



"Because I live, you also will live."

*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2017*



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## WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God’s house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

## A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it’s the good news on every page of God’s Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** [oursaviourwels.org](http://oursaviourwels.org)

## OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour’s proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod ([wels.net](http://wels.net)). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).





## THE SEASON OF EASTER

After forty days, the Church bursts out in excited praise at the Resurrection of our Lord. The alleluias and Glorias, which were absent from Lent, now ring out again as the Bride of Christ welcomes her Bridegroom back from the dead. Easter is as the pinnacle of the Church Year, the oldest festival and season observed by the worshipping Church. The celebration of Easter victory lasts 49 days culminating on the 50th day, Pentecost.

## WORSHIP SERIES



*April 23 – Forgiveness through faith*

***April 30 – Hope from promises kept***

*May 7 – Full life through the gate (Confirmation)*

*May 14 – The only way to the Father*

*May 21 – The fruit of the Spirit*

*May 28 – A hidden but heavenly reality (Ascension)*

*June 4 – One lasting gift (Pentecost)*

For forty days during Lent, we followed our Savior in his battle against sin. Easter is the celebration of his victory over death, the devil, and hell for us. This triumph lasts a lot longer than one day; it lasts for eternity. We spend fifty days rejoicing on the victory parade that Jesus leads, showing the spoils of his war that are ours through faith in him. Today, Jesus shows us that his victory gives us hope. When hope is in the wrong person or thing, promises end up broken or worse. That's where earthly hopes lead us. But when God gives you the hope of Easter, then you will never be left alone. His promise of life through Christ is unbreakable because Christ broke the power of death. Our hope is living no matter what because it is based, not on our lives or our dreams, but on Jesus' victory that lasts forever.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

*Presiding & Preaching*

*Pastor Tom Moldenhauer*

*Organist*

*Deb Selland*

*Ushers*

*Dick Gimbel, Don Lang, Cole Gross, Larry Zacher*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



# MORNING PRAISE

This service order is based on the historic order called "Matins."

PASTOR'S WELCOME



WELS CONNECTION

OPENING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen | # 143

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L** O Lord, open my lips.
- C** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**
- L** Hasten to save me, O God.
- C** **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**
- L** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen, indeed!**
- L** The glory of Christ is revealed:
- C** **Let us worship him.**

Psalm 51:15

Psalm 70:1

At the beginning of Morning Praise the traditional song is called the "Venite" meaning, "Come!"

Christians come together in the morning at this time of year with Easter joy to worship the living Lord.

In monastic communities long ago, monks and clergy would gather every morning for this service to begin their day.

HYMN OF PRAISE

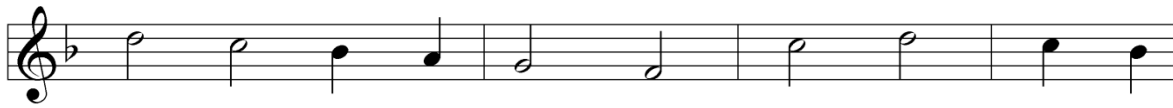
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain | # 142



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
 2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is  
 3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el  
 fly - ing From his light, to whom we give  
 stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of  
 Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the  
 Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from  
 gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the  
 raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.  
 watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.  
 brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

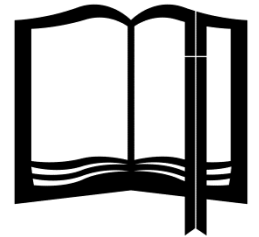
**L** Let us pray.

*Pastor says the prayer printed on page 3, after which the congregation responds:*

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited up front for a brief devotion with Pastor.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

<sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

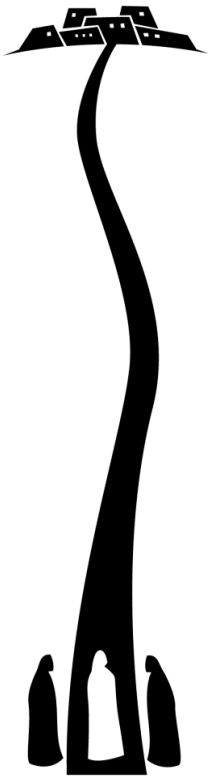
*We are strangers in this world because the blood of Christ purchased us for eternity and our only hope is in his resurrection.*

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:13-35**

*Jesus restores  
hope through  
his life and his  
Word.*



<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

***This Joyful Eastertide | # 160***

SERMON

**Acts 24:10-21**

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: “I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup>You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>12</sup>My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city.

<sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me.

<sup>14</sup>However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. <sup>16</sup>So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

<sup>17</sup>“After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup>I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin—<sup>21</sup>unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”

***My Defense Is Jesus’ Resurrection.***

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

***At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing | # 141***

*Please be seated.*

*We respond to the Word by with this ancient Latin Easter season song. It was normally sung at every evening service (vespers) from Easter to Ascension.*

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

*Please help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the **Friendship Register** located at the end of the pew.*

*As the offering is brought to the front, please stand.*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**L** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Lord Jesus, our perfect Lamb, we give you thanks for the sacrifice you made to pay for our sins. By your power that crushed death and hell, help us fend off the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. To keep the hope of Easter every day, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**L** For all people of this world, for the growth of your Church, for the strengthening of all those who worship you one in faith with us, and for the joy to serve you in faithfulness and boldness, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Living Lord, you take care of your church in perfect love. We commend ourselves to your care. Forgive the sins, relieve the suffering and heal the diseases of your people.

Hear us as we offer our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**L** We join in the words you have taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



Please stand.

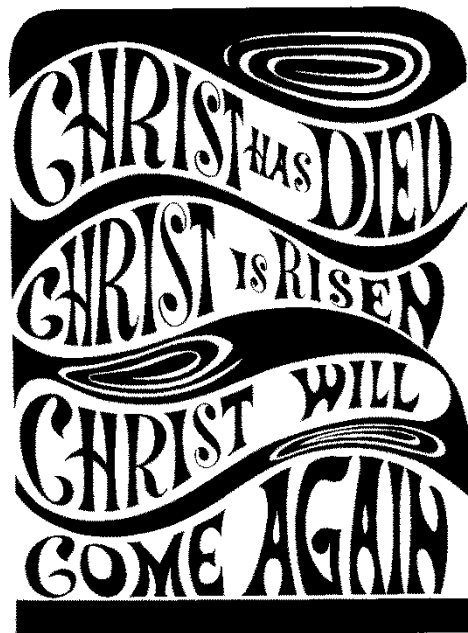
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

BLESSING

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

2 Corinthians 13:14



# NEWS & NOTES

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## THIS WEEK

Today – Choir Practice 8:15am  
**Worship @ 9am**  
Congregational Meeting @ 10:15  
Sunday School @ 10:15

Monday – Examination at Redeemer @ 7pm

Wednesday – Bible Night @ 6pm  
(An adult and women's study, Catechism class, and childcare at the Redeemer campus in Mandan)

Sunday – Choir practice @ 8:15am  
**Worship @ 9am (Lord's Supper)**  
Bible Hour @ 10:15

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Hear updates about the last few months of ministry and listen to a few upcoming plans. With the help of our voters, we will also begin the process of mission and vision planning. Rather than missing opportunities God presents for our ministry, our congregation should be ready to take advantage of the ministry he places before us. These meetings and a clear vision for the future help us do that in an organized and committed way.

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study today; we will pick it up in 1 Peter chapter 1 next week.

## CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday, Emmy Miller will be confirmed as a communicant member. We thank the Lord for this blessing and pray for her continued use of God's Means of Grace (Word and Sacrament) for decades to come.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy.*  
Carmike 8 Theater (AMC Classic 8)  
Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:30pm  
This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life and the legacy of Christ's gospel that he proclaimed. It's a must-see for anyone interested in our Lutheran heritage or if you want to introduce friends to our church.  
**IMPORTANT:** All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$9 each and can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening:  
[www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-srm7](http://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-srm7)

## LUTHER MOVIE TICKETS DONATED

A kind gift has been offered by one of our members. 20 tickets have been purchased to be given out on a first come, first served basis. There is a sign up sheet for those who may not be able to afford the tickets or if you want to invite a friend to come with you for free.

## CHURCH LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

There is a sign up sheet for those interested in playing volleyball on Sunday nights this summer.

## BIRTHDAYS

Curt Striegel – May 2

## WELS DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT MISSION WORK IN WILLISTON

Your District Mission Board (DMB) has put in a request to our WELS Board for Home Missions (BHM) to start a mission in Williston, ND. While the BHM has approved this request in the past, there have never been enough synodical funds available. (For example, this year there were 16 requests sent in to the BHM but enough funds for only 7.)

What your DMB, working with the group at Williston, submitted this year could be called “The Six Month Plan.” This plan involves calling a semi-retired pastor to work with them for six months (summer through Christmas). After Christmas, we would sit down together to decide whether it is time to ask for a fulltime home missionary.

The 21 WELS members in Williston still think this is a good plan, as does your District Mission Board and the WELS Board for Home Missions. But this kind of plan, called an exploratory mission, does not fall under the BHM’s umbrella.

So, the 21 WELS members in Williston, through our DMB and with our District President and BHM’s blessing, are asking for your help—both with your prayers and with your gifts.

The total cost of The Six Month Plan is \$35,568. The group in Williston is able to promise \$16,100 for this effort. This leaves a gap of \$19,468. We are asking the congregations and individuals of our district to help fill the gap.

If you would like to help, please send your check to Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, 4800 Southeastern Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Make it payable to Good Shepherd. *Please write on the memo line, “For Williston.”* Gifts will be received from now until Reformation Day.

May our Lord richly bless his work among us!

Pastor Jonathan Werre, Dakota-Montana DMB chairman

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### FAQ

What if the special gifts that are sent in for Williston fall short of the \$19,468 needed?  
Or substantially exceed it?

If gifts are less than the goal, we will first try to adjust the budget to fit with the funds available. If that is not realistic, then we are asking those who sent in gifts to let the funds support some other mission effort in our district. Likewise, if gifts exceed the goal, we are asking those who sent them in to let the funds be used for some other mission effort in our district.

How will these funds be administered?

They will be received and acknowledged by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD. They will be deposited into our district’s checking account. They will be distributed to Lamb of God, Williston, when the Six Month Plan is enacted.

Can individuals or church groups also give gifts?

Yes. Not only can congregations support this effort, but individuals and church groups (for example, a Sunday School might designate its offering for this effort) can as well. Simply send a check to Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, being sure to note that the gift is for Williston.