

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Service

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Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship [Psalm 95]

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Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

Opening Anthem

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Bells Angels, Heide Hughes and Julia Murphy, Piano

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As Christ got ready to ascend to heaven, he told his disciples to love one another.

May we continue to love as you have loved us, O Lord.

As Christ got ready to depart the earth, he called his disciples “little children.”

May we continue to live as God's children, O Lord, until you come to call us to your heavenly home.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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First Reading

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Second Reading

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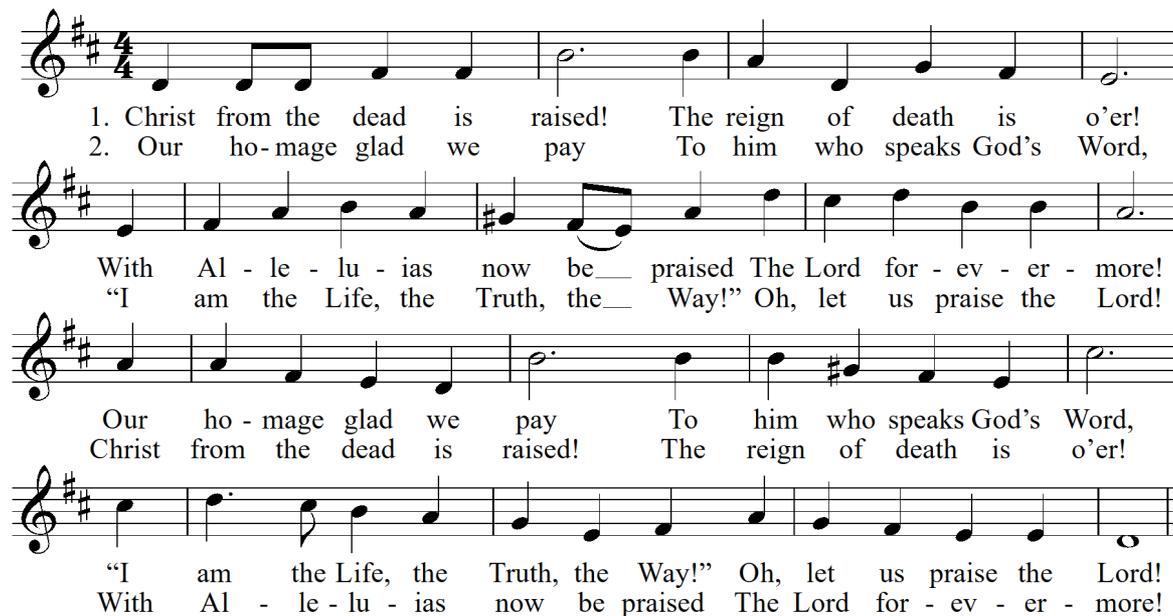
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Gospel

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The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

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Hymn of the Day

#359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

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Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

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Thanksgiving

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Music Offering

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*To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy:
Lord God of Sabbaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy
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The glorious company of Apostles praise Thee.

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The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:

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Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

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Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

-4th Century

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Thanksgiving for the Word

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Lord's Prayer

The Senior Kindergarten Class will recite for us the Lord's Prayer as we pray silently along with them.

Sending

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Today's Highlights

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Blessing

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Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.

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O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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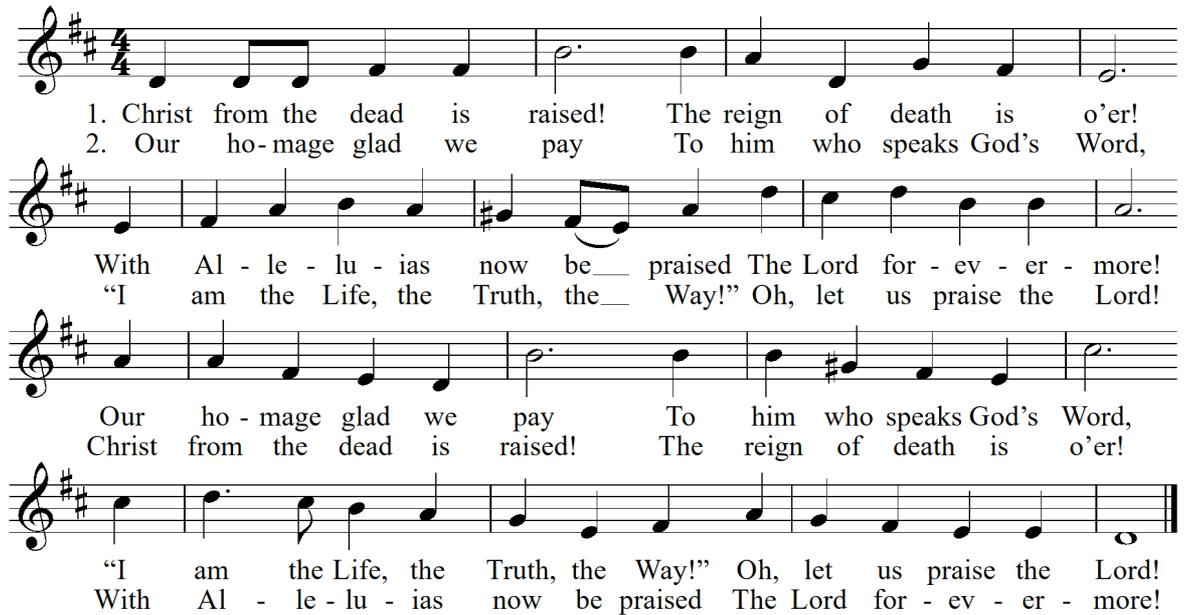
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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God in heaven, your graciousness in the past; creation, salvation, continued care, is matched only by your promises for the future; the New Jerusalem, the water of life. Accept our humble gifts, we pray. We offer them with thankfulness and with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer page 145 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God page 146

Communion Anthem *A Communion Invitation* by Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

Communion Hymn **#482 I Come with Joy**

(Please stand as you are able)

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we come to your table, receiving more than a meal.

We receive a vision of heaven's high and holy feast. Inspire us, by this vision, to live lives of service, to live lives of love. We bless you now and evermore. Amen.

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