

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4 & 5, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through service to the family of God.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Tony Dusso
Organist—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

5:00 pm service

Assisting Minister—Lynette Rust
Lector—Lynette Rust
Ushers—Nancy Schmidt

8:30 am service

Acolyte—Dylan Van Fleet
Assisting Minister—Tony Bosco
Communion Assistants—Terry Amundson and Wanda Faust
Communion Prep—Cindy Blair
Lector—Tony Bosco
Ushers—Terry Amundson and Bob Pederson

10:30 am service

Acolyte—TBD
Assisting Minister—Megan Nelson
Communion Assistant—Dona Zsori and Pat Brogan
Communion Prep—Megan Nelson
Lector—Dona Zsori
Ushers—Skip Rath and Kathy Larsen

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

pause for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in yours hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shout to the Lord—ELW 821



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



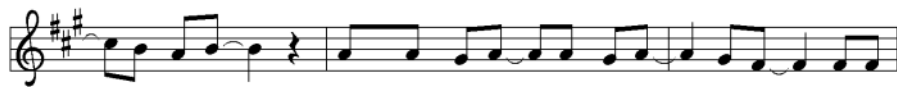
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: 
A - men.


HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast


REFRAIN 
This is the feast ___ of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

1. 
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood


set us free ___ to be peo - ple of God. (*REFRAIN*)


2. 
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, ___


bless - ing and glo - ry are his. (*REFRAIN*)

3. 
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of


all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might


be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. (*REFRAIN*)

4. 
For the Lamb ___ who was slain has be - gun his ___ reign.


Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast ___ of vic-to-ry


for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 am)

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44-48

L: A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 98

L: We read Psalm 98 responsively:

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1-6

L: A reading from 1 John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we
know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey
his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his
commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for
whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory
that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not
with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit
is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel, according to John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tony Dusso

Please rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me—ELW 623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless our congregation and move us by your Spirit that all the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church would reflect your love. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, board members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.

OFFERING ANTHEM (8:30 am)

Sing to the Lord

Choir
Kosche

Please rise.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful—ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

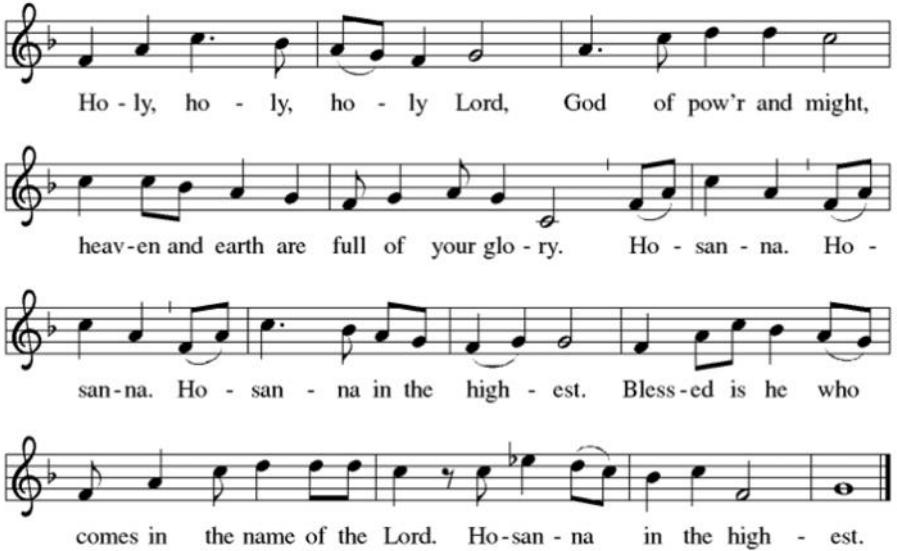
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Please rise.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen—ELW 548



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARVEL MOVIE FAN?

A MARVEL-OUS Bible Study opportunity is being held for our 6th-12th grade youth on **Sunday, May 5 & 19 at 9:30 am**. We will examine pop-culture through the lens of the Gospel, while exploring the movie SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING. Join us in the Conference Room - you won't want to miss!

YOUNG @ HEART

On **May 9, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for lunch, games, and fellowship. Menu: Pizza, Salad, and dessert. In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons.

BOOK STUDY: ACEDIA & ME

It has been said that a sense of weariness and despair is epidemic in our society. Kathleen Norris, a best-selling author of several spiritual books, believes that acedia can help us understand this melancholy feeling for us as individuals and as whole communities. Pastor Tony will be leading a 5-part study exploring this book beginning on **Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 am** in the Chapel. Sign up today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all youth and adults! Are you interested in helping our kids learn more about their faith in a fun and exciting way? We need your help for this year's Vacation Bible School. Please email kellie@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org to join in the fun! **VBS will be held August 5-8, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm**. This year's theme is SCUBA: Dive into a friendship with God!

PARENTS OF GRADUATES - Let's celebrate your graduate!

In order to prepare for our upcoming Graduation Sunday, please email molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org about 6-7 pictures (baptism, elementary, confirmation, high school, etc.) along with the following information: full name, name of high school, name of college attending/or other plans, potential major, and any extracurriculars they plan to pursue. Deadline for submissions: May 31.

Graduation Sunday and Scholarship Recognition will be on **June 9, 2024 at 10:30 am**.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Sunday morning services (8:30 am and 10:30 am) are livestreamed and available on our YouTube channel. For your convenience, links and bulletins are posted on our webpage - visit oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday	May 4	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	May 5	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Worship Coffee Hour MARVEL-OUS Bible Study Kids Connect Worship Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	May 6	8:30 am	Sewing Bee
Tuesday	May 7	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting Pastors Text Study Boy Scouts Anna Circle
Wednesday	May 8	10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Second Harvest Knit Wits Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Confirmation
Thursday	May 9	9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rebekah Circle Young @ Heart Personnel (ZOOM) OA Choir
Saturday	May 11	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	May 12	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Worship Coffee Hour Kids Connect Worship Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

Altar Flowers are given today by Pastor Tony in loving memory of his father, Richard Dusso, who died May 4, 2016.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- 1 John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

STAY CONNECTED

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BEYOND SUNDAY

DWELL IN THE WORD AND NOTICE
HOW IT CONNECTS WITH YOUR LIFE

Ponder the phrase: "Stop in the name of the law." Where have you heard that? Who says it? What is "the name of the law?"

Read John 15:9-17. To abide in Christ is to abide in love. How does Jesus grace you with love as he abides with you? At what lengths does Jesus go? How do people sacrifice for those they love?

What does Jesus mean by "the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name?" Does he really mean it? What does it look like to live and move and have our being "in the name" of the Lord and in the name of Christ? Ponder the reality that God has given you this authority.

