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Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school...9:15 a.m. Bible class...9:30 a.m.

Today's Worship
*"The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him" (Hab. 2:20).*

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 279: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Announcements

Thank you!

Special thanks to our musicians, activity committee, men's brunch crew, and everyone else who helped make last Sunday's Easter celebration a day to remember.

Voters meeting today

The quarterly voters meeting will be held after second service. All voters and those eligible to become voters are encouraged to set aside this time for the Lord's work among us. Non-voters are always welcome to sit in on the meeting and observe. Prior to the meeting's call to order, opportunity will be given for comments regarding the possible change to the ESV Bible translation and the LSB hymnal for use in church and school.

Home with the Lord

This past Wednesday the Lord in His mercy called Robert Rieger, father of Georgine Quade, home to heaven. The funeral service will be held tomorrow at St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.

Hospitalized

Georgine Quade is hospitalized at Ascension, Elmbrook, for tests and treatment.

Meetings this week

Pastor Eichstadt will be in Eau Claire Monday through Thursday to attend CLC board and Coordinating Council meetings. He may be reached at his cell number: 414-688-4517.

Friday game night

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the informal game night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

CLC news...

Calls: *Pastor Mark Tiefel*, Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has accepted the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. *Teacher Ross Kok*, Holy Cross Lutheran of Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. *Allison Brown*, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has been called a second time to teach preschool part-time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

ILC theater: You are invited to an ILHS production of *Father Knows Best* on April 29 at 2:00 pm and April 30 at 7:30 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. These performances will not be live-streamed. A band concert and student performances will begin a half hour before each production.

CLC history video: *By the Grace of God* is a video prepared by former Messiah member Jamie Arndt for the 50th Anniversary of the CLC. It includes interviews with a number of individuals who were personally involved in the formation of our church body. The video is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/3ruzvr6p>.

Looking Ahead...

- ♣ **Tuesday:**
6:15 P.M: Tech Committee.
- ♣ **Wednesday:**
7:30 P.M: Choir.
- ♣ **Friday:**
6:30 P.M: Family game night.
- ♣ **Next Sunday:**
Lord's Supper.
- ♣ **May 3rd:**
6:00 P.M: Bd. of Education.
7:00 P.M: Bd. of Property.
- ♣ **May 7th:**
9:00 A.M: Spring work day.



Bible Readings:

4/24	Nm 1 Ps 35 Eccl 11 Ti 3
4/25	Nm 2 Ps 36 Eccl 12 Phlm 1
4/26	Nm 3 Ps 37 Song 1 Heb 1
4/27	Nm 4 Ps 38 Song 2 Heb 2
4/28	Nm 5 Ps 39 Song 3 Heb 3
4/29	Nm 6 Ps 40-41 Song 4 Heb 4
4/30	Nm 7 Ps 42-43 Song 5 Heb 5

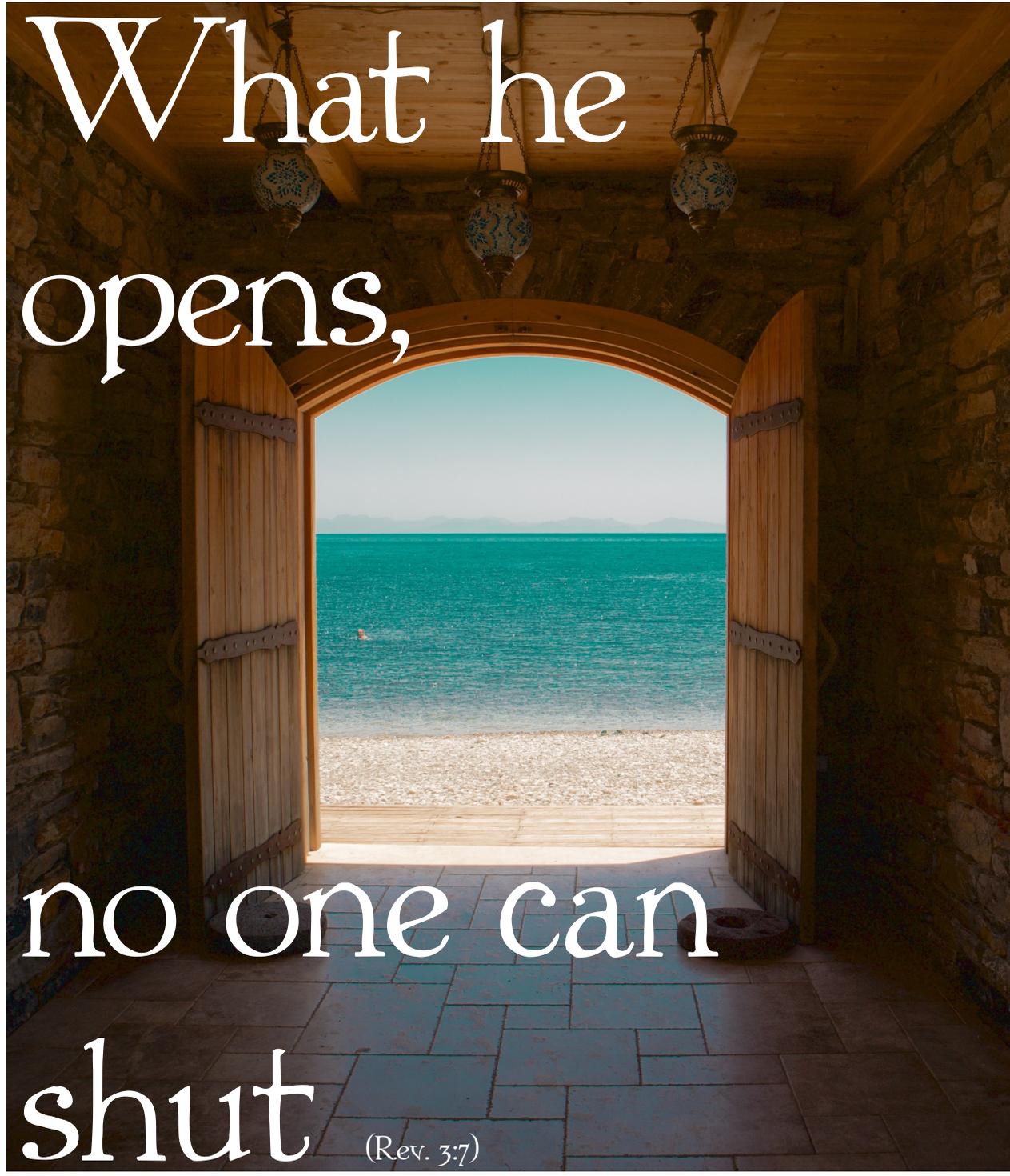
May Ushers **Cleaning Teams**
4/30-5/6

1st service:	A. Brown K. Ackerman	Church:	T/C/N Blue
2nd service:	M. Rentas T. Blue	School:	J. Albrecht, Marita

<i>Fruits of Faith</i>	<i>Last Week:</i>	<i>To Date:</i>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$7,481.00	\$342,309.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$7,973.00	\$334,866.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$492.00)	\$7,443.00
Missions:	\$220.00	\$8,910.00
MDF:	\$100.00	\$1,175.00
Kinship:	\$440.00	\$8,125.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$750.00	\$20,466.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 177

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What he

opens,

no one can

shut

(Rev. 3:7)

P: You govern all nations with Your mighty and merciful hand, O Lord. Show Your favor to the land in which we live, raising up godly leaders among us; blessing those who make, administer, and judge our laws; protecting those who serve in harm's way for the benefit of others; and helping us always to know and believe:

C: You alone are Lord and God!

P: In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the early church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores by His power and by the care He provides through doctors and medications. Place Your healing hand upon those in need. We especially pray for Georgine Quade who is hospitalized and for Andrew Gerbitz who may need surgery for an ear condition. Watch over our loved ones that no harm comes to them. Give their doctors wisdom and skill in treating them. According to Your will, we ask that You will quickly restore their health and enable them to return to the roles in life where You have placed them. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:

C: You alone are Lord and God!

P: We thank You for preserving Robert Rieger, father of Georgine Quade, in the one true faith throughout his long life and for calling him home to Yourself in glory. Comfort his family with the sure hope of the resurrection to come and the reunion of all believers before Your heavenly throne where we will joyfully sing:

C: You alone are Lord and God!

P: We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 292:1-4: *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn: *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King,
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First lesson: Acts 5:12, 17-32

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch....

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be.

So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Hymn: He is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(minute of silence)

P: Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who rejoice in Your Son's resurrection, we always say of You:

C: You alone are Lord and God!

P: Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit as we dwell in the shadow of Your wings. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence, that like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, we share with all people:

C: You alone are Lord and God!

Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

Jesus Holds the Key

- I. He is above all.
- II. He is for us.
- III. He is with us.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

I WILL PRAISE YOU

Antiphon

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

Psalm Tone

*
I will praise You, for You have answered me,*
And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.*
This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Antiphon

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;*
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;*
You are my God, I will exalt You.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Antiphon

Gospel lesson: John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, "He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

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!

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.

Hymn: *He's Risen, He's Risen*

Sermon: Revelation 1:4-18

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to