Pastor and members of the congregation, and for the supervision of everything pertaining to the congregational worship. The nature of the duties requires members be noted for their Christian knowledge and have a special interest and experience in spiritual work.

Board of Christian Education

Responsible for planning and administering and supervising the total educational program of the congregation, including, but not limited to, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and confirmation classes.

Board of Fellowship

Responsible for strengthening fellowship between members of the congregation both spiritually and socially, and for integrating new members into the congregation. This board will plan and implement social gatherings, annual events, activities for all members of the congregation, as well as plan and execute special events for welcoming and integrating new members.

Board of Stewardship

Responsible for initiating programs to develop stewardship by encouraging and enlisting members of the congregation to serve Christ and the congregation with their time and unique talents. This board also ensures the financial stability of the congregation and its work through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, first fruits giving.

Board of Evangelism

Responsible for bringing the Gospel to the unchurched, enlisting all of God's people in the work of spreading the Gospel, and deepening the faith of and engagement of all members of the congregation.

Board of Properties

Responsible for the maintenance, repair, and custodial care of church property, representing the congregation in all legal matters, and the general protection of the congregation against loss or damage of any nature.

Board of Young People's Work

Responsible for involving young people of the congregation in the work of Christ, encouraging and nurturing their spiritual growth, and promoting to them the value of genuine Christian fellowship.

Board of Public Relations

Responsible for publicizing the work of the congregation through various channels, including, but not limited to, newsletters, social media, church bulletin boards. This board will also integrate the congregation's work into the community and engage members in community service.

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Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To our first-time guests and visitors, we extend our sincere greeting. To those who seek a church home, we invite you to our fellowship. Messiah has existed since 1959 to receive God's forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament and to share the good news that God's Son, Jesus Christ, lives, died, and rose for all.

Divine Worship Schedule

Sundays with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM and 11AM

Wednesdays with Holy Communion – 7:00 PM

Leadership

Rev. Daniel Eddy	Pastor	<u>314.775.7371</u>
Jared McCannon	President	815-973-8798
Bill Swanson	Vice-President	608-295-1829
Merri Boos	Treasurer	815-703-0990
Zach Anderson	Lay Elder-Deacons	608-207-0509
Ruth Komprood	Co-Chair Evangelism	608.751.8061
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Cheryl Sennett	Christian Education	608.289.2686
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Eldon Kolander	Properties	815-298-9739
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