May 4, 2025 The Third Sunday of Easter



Holy Communion Lutheran Church A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve 2000 West 6th St. Racine, Wisconsin Special thanks to greeter Kay Krause, assisting minister Lynn Sinclair, lector Marianne Jensen, communion assistant Linda Godson, audio visual technician Kylee Albright, altar guild Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Joni Reske, and Lyndsey Newton, ushers Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, council person in charge Laurie Knudson, coffee fellowship Denise Lequia, and Gregory Berg and the Senior Choir for sharing their time and talent with us today.

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Senior Choir (Vaughan Williams / arr. Berg)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

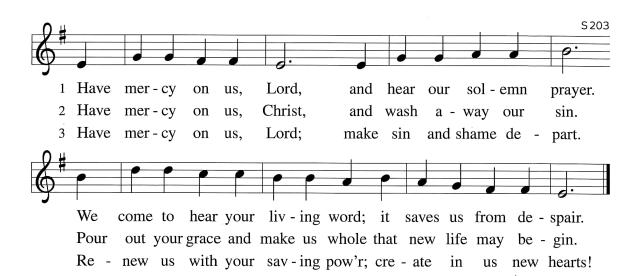


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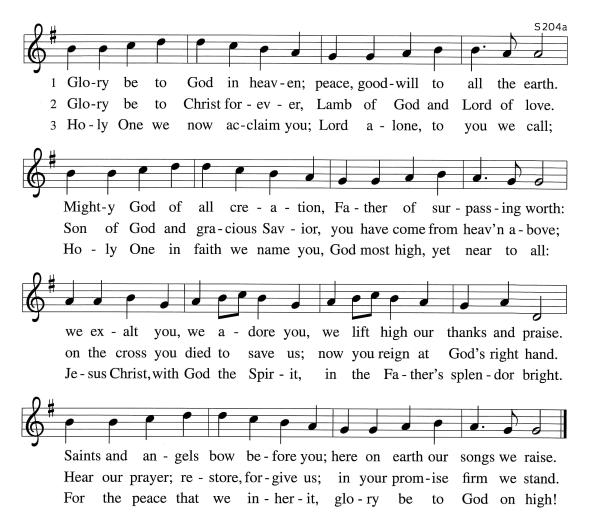
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

GOSPEL: John 21:1-39 The holy gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge



Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547

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CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

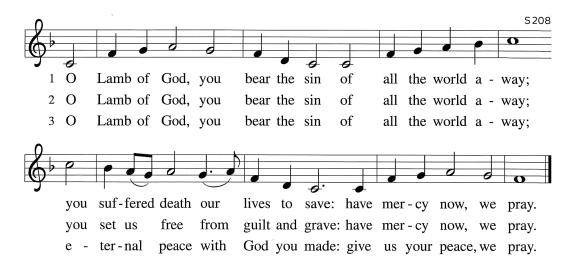
<u>MEAL</u> WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven. Give us this day is 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. Amen.

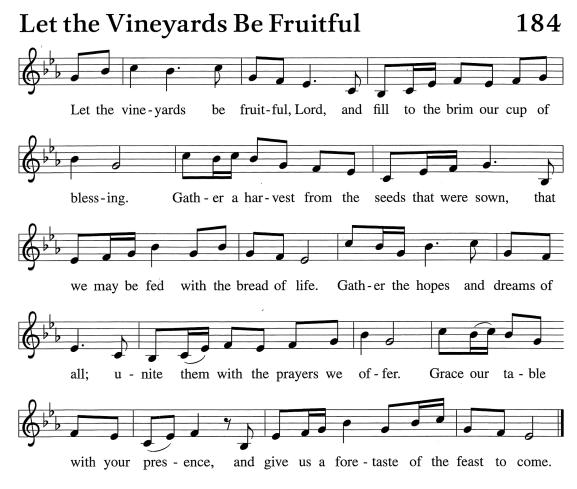
PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

THE CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Bless Your holy church that it may be a powerful extension of Your grace and mercy throughout the world, including those places that are most hurting. Bless this congregation, that we may nurture one another in the faith and be a source of light and love for our community. Make Your presence known to all who commune at Your table of grace, including the young people having their First Communion today. May all of us taste and see Your goodness and grace. Lord in Your Mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Bless all ministries and agencies that feed the hungry, house the homeless, and uplift those who are struggling with the basic necessities of life. We ask for your blessing and guidance for our own food pantry and its many volunteers Keep us from averting our eyes, assigning blame, or eluding Your central command that we love one another. Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Make us mindful of all of the creatures with which we share this planet - and guide us to wiser choices about how we live in the world, that they may thrive. Bless the pets with which many of us share our lives and homes- and from which we learn so much about life, death, and love. And uplift those who work to rescue animals from inhumane conditions or who extend care to animals that are ill or injured. Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of those in our midst with difficult crosses to bear. We remember <names> Bless all who are struggling with hurts in mind, body or spirit - and help us to work for a community, nation and world where all people are properly cared for. Lord in Your Mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Inspire us to love not only those people with whom we easily find connection and feel natural affection - but to extend our love even to those who may be challenging to love. And help us to find ways to love and respect those who see the world very differently than we do. Expand our notion of what it means to love one another. Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer.

God, You command us to feed Your sheep. Galvanize our efforts to safeguard the well-being of the most vulnerable among us- the poor, the abused, the homeless, the disenfranchised, and the rejected. Show us how we can stand with them and advocate for them, and to do so lovingly, selflessly and fearlessly. Lord in Your Mercy

hear our prayer.

We thank you for hearing these prayers and for extending Your tender mercies to us, made perfect in Christ Jesus, our Risen Savior and Shepherd,

Amen

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN vv. 1, 4, 7, 8

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 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 Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please join us in the lounge for a cup of coffee, a treat, and fellowship.

Announcements



<u>Altar Flowers</u>

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of her daughter, Michele Davis, and her son, Michael Davis, given by Cheryl Davis.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a time cup of coffee, some goodies, and a time of fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. We understand that not everyone will be comfortable with this practice yet, so the individual wafer/juice cups are still available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary if you feel more comfortable taking communion in your pew.

Celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion Today

A very special welcome to Giulia Ferrentino, Amelia Haakenson, and Jameson Palmgren and their families and friends. Giulia, Amelia, and Jameson will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time today. They attended classes with their families to learn about communion. Each family was asked to answer the question: **"What Does Receiving Holy Communion Mean To Our Family?"**

"To be thankful for everything and everyone. It means you are growing up and moving toward adulthood. You are ready to receive the body of Christ and become a fuller member of the church. As we receive the body and blood of Jesus, we remember his sacrifice and his unconditional love for everyone. We must strive every day to live as Jesus taught us."

Giulia Marie Ferrentino

"Each time that I receive communion, I will remember all that Jesus did and how very much he loves me." Amelia Mae Haakenson

"To our family it means receiving a gift in remembrance of God and to join his table for a special meal. It is also a symbol of our relationship with God and our faith."

Jameson John Palmgren

Youth Ministry Zone

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Please mark your calendar for our final Confirmation Class, which will be held on Sunday, May 18th. In addition, we will be having a Rite of Confirmation Rehearsal for parents and confirmands on Sunday, June 1st, immediately following worship. And...just a reminder that the Rite of Confirmation Service is on Sunday, June 8th.

Summer Youth Activities

Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark are hoping/planning on doing a couple of fun youth activities during the summer... but they're hoping you can assist them by thinking of some really neat ideas that everyone could partake in...soooooooooooo...please let them know of your great ideas and we'll try to get them on the calendar ©!!!

Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Val Conner for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Daniel. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Sponsorship is a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a month in honor or memory of someone, please let us know.

Our May distribution dates are May 14 th from 11AM – 1PM and May 28 th from 4PM – 6PM. Please tell others about our ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.

Food Pantry Needs In May

In May the pantry is asking for donations of 10 oz. cans of tomato soup, 10 oz. cans of chicken noodle soup, 15 oz. cans of pork & beans, 15 oz. cans of peaches, 15 oz, cans of mixed fruit, 15 oz. cans of pasta with meat (spaghettios, etc.). Please do not donate any animal food.

The pantry can also use your lightly used, plastic shopping bags and large, brown paper bags. If you have greeting cards, pens, or pencils you will not use, the pantry clients would be happy to receive them. We are also looking for cookbooks to offer to our clients.

We are very thankful for all of you who add a few items for the pantry to your cart when you shop or make monetary donations. We could not continue to feed hungry people in our community without you help. We are especially thankful for all who donate their time to volunteer in the pantry. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group who make this ministry possible. Thank you all!

Men's Group Meeting May 9th

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. this Friday, May 9th. The group meets once a month for fellowship and friendly discussion. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Mark at pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!

May Birthday Club

Were you born in May? If you were, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, May 15th at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with others who share your birth month. Come for a cup of coffee, a birthday song, conversation and some laughs. Hope to see you there!

Book Club

For our May meeting, the book club will be discussing <u>The Women</u> by Kristin Hannah. The world is changing in 1965. Frances "Frankie" dares to imagine a different future for herself. She joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to serve in Vietnam. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. But the war is just the beginning. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. The story is of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. We will meet on Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00-11:30 at Julie Burton's home. Call her at 262-639-5914 to get directions and to let her know you will be coming.

For June, we are planning on discussing, The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf.

Finance Update

March 2025 Finance Numbers		Year to Date Finance Numbers	
Revenue	\$55,738.66	Revenue	\$155,535.16
Expense	\$48,750.69	Expense	\$152,501.84
Net Income	\$6,987.97	Net Income	\$3,033.32

In-person attendance Sunday, April 27 - 100 Online attendance - 24

Honoring Our Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating we would like to honor you during the June 1st worship service. Please send the graduate's name, the name of the school, the degree, their plans for the future, and if possible a picture to the office email, office.hclc@gmail.com. Please let us know if you will be here to celebrate with us on the 1st. We will also be honoring these accomplishments in the bulletin and in the June newsletter. Please send your information to the office by Friday, May 23rd. Thank you!

Relay for Life, Friday, June 13, 2025Luminary Workshops: May18th and June 8th After Church

The Annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 13th at Campus Park, 8500 Campus Drive in Mount Pleasant. The event begins at 6PM. You are invited to stop in and alk to ger some extra steps for the day. There is food to purchase and raffles to raise additional money. Remember to stop at the Shorewest Realtors booth, we have the best gift basket raffles. The Luminaries are lit at 9 pm.

Susan Anderson will have luminaria bags for you to purchase and decorate after church on May 18th and June 8th. You can decorate on the spot or bring them home and return to church by June11th. The minimum donations is \$10. Your contribution will help save lives, give hope, and empower people through the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission. Please contact Susan Anderson with any questions 262-902-5334 or susananderson@shorewest.com

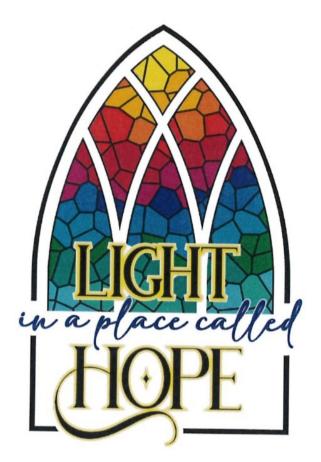
Third Tuesday Bible Study

We are beginning a new study! Here is a chance to join us as we enrich our faith learning about the early Christians. The book of Acts describes how Christianity was spread from Israel to the rest of the whole world. Jesus came at the time of the Roman Empire which brought opportunities for extensive outreach. Acts records this early beginning. May 20th we will discuss the Introduction to the book of Acts using the study guide by William Barclay. We each order the book on line. If you need help. I can order it for you. Hope you will join us May 20th at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Drive from 10:00 to 11:30.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, May 4 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School Monday, May 5 - 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry Thursday, May 8 - Ron Eckhardt funeral at Maresh Meredith Funeral Home10:30 visitation, 11:00 service Friday, May 9 - 9:00 Men's Group 12:30 Food Pantry Saturday, May 10 - 1:00 Porcaro Shower in the Lounge Sunday, May 11 - Happy Mother's Day! 9:30 Worship/Sunday School Monday, May 12 - 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry Tuesday, May 13 - 1:00 Quilters Wednesday, May 14 - 10:00 Book Club 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry Thursday, May 15 - 10:00 Birthday Club Friday, May 16 - 12:30 Food Pantry Sunday, May 18 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 10:30 Luminary Workshop for Relay For Life

You're Invited, Please Join Us!



When & Where

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 @ 11:00 am (shortly after worship) Holy Communion Lutheran Church 2000 West 6th Street, Racine, WI 53405 In the beautiful sanctuary

RSVP by May 25, 2025 with name and # attending to 262-632-8802 (church office)

What

- A FREE Stained Glass Window
 Presentation by Willet Studios, from
 Winona, MN
- Information about stained glass windows and the Holy Communion Lutheran Church window restoration project
- Light refreshments
- Music provided by Caritas, featuring Greg and Kathy Berg and Kate
 Potter-Barrow
- Free will offering gratefully accepted to help support the extensive window project

Why

- Our 43 beautiful stained glass windows are in need of some love.
- Some minor and major repairs are in the works!
- New clear window coverings will replace the old clouded protective panes and allow these beautiful historic pieces to be seen throughout the neighborhood!
- We are known as the "Hope on a Hill" church at the top of the 6th Street hill.
 We strive to be a light in our neighborhood and community.

All are Welcome!

If you would like to join us for worship that morning, the service begins at 9:30 am.

Please come celebrate with us!

https://hopeonahill.org