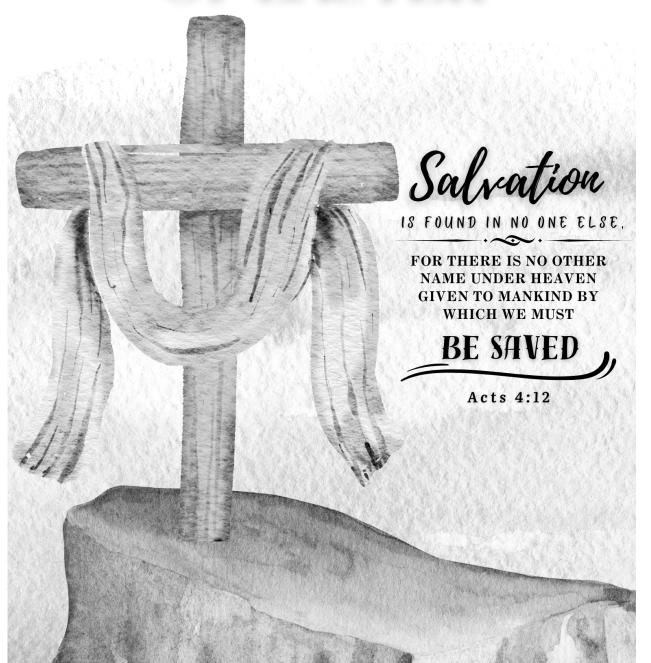
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive PO Box 44 Kewaskum, Wisconsin www.stlucaswels.org

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 2023

The Season

This season of Easter is a 50- day-long celebration of the fact that we have a Savior who rose from the grave. We believe this life-changing truth. Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means for us.

The Sunday

Although it is not commanded in Holy Scripture, confirmation is a church custom which has developed over many centuries. In the Confirmation Rite, we hear young people who have been instructed in Christian doctrine according to the Bible, as expressed in Martin Luther's Small Catechism, confess their faith. We pray for them as the pastor lays his on them As a congregation we invite them to participate in the Lord's Supper, since they are able to examine themselves spiritually and recognize Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament. Confirmation is an important milestone in a young person's spiritual education. Yet it is not the endpoint for anyone, young or old. Learning the Word of God is an ongoing privilege for every believer.

Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Organist:

Coralee Henning

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Henry Schacht (8 am) Doug Strack (10:30 am)

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

CW 470 Stand for the 4th stanza



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dialogue

Words of our Savior following his resurrection

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

"Peace be with you!"

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

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

"Feed my lambs."

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

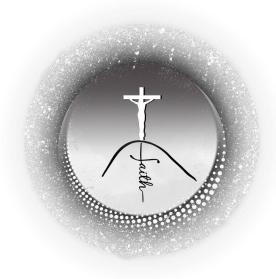
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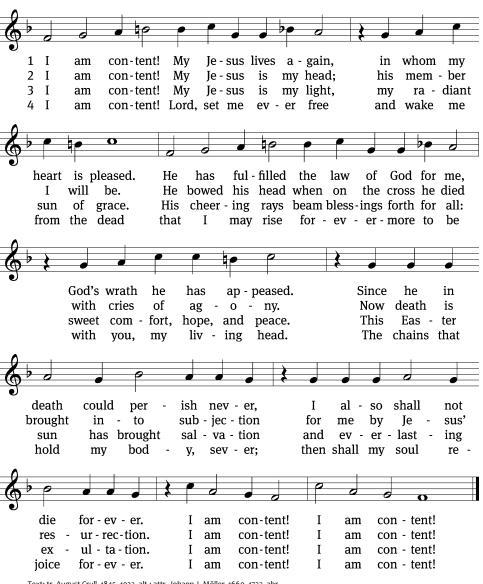
"Take care of my sheep."

"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

"Feed my sheep."





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The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Acts 4:8–12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

" 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This is the Day the LORD Has Made

Psalm 118A

Sung responsively with minister





This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

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. Refrain

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and,

"A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.
⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia!

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1–11

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

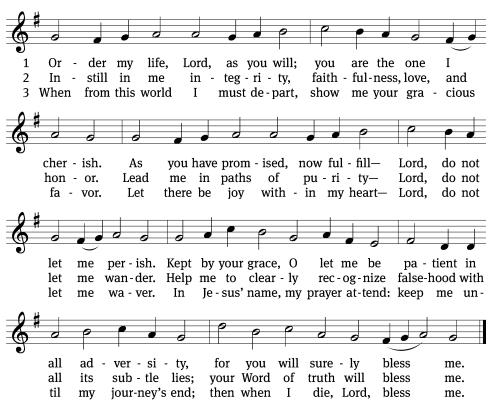
Children's Sermon

8:00 am & 10:30 am Children may come forward to the front pew



Order My Life, Lord, as You Will

CW 701



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Sermon

Acts 4:8-12The Holy Spirit Empowers You to Confess Boldly



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.





Confirmation 1:00 pm

Confirmands:

- + Alexya Jean Ebert
 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33
- + Ranen James Enright
 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
- → Sienna Rose Hatch
 - "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Romans 8:18
- → Jordyn Rose Prochnow
 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- + Stuart James Scheunemann
 - "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," Hebrews 12:1
- + Jaxson William Robert Voit
 - "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4
- + Cassie Ray Wolter
 - "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
 - They will soar on wings like eagles;
 - they will run and not grow weary,
 - they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? **I do reject him.**

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God? **I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God? **I do**.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



The pastor speaks to those being confirmed:

I now invite each of you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

Those being confirmed may approach the altar in turn and may kneel. The minister may lay his hand on the head of each and speak one of the following blessings. A passage from the Scriptures may also be read.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit for your strengthening in faith, your growth in grace, your patience in suffering, and for the blessed hope of eternal life.

The God of peace sanctify you through and through and keep you blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The minister says:

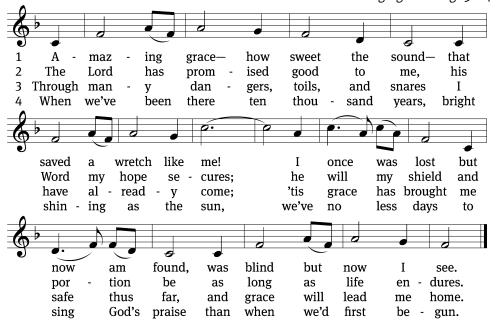
The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.



Amazing Grace

CW 576 1 pm Service Confirmands sing stanzas 1 & 2 Congregation sings 3 & 4



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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through 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.

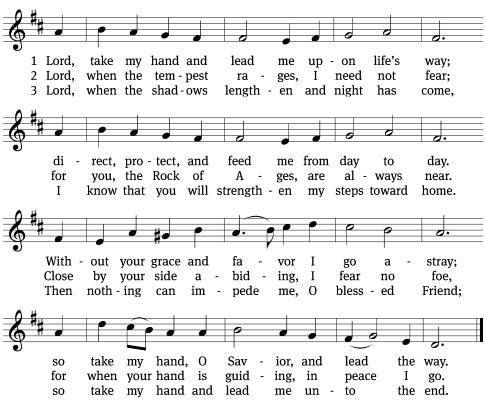
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

CW 849



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Announcements

Mark Hesse's Call Response:

Dear St. Lucas Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement as I deliberated between my calls at Memorial and St. Lucas. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the Lord, let alone two good opportunities. However, at this time it is clear that I am still needed at St. Lucas, so after prayer and deliberation, I have decided to decline this call to Memorial Lutheran Church and School.

Join me in praying that God continues to bless and keep the congregation of Memorial as they carry out his work in Williamston, MI. I look forward to the blessings God has in store for St. Lucas and the continued work we can do together. "May [the Lord] give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed," (Psalm 20:4).

In Christ,

Mark A. Hesse

Camp Phillip Day Camp - Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls

Sign up now for Pilgrim's Camp Phillip Day Camp, for students going into grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp is just \$50 per camper for five days of fun! You can register using this QR code: Spots are filling fast; we hope you can join us! You can see what Camp Phillip offers at their facilities in Wautoma on their website at www.campphillip.com. The beauty of day camp is that they "bottle up the essence of Camp Phillip's summer camp program and bring it to our church as an alternative week-long program."

Upcoming Concerts at KML

Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for one or more of our upcoming concerts:

- Jazz and Echoes Concert: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM Featuring KML jazz bands and Echoes show choir
 - A Night of Percussion: Saturday, May 13, 6:30 PM Featuring the percussion ensembles of KML and KML Federation Elementary Schools
 - Spring Concert: Saturday, May 20, 6:30 PM Featuring KML bands and choirs

For those unable to attend in person, all concerts will be livestreamed at kmlhs.org/stream.

KML Job Opening: Part-Time Accountant

Due to the retirement of Bob Heider, KML is looking for a part-time accountant. This position is responsible for preparing, presenting, and analyzing KML's monthly and year end financial statements and managing student billing accounts. 20-25 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

View a more detailed job description at kmlhs.org/accountant23.

Please submit resumes by **May 22, 2023**, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations, at <u>jody.hansen@kmlhs.org</u>.

Questions? Call Mr. Hansen at 262.677.4051 x4004.

WELS Historical Institute – History of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee
Come celebrate the 175th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on Sunday June
11th, 2023 starting at 2 pm. Pastor James Huebner will be giving a presentation of the history
of Grace Lutheran Church, founded in 1849. Over the course of its 174-year history, the
congregation and pastors of Grace have played a significant role in spreading the message of
Christ and his salvation both in Milwaukee and in the Wisconsin Synod.

Grace Lutheran Church is located at 1209 N. Broadway, Milwaukee WI. If you are interested but can't attend in person, you can watch live at: https://vimeo.com/event/3182263

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

Birthdays:

Virginia Backhaus – 5/8	Taylor Toth – 5/9	Tim Belger – 5/12
Shane Dreher - 5/9	Andrew Otto - 5/11	David Butzke - 5/13
Heather Hanson – 5/9	Abby Backhaus – 5/12	Violet Hesse - 5/13
Marvin Marquardt – 5/9		

Calendar

Readings for May 7^{th} – May 14^{th} , 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY			
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Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27		Leviticus 21:1-24		Leviticus 23:1-22			
Luke 11:37-54		Luke 12:1-12		Luke 12:13-34			
*Worship 8am		Bil		Bible hour 6:30pm			
Sunday School & Bible Hour 9:15am							
*Worship 10:30am Confirmation 1 pm							
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY			
	10		11			12	
		Leviticus 24:1-23					
Leviticus 23:23-44		Leviticus 25:1-55		Leviticus 26:1-20			
Luke 12:35-53		Luke 12:54-13:17					
		Bible hour 10am School Chapel Service 7:45an		n			
		St. Lucas Lutheran School					
				performance of "The Lion King" 6pm			
SATURDAY		SUNDAY		USHERS			
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Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44		Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48					
Numbers 1:1-2:34		Numbers 4:1-8:4		Saturday 5/06:	Beyer	6pm	
Luke 14:1-24		Luke 14:25-15:10	,	Sunday 5/07:	Schacht	8am	
*Worship 6pm w/Communion		*Worship w/Communion 8a				10:30am	
6pm		Sunday School & Bible Hour		Saturday 5/13:	Butzke	6pm	
		9:15am		Sunday 5/14:	Kempf	8am	
		*Worship w/Communion 10:30am		Junuay 5/14.	Koch	10:30am	

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