

*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

***April 19, 2026***

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

In His Word, God makes it clear that the Lord's Supper is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament. Page 156 in the front of Christian Worship provides a guide for preparation.

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# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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## 402 Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for venge - ance plead - ed to the skies,



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
lifts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood!

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*Please stand if you are able*

## INVOCATION

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C: Christ, have mer - cy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



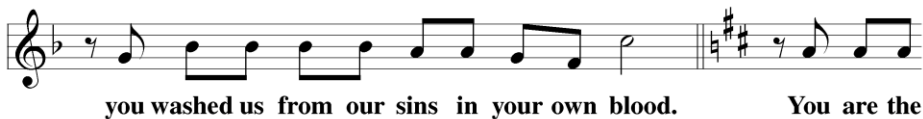
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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## The Word

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a,32-41

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. <sup>33</sup>So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

<sup>34</sup>“For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies  
a footstool under your feet.’

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup>Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup>He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.”

<sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

<sup>17</sup>If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup>because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## Verse of the Day

Luke 24:32



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?

*Refrain*

## Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

<sup>13</sup>Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

<sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

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

They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup>When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then 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 where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup>Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup>They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

## 459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CW 459



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -  
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,  
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.  
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,  
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiv'n,  
how we, too, may enter heav'n.  
Hallelujah!

Text: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
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***“Christians, You Are Strangers Here”***

*Please stand if you are able*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 as we prepare the altar for Holy Communion

Please stand if you are able

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now

have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## 783 Abide with Me

CW 783



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.  
 Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889  
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## 641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641



- 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bid, for round us  
 2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear  
 3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through-out the  
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are



- falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,  
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,  
 earth no rest is found, and false-hood's spir -  
 slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well



- that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.  
 till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
 it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
 your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;  
 the guile and rage of Satan stay.  
 Oh, may your mercy never cease;  
 give concord, patience, courage, peace.



**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **BENEDICTION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*Please be seated*

# 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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