

resurrection REALity



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Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ◆ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ◆ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**WORSHIP THEME: Resurrection Reality:
Our Risen Shepherd Provides Good Shepherds**

OPENING HYMN: #551 *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep* (vs.1-5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: **John 10:1-10**

SUNG RESPONSE: *As the Deer*

SECOND LESSON: **Acts 20:17-32**

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SERMON HYMN: **#804 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*** (vs.1-3)

SERMON TEXT: **1 John 4:1-6** (EHV)

THEME: **Voice Recognition Theology**

OFFERING/REFLECTIVE SONG/RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: *Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.*

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: **#552 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** (vs.1-6)

CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.

THE OFFERING

Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Helping the Hurting with Hope This week's study asks us to ponder our own hurts and brokenness so that we are more ready to understand, accept, and love all the hurting people whom God may bring into our congregation and our lives. They, like we, need the healing and unconditional grace of the gospel.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM: Key Words & Symbols This week will be looking into the New Testament Themes & Words: **Apostles**.

CALL UPDATE: On **April 14th** the voters extended a call to Andrea Cherney to serve as our part-time preschool teacher. Please keep her, her family, and our preschool ministry in your prayers as she deliberates how best to serve the Lord. The voters also elected to simultaneously request a full-time graduate from MLC in the eventuality that Mrs. Cherney returns her call.

SUSAN SEND-OFF: In honor of Susan's years of faithful service to the music ministry of our congregation, we will be hosting a brunch potluck send-off celebration on **May 19th** after worship. Sign up online on the group life board to bring a dish to share. In addition Marcia Michalik is organizing a scrapbook of memories and well-wishes for Susan. Pages are available for you to decorate. *Please return them by May 12th.*

WEST LUTHERAN: Players Presents: The Drowsy Chaperone Jr. **April 19 & 20 @ 7:00pm, April 21 @ 2:00pm.** See West board for more info. and ticket purchase.

- UTAH MISSION TRIP! Partnering with Truth In Love Ministry, we will be heading to **Logan, Utah** this coming **June 2-9th**. We are looking to raise enough money so that our travel and lodging expenses are covered for the week. Click the link to donate or find out more: <https://givebutter.com/westmission24>
- JOB OPPORTUNITY Education Support Coordinator Applications will be accepted until Monday April 22nd. More info at: [ESC Job Description](#) or visit bit.ly/wlhesec.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: **May 7th 10am-4pm.** Find links to donate or volunteer under "Volunteer" on our App.

CAMP CROIX: **May 11th** will be our spring cleanup day. Help for the day and stay for the weekend for free if you like. Lunch will be provided. Learn more & sign up at campcroix.org.

- COLLEGE RETREAT: *The Light of the World Retreat.* **May 29– June 2** In our keynote sessions, Aaron Wakeman will lead us in a discussion about how we can talk about our faith in an authentic, relational, and natural way. More info & register here [College Retreat](#).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WEBINAR: **Thurs., May 2 7-8:00pm** This webinar is intended to shine a light on and bring awareness to the subject of mental health. Guided by insight from professionals, we'll get an overview of what is going on, what we can do, and when and where to get help. Register at <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/womens-ministry-webinars/>

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Organist: Susan Decker
- † Soloist: Kay Morrissey
- † AV Team