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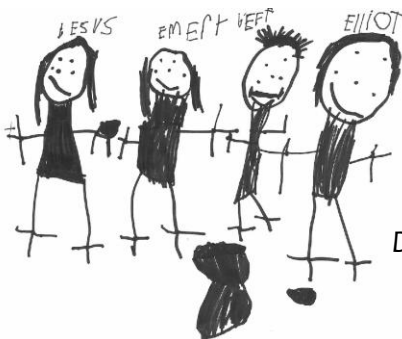
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April 5, 2026

9:00AM

Closer to Jesus, Closer Together



Drawing by Emery

Today we will also celebrate the Baptisms of
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Easter Call to Worship

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

Amen.

Dear people of God, I bring you good news: Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Rejoice, people of God! Today death has been defeated.

Thanks be to God! Jesus has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light.

Rejoice, people of God! You will live forever!

Thanks be to God! Heaven truly is our home.

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord.

Praise him in his mighty heaven. Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Opening Hymn –

Crown Him with Many Crowns/Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Worship Band: *Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.*

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem
drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless
King thro' all eternity.

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King to whom is
giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns
as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many
crowns for he is King of all.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!” Alleluia!
saints on earth and angels say. Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll’wing our exalted head. Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, abr., alt.

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Worship Band: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Baptism

Remain seated

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by

giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

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.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues

Prayer after Baptism

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received [*name(s)*] as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 2:2–9

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.

²He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’

⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. ⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Let Us Rejoice

Psalm 118E

Refrain



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



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Choir:

- 1 *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say:
"His mercy endures forever." (Refrain)*
- 2 *The hand of the LORD has struck with pow'r,
his right hand is exalted;
I shall not die, but live anew,
declaring the works of the LORD. (Refrain)*
- 3 *The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone;
the LORD of love and mercy
has brought wonder to our eyes. (Refrain)*

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After

that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Senior Choir Anthem

He is Risen

Words and music by Paul Baloche and Graham Kendrick
arr. By Mary Hamby

*Early morning, break of dawn, stumbling to the tomb;
Standing awe-struck, wond'ring who rolled away the stone;
And as the sun came up, amazed they looked inside
and saw an angel clothed in light; Don't be afraid, He is alive*

*He is risen; Hallelujah, Hallelujah;
Christ is risen; Let the whole world sing
Christ is risen; Christ is risen from the dead.*

*Sing with all creation, sing of a world made new;
Endless life we too may live, bursting from the tomb;
And looking up we see our King enthroned on high;
His wounds of love now glorified; Rejoice, for soon He'll burst the skies.*

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

The account of Christ's Easter victory.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning,

and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day - 451 See, What a Morning



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of
2 See Mar - y weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in sor - row she
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro’ the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is
call - ing her name; it’s the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow’r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
 life a-gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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Sermon

Jonah 2:2-9

Easter means that we don't have to be afraid of: God, Death & Life

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward at this time. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

Prayer of the Church

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

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.

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

449 This Joyful Eastertide

CW 449



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
 my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 shall wake the dead in num - ber.

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Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,
 our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Tune: Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684
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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours 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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn - 441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly
friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and
King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**Today's bulletin is given In thanksgiving for our Saviors resurrection
by Scott and Linda Schomberg**

Announcements

April 5, 2026

Worship Leader: Winfried Schroeder

Musicians: Tamara Koenig, Aaron Bode, Andrea Frick, Nathan Miller, Sarah, Jeff & Michael Sell, Amanda Wenzel

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Dale Crist

Sunday – Ryan Brink

Altar Committee – Bonnie Sadowski & Kendra Mann

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 43; Sunday – 221



Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Tom & Rose Drazkowski

Sunday – Steve Erickson Group

This Week – April 5 -12

Sunday	7:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast served by Club 3:16
	9:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
Monday		Finance #1
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Callista Court Service
	1:45 PM	Saint Anne Service
	6:00 PM	Church Council
Friday		
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship/Communion
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion/Children's Church
	10:15 AM	Bible Class/Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	12:00 PM	Public School Catechism (at Wilson)
	2:00 PM	Jesus Cares

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received Mar. 28/29: \$5,897.00

Church Announcements:

On March 22, we extended a call to Pastor Matthew Schwartz from Oakfield Wi. Please feel welcomed to reach out to him at 1-920-263-8571 or pastor@stlukesoakfield.com. Please keep Pastor Schwartz and his family in your prayers as he decides where best to serve our God.

Please remember to write your name in the red attendance books located at the end of each pew, the Elders thank you for this.

Do you have a student attending MLC next fall? Please let Lindsey Anderson in the office know. email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or phone: 507-454-3083.

Women's Fellowship

- **April 18 – LWMS Winona Circuit Spring Rally**
- **April 20 – Meeting @6:30 – Game Night**

The LWMS Winona Circuit Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 18th at St. Paul Lutheran in Onaslaska WI. We will be learning how the 100 Missions in 10 Years is progressing from Jeff Mahnke, chairman of the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board.

Spring Yard Clean Up! Club 3:16 is offering their services to clean up yards this spring. There is no minimum fee for this service, however, we do encourage a freewill donation. This donation will be directly put towards our funds needed to attend the Youth Rally coming up in July. If you are in need of some yard cleaning, please reach out to Kris Anderson @ 507.459.0044 or at club316@stmatthewswinona.org.



Ways to Serve

- **If you would like to sponsor a Radio broadcast**, similar to a bulletin sponsorship, the cost is \$100.00. Please contact Lindsey by email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or by phone: 507-454-3083. If you would like to donate to the Radio Broadcast fund, please use your designated offering envelope.
- **Bulletin Sponsorship:** Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **Apr 12, 19, 26.** The cost is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

WELS News

The Coulee Region OWLS will be holding their first meeting in 2026 on Thursday, April 9th at First Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 West Avenue South, La Crosse at 12:00 Noon with a Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. Our program will be Lydia Schultz talking about the missionary work in Thailand. The people in Thailand make gifts and artifacts to sell to support their mission. Lydia will have some of these items with her for you to see or buy if you wish. All church members – men and women age 55 or older - are welcome. Please come for a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch, and an excellent program. There will be a free will offering. Bring a friend!



Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God and...

- **In memory of Marvin & Donna Rupprecht & Victor Huff by Dean & Pam Rupprecht**
- **In memory of Ray Lisowski by Sandy Lisowski**
- **In memory of Bill & Carol Brommerich by Bob & Judy Brommerich**
- **In memory of Palmer & Myrtle Brand by Bob & Judy Brommerich**
- **In memory of Harold & Elaine Koehler, Sandy Rackow, Duane Koehler, Dwight Koehler, Lynette Koehler, Gerald Bade and Renee Brown by Cindy & Jay Bade (2)**
- **By Darlene Metzler**
- **In memory of Jim Bell by Kris Bell**
- **In memory of Gerald & Fernanda Loeffler**
- **In memory of Arlene Fenske by Carol Nelsestuen**
- **In honor of Richard Nelsestuen by Carol Nelsestuen**
- **By David Kuehner**
- **By Alaina Kuehner**

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WITH A FRIEND

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