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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7 & 10, 2023

LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship: Sundays 10:30 am; Mondays 7:00 pm

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Welcome

Jesus lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to take away your sins, and rose from the dead so that you would have everlasting life with him in heaven. But what is that life in heaven going to be like? Here on earth, we have both failed relationships and been failed by relationships. Jesus, by what he did, has made sure that we have a relationship that will never fail and last forever in heaven.

Guests & Visitors

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! Please fill out a guest card located underneath the second and fourth chair in front of you and give this card to the pastor or fill out our [online guestbook](#) on our church website. If there is any other way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

Information

Restrooms are located on your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Hall** is located to the left of the sanctuary.

A **Playroom & Nursery** are available for small children, located to your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary, near the entrance to the Ladies' Restroom.

Worship Folders & Children's Bulletins and crayons are available on the table to the right of the center doors of the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests can be made by filling out the prayer request book as you enter church or by speaking with the pastor.

Serving in Worship

Music: Nathaniel Geasler

Ushers: Gary Turck & Steve Vander Wal

Acolyte: Emerson Katt

Communion Assistant: Eric Meinzen

Lay Reader: Gavin Kidd

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Klein

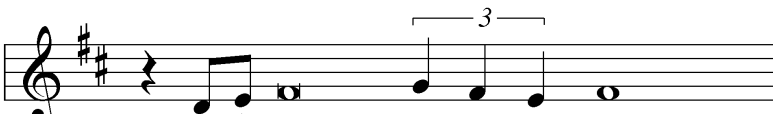


Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*In our worship, God comes to us in his Word and his Sacraments, and we respond with our praise and thanksgiving to him. All are welcome to participate as indicated. The parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by everyone in the congregation.*

STAND



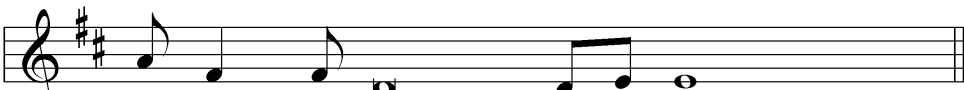
L O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

Entrance Psalm

The entire congregation is invited to sing both the refrain and all the verses.

1
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses
1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

to Refrain



M: Let us pray:

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED



This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is the certain Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Bible Reading: Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: ⁹ If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 63

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain while the pastor sings the verses.

Refrain

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

M: O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

C: Refrain

M: For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

C: Refrain

M: On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

C: Refrain

Second Bible Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God—⁵you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and honored cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.

⁷So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving, The stone that the builders rejected— this one has become the cornerstone,⁸ and A stone to stumble over, and a rock to trip over. They stumble because they disobey the word; they were destined for this.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession; so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-11

"Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ You know the way to where I am going."

⁵ "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BE SEATED



The children are invited up to the front of church for a message from the pastor.

Hymn of the Day: CW 356 *You Are the Way; through You Alone*



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -
claims your con - qu'ring arm. And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Sermon based on John 14:1-11

The sermon, for the most part, is a one-sided conversation from the pastor meant to apply God's Word to your life. In order to help with this application, consider these questions during or after the sermon.

- 1) What troubles my heart? How have I felt abandoned?

- 2) How do Jesus' words here not only comfort me now, but also give me something to look forward to?

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In the confession of sins, we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution gives and assures us that we are forgiven by the substitutionary life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: Build yourselves up in your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

M: Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait

C: for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

M: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

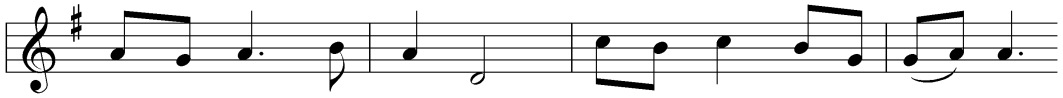
M: The almighty and merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness and remission of all your sins.

C: Because Christ lived perfectly for me, died on the cross for me, and rose from the dead for me, my sins are forgiven, and I am perfect before God right now. Thank you, Jesus! Help me now to live for you. Amen.

You Are God; We Praise You

We sing a song of praise (traditionally called the "Te Deum") of God's great acts which change our lives completely since he has uniquely and totally saved us. The worship leader sings the plain type sections while the **congregation** sings the **bolded** sections.

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;

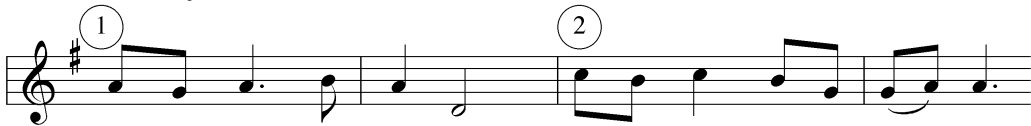


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

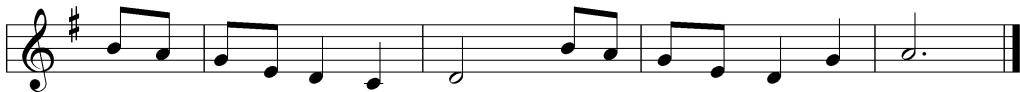
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

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Thank Offering

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God for all that he has done for us. You can also set up electronic giving with Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement, which you can find on our website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the "Worship" tab or download it from any app store and start using it today. Another way is to "Give By Text" by texting to 833-946-1361 the amount you wish to donate, using the \$ before the amount; then follow the instructions in the reply text. If you encounter any problems, contact our Financial Secretary, Brian Koopman (801-510-1467; finsec@lotvlayton.org).

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us

the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.



The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

M: And we pray the prayer that our Lord has taught us...

All: 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.



Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

Words of Institution

M: 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 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 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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Distribution



On the basis of what God's Word says, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that only confirmed members of Light of the Valley and of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod partake of Holy Communion. We encourage those who would like to receive Holy Communion with us to speak with the pastor before doing so.

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Prayer after Communion

M: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing us in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let us always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

C: Amen.

Blessing



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.

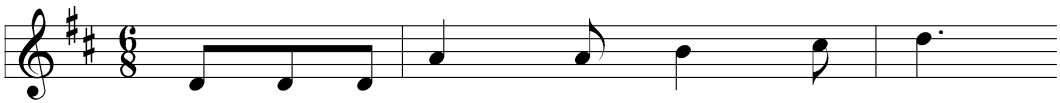


L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

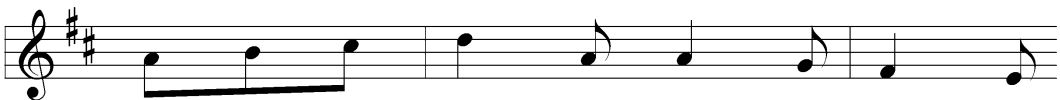
Closing Hymn: CWS 722 *Scatter the Darkness*



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom;
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled!



Sun, re - veal an emp - ty tomb
As the Lamb of God to die;
Trum - pets, sound through - out the world!



Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
Cry - ing and sighs give way to sing - ing;



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows,
Lives a - gain—our foes de - feat - ed!
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing!

Life un - e - clipped by doubt and dread:
 Where is your sting, O death and grave?
 Let there be - gin the ju - bi - lee—

Christ has ris - en from the dead!
 Christ has shown his strength to save!
 Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to leave the chapel when you wish and join us in the fellowship hall for some refreshments. Have a blessed week because Christ has risen indeed!

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Big Bible Words

What do words like grace, salvation, and atonement mean? Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 am to look at these “big” words used in the Bible. Links to previous Bible studies and their respective videos are available in the weekly email newsletter.

Bible Information Class

Our Bible Information Class (BIC) continues Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. This class presents what the Bible teaches, and thus what Light of the Valley Lutheran Church teaches. This class is a prerequisite for membership here and is a good refresher course for everyone to grow and deepen their faith. All materials are provided. If interested, please contact Pastor Klein. He would love to have you attend!

Coming Soon: Speaking the Truth in Love Witnessing Bible Study

Frustrated and at a loss as to how to share your faith with people in our community? Get ready for an engaging and practical Bible study both showing the beliefs of people in our community and how to witness to them in love. This Speaking the Truth in Love Bible study will be on Sundays at 9:15 am starting June 18.

Meditations Letter Writing

Members of our church write letters to people who are not currently worshiping with us in person and send them along with the quarterly devotion booklet *Meditations*. For anyone willing to show kindness in this way with a personal, hand-written letter, please gather at the Geasler home on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Geasler (Melinda.geasler80@gmail.com).

May Calendar

The May calendar is available on the information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. You can also download it on our church website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the calendar tab.

Congregational Assistant Program Class: Law and Gospel

The Congregational Assistant Program (CAP) does what the name says: trains people to assist the ministry of our congregation in various areas of service such as evangelism, youth and family ministry, visitation, or mentoring roles. The next class covers the teachings of the law and the Gospel and begins Wednesday, May 31 at 5:45 pm. The class is open to everyone, and there will be homework. If interested, put your name on the sign-up sheet so that materials can be provided. Learn more at mlc-wels.edu/cap.

Six-Year Vision (VTO)

Last week, Kevin Sullivan presented information about Light of the Valley's six-year vision. If you would like to learn more about this plan and/or are interested in helping share this information with other members, please contact Sully at 702-468-7897 or kevinsullivan@earthlink.net.

Summer Camping Trip

Share your love of Christ with friends and family! Join us as we enjoy God's creation camping July 14-16 at Emigration group site campground just outside Montpelier, Idaho, 2 hours north of the church, only 30 minutes from Bear Lake. Sign up on bulletin board to RSVP. Contact Heather Taylor (heathergeorgiataylor@gmail.com) with questions.