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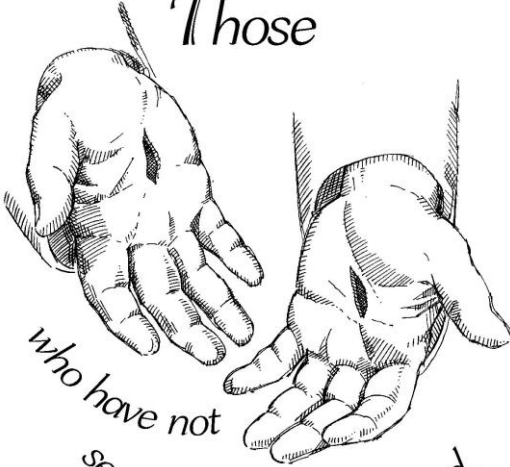
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*Closer to Jesus, Closer Together*

*Blessed  
are  
Those*



*who have not  
seen and yet have believed.*

*John 20:29*

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# Second Sunday of Easter

## What Difference Does it Make?

### HE LIVES TO GIVE ME PROOF AND PEACE

*Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to wonder whether anything he said was true. Thomas had been taught and trained by Christ himself. He heard Jesus predict his death and resurrection. Even after hearing the eyewitness testimony of friends, Thomas still had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. But he lives, and it makes a difference. Today I have great comfort as someone with doubts about Christ's promises in my life. Jesus engages me with continuing assurances in Word and sacrament. I have proof. I have peace.*

### **Welcome to our Guests.**

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God who has come to save us. If there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know.

### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

### **OUR FACILITIES**

A restroom is located in the Mother's Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions. The members of St. Matthew's believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your left. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

**Out of courtesy for your fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.**

## Opening Hymn of Praise - 460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 173

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

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

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

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
2. Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin;  
Cast all your burdens now on Him.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign;  
Heaven and earth will join to say,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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.**

### Responsive Reading from God's Word

*1 Corinthians 15:55–57*

<sup>55</sup>“Where, O death, is your victory?  
**Where, O death, is your sting?”**

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup>**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Be seated*

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

CW 675 sts. 1, 4, 6–8



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal  
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no  
 7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love  
 more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,  
 lone can sin de - stroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22–32

*The living Lord appeared to many eyewitnesses so they could testify to the truth of Jesus' resurrection.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup>“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup>This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup>David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in

hope, <sup>27</sup>because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup>But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 447 Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

CW 447 sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-5



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!  
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 4

*Refrain on next page*

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -  
 lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:

*(Fine)*

"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5

4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
 they preached the truth and pow'r of grace  
 and pouring out their lives they gained  
 life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave  
 now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save.  
 He frees our hearts to live his grace;  
 go, tell of his goodness. (Refrain)

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3–9

*St. Peter points to the resurrection as proof of the hope we have.*

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though

you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## 456 O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW 456 sts. 1-4



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he  
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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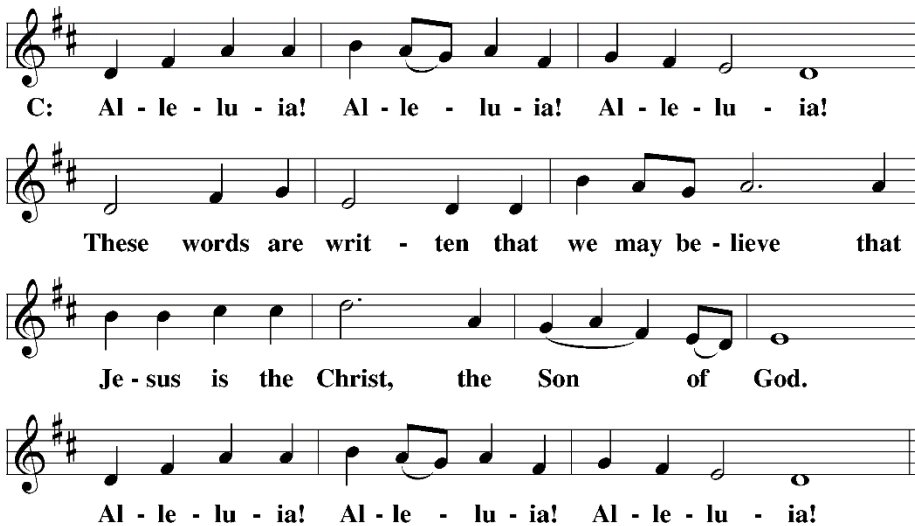
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Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:31



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel

John 20:19–31

*Jesus gave the proof that led to peace for Thomas.*

<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*

## 456 O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW 456 sts. 5–9



5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard that Je - sus  
6 “Thom - as, be - hold my side,” said he, “my hands, my  
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; he saw the  
8 Bless - ed are they that have not seen and yet whose  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days to God your



had ful - filled his word, he doubt - ed that it was the Lord.  
feet, my bod - y see; and doubt not, but be - lieve in me.”  
feet, the hands, the side; “You are my Lord and God,” he cried.  
faith has con - stant been; in life e - ter - nal they shall reign.  
hearts and voic - es raise in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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Stand

## **Prayer**

Let us pray.

Dearest Jesus, we thank and praise you for conquering sin, death, and the devil with your death on the cross and resurrection on the third day. You gave us eye witnesses of this resurrection so that we may be certain of what we have not seen. Let their witness of the resurrection be a joy in the trials of this life and an unwavering hope of the perfect life to come. Give us eyes that look for your coming again with great eagerness.

**Amen.**

## **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*

## **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 during the offering hymn. 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.*

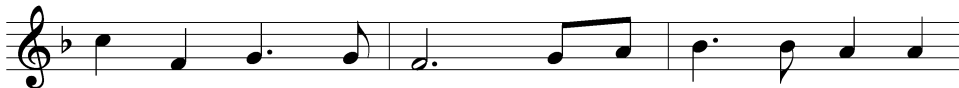
## Offering Hymn - 470 Like the Golden Sun Ascending



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, break - ing through the  
2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O  
3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion, all my sins on  
4 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, for your gos - pel's



gloom of night, on the earth its glo - ry spend - ing so that  
Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, you have  
you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion, on the  
great re - ward, for your bap - tism which has saved me, for your



dark - ness takes to flight, thus my Je - sus from the  
con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you did a -  
cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
sup - per and your Word; for your death, the bit - ter



grave and death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave rose tri -  
rise and have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
rise and shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
scorn, for your res - ur - rec - tion morn: Lord, I



um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing at the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
ful - ly sing the glo - ry of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
thank you and ex - tol you, and in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

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## Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

**Amen.**

## The Sacrament

*Stand*

### **Preface**

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

CW 184



God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. 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, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son’s body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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.

## 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 T 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.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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*Be seated*

### OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church observes the biblical practice of *close communion*. If you are not currently a member of our congregation or a sister WELS/ELS congregation, you may come forward for a blessing (indicated by placing your hand on your heart) but we would kindly ask that you understand that we are not able to give you communion. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor. We look forward to talking about this with you.

### Distribution Hymn - 676 Take and Eat

*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you.



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
a cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
you are my flock: you know the shep - herd's voice;  
You are God's dwell - ing - place, on me you rest;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
you are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.

5 I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the Morning Star that never sets;  
lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)

6 I am the first and last, the Living One;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;  
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. (Refrain)

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## Distribution Hymn - 464 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a - gain, in whom my  
 2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; his mem - ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, my ra - dian't  
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free and wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for me,  
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he died  
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all:  
 from the dead that I may rise for - ev - er - more to be



God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in  
 with cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is  
 sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter  
 with you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not  
 brought in - to sub - jec - tion for me by Je - sus'  
 sun has brought sal - va - tion and ev - er - last - ing  
 hold my bod - y, sev - er; then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 joyce for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

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Stand

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Today's bulletin is given in honor of our Risen Savior!**

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# Announcements



**April 11 & 12, 2026**

**Worship Leader:** Sat – Shannon Bohme; Sun – Scott Schomberg

**Musicians:** Tamara Koenig, Aaron Bode, Andrea Frick, Nathan Miller, David Sell, Amanda Wenzel

**Councilmen on Duty this Weekend**

Saturday – Dean Rupprecht

Sunday – Shannon Bohme

**Ushers on Duty this Weekend**

Saturday – Tom & Rose Drazkowski

Sunday – Steve Erickson Group

**Altar Committee** – Bonnie Sadowski & Kendra Mann

**Last Week Attendance:** Maundy Thursday – 130 Good Friday – 131 Sunday 7am – 71 9am - 250

## This Week – April 12 - 19

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:15 AM	Bible Study/Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	12:00 PM	Public School Catechism (Wilson)
	2:00 PM	Jesus Cares
Monday		Finance #2
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 AM	LWMS Rally @ St. Paul's in Onalaska
	5:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	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)

## Financial News

**Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings:** \$8,173.08

**Offerings received April 5:** \$12,585.00

## 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](mailto:pastor@stlukesoakfield.com). Please keep Pastor Schwartz and his family in your prayers as he decides where best to serve our God.
- **The April edition of Forward in Christ** is available to pick up in the church entrance. There are several Easter articles that reflect on what Easter means for us: “We are risen indeed” (p.5)-a look at how we are risen with Christ through Baptism; “It’s worth it” (p.10) – a study of the truths of Jesus’ humiliation and exaltation; “A planned victory procession” (p. 12) – a review of Jesus’ Palm Sunday ride into Jerusalem and what it says to us today; “Q&A” (p. 1) – an examination of the timing and purpose of Jesus’ descent into hell.
- **Our next card club and lunch** will be on April 19th. There is a church meeting that day, so we will have lunch as soon as that is cleared out, hopefully still close to 11:45. We'll follow the pizza lunch with our card games. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. We also need people to sign up to bring desserts. Hope you will be able to join us on that day.
- **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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran in Onasaska 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org) or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets after the morning worship service starting about 10:15-11:15. In our study this Sunday we'll be looking at how God prepares the world for the Gospel that the apostle Paul would preach to the Gentiles. Please join us. Coffee and donuts are offered.



**Wednesday Bible Study @ 6pm** meets in the Church Fellowship room in the basement.

**College to 30's Bible Study** meets at the Bohme's home on Monday evenings at 5:45-7:30pm. Come and enjoy time with friends sharing faith and food. The address is 27385 Ruslynn Dr. Winona MN.



**Men's Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 7am at Perkins. All men are invited. Please contact Dean Rupprecht for the next meeting.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on Thursdays @ 11:30am at Beno's. We will be studying from the book **Taboo** by Mike Novotny beginning March 5. All women are welcome!

There is a mini **outreach group** that you may contact if there is someone you are wanting to invite to church or would like to give a bible presentation to. These men are willing to meet with you and that person at a place of your choosing to talk with, listen to and share with them. **Shannon Bohme**- 651-324-4218; **Dean Rupprecht**- 507-730-8854; **Jeff Sell**- 801-895-9910

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WITH A FRIEND