

We welcome you to worship this Confirmation Sunday, as we share Christ's precious gift of Holy Communion with our four eighth grade confirmands. This Sunday is also Good Shepherd Sunday, and focuses on the great shepherding love of God. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. We invite you to worship with us again!

Our Worship

Order of Service: "The Common Service" with Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN: 436

STAND

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

C: (Sung) Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

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: (Sung) Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 4:23-33 (NIV) *When the church in Jerusalem heard that Peter and John were ordered not to preach Christ, they prayed that God would give his apostles the boldness to speak the Word to the world, even in the face of danger. The Lord answered their prayer.*

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles

continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 23 on Page 72

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1,2 (NIV) *The marvelous love of God has made us his children. We cannot fully grasp the magnitude of our inheritance, but we will when Jesus returns.*

¹How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: (Sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 (NIV) *Jesus reveals himself as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep.*

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 375 verses 1,2,5,6

SERMON TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

“ALL SCRIPTURE IS USEFUL FOR YOU”

STAND

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (Sunday)

STAND

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

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.

Or

(Sunday)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: (Sung) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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: (Sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: (Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 508,515

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: (Sung) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (Sung) And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: 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.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 538 vs 1,2,5 (Please remain standing)



We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to give consideration to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you are hearing with us today. Come worship with us again!

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Jen Knutson. We thank her for beautifying our church services with her organ playing.

Prayer Requests –

- Fred Wehausen – who underwent open heart surgery in Minnesota two weeks ago, and was hospitalized at Aurora, Two Rivers now several days ago – we pray God to heal any complications and build his faith in Christ.
- Jesse Lietzau – now doing military service in California, we thank the LORD for guarding him by his power and holy angels. We also ask God's protective grace for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, now serving in Iraq, and for Lee W. Petersen Jr., grandson of Wayne & Elaine Petersen, who is serving in Baghdad.

Congratulations

To our confirmands for completing their catechism instruction and giving public testimony to their faith. We rejoice that they may receive the Lord's Supper with us today, and pray that Jesus will guide them to lives of Christian service. Also, a special welcome to the family and friends of our four eighth graders!

Teachers Needed

There will be a Sunday School Teachers meeting May 6th at 6:00 pm. We are still in need of superintendents and also teachers. The meeting is for current teachers and anyone interested.

Trinity Band Members

Attention Trinity Band Members! Would you be interested in playing in a duet, trio, quartet, etc.? You can play with people who play all the same instrument, or mix it up. Let's have some fun! If you are

interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by May 31, 2009. Questions? Need Music? E-mail Jen Knutson at markandjen@milwpc.com

Church Brewer Game Trip

Please remember the Brewer game on June 28th! There are still some tickets available The cost is only \$47.00/person, including a ticket, transportation on a coach bus, lunch from Subway, beverages, snacks and a tip for the bus driver. Please remember to fill out an order form. Make your check out to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church and place it in Chad Knutson's church mailbox.

St. John's Preschool

St. John's Lutheran School has preschool available for children the year before they enter Kindergarten. If your child will be 4 years old by 9/1/09, they will be old enough to attend St. John's Preschool, and we are inviting you and your child to a **Preschool Round – Up** on Tuesday, **May 5th**, from **6:30 – 7:30 PM**. We will meet in the Preschool room, which is located in the church basement.

Concert

"The Church Year in Song," is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th, at 7:00pm at First German Lutheran Church. This sacred concert will be performed by the Manitowoc Lutheran High School Concert Choir and Lancer Singers, under the direction of MLHS Choral Director Joel Ungemach. The concert is free, and the public is invited to enjoy this sacred concert. Questions may be directed to Darin Menk at 682-7021 or Scott Reinhard at 242-9204.

LWMS Convention

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, June 25-28, 2009. For complete convention details, registration, convention workshops, and hotel information, go to www.2009lwms.org. Registration deadline is May 15, 2009.

Calendar of Events

Sat. 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. 3rd	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
		Confirmation Sunday
Tues. 5th	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wed. 6th	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Thur. 7th	7:00 p.m.	Fischer/Schaus Rehearsal
Fri. 8th	3:00 p.m.	Fischer/Schaus Wedding
Sat. 9th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun. 10th	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
		Mother's Day

Greeters:

May 3rd Jessica Jungbluth & family

Ushers:

May 2nd Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 3rd John Smith (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

May 9th David Schultz, August Teesch

May 10th James Ott, Jeff Tuschel, Uriah Matznick, Joseph Nagel

Altar Guild Schedule –May Group 1

Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner



A Happy Birthday to...

5/2 Jessica Jungbluth

5/2 Mabel Liermann- 83 yrs. young

5/3 Rachel Nagel

5/4 Rhonda Buechner



Happy Anniversary To...

5/1 Todd & Tammy Glaeser – 16 Years!

**If you have a May birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!*

