



THE MISSION OF THIS CONGREGATION IS TO:

**PRAISE** God

**PROCLAIM** the message of Jesus Christ

**REACH OUT** with this message to people of  
all backgrounds and cultures

**CREATE A COMMUNITY** of Christian  
support, love, and forgiveness.

**Williams Bay Lutheran Church Worship**  
**June 1, 2025 at 9:30 am**  
**Service of the Word and Holy Communion**

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

June 1, 2025

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*"Bind Us Together"*

**WOV 748**

*Refrain*

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that  
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,  
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the Refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.' The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes), rests, and a final double bar line.

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1 There is on - ly one God.                      There is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam-'ly of God.                      You are the prom-ise di - vine.



There is on - ly one Bod-y;                      that is why we can sing.  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . .                      you are the glo-rious new wine.

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

Let us pray: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading:

Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." *continued next page*

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the <sup>1</sup> earth rejoice; let the multitude of the <sup>1</sup> isles be glad.  
<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations <sup>1</sup> of God's throne.**  
<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on <sup>1</sup> every side.  
<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light <sup>1</sup> up the world; the earth <sup>1</sup> sees and trembles.**  
<sup>5</sup>The mountains <sup>1</sup> melt like wax before the Lord of <sup>1</sup> all the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteous- <sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples <sup>1</sup> see your glory.**  
<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight <sup>1</sup> in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you gods.  
<sup>8</sup>**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- <sup>1</sup> dah rejoice,  
because of your judg- <sup>1</sup> ments, O LORD.**  
<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over <sup>1</sup> all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.  
<sup>10</sup>**You who love the <sup>1</sup> LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and  
rescues them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.**  
<sup>11</sup>Light dawns <sup>1</sup> for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.  
<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.**

## Second Reading:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

## Gospel:

John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

Pastor Tom

## Silence for Reflection

## Hymn of the Day

*"One Bread, One Body"*

**ELW 496**

Apostles' Creed: **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.**

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**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**

Prayers of Intercession

*Petitions conclude with:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

Offering Hymn

*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

ELW 184

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

### Words of Institution for Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer: **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.**

All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.

### Hymns during Communion:

#### *"Lamb of God"*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

**ELW 689**



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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**SENDING**

Sending Prayer and Blessing

# Sending Hymn

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

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## I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,  
2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone,  
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

I'll fly a -

way;

{ to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,  
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,  
to a land where joys shall nev - er end, }

*Refrain*

I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -

way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le -

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A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

A musical score for a song titled "A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH". The score is written for a piano and voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way." The chords are: G, Em, G, D7, G, C, G. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

Dismissal

**Thanks be to God!**