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Church Year: Easter

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Date: April 20, 2014

Welcome to our Festival Easter Service. As we reach the glorious Climax of the long Lenten and Holy Week season, the mood of our hearts and our worship changes dramatically – from one of sober repentance to one of wonderful spiritual joy and hope! And all because of the Risen Christ. His amazing Resurrection victory over death and devil brings with His assurance for all who believe in Him – "because I live, you also will live"! Each Easter we are privileged to celebrate on this earth brings us one year closer to the eternal victory fulfillment of our Savior precious promise. May true Easter joy be ours by faith, even in the midst of life's many and difficult struggles, so that our lips and lives this Easter Day and evermore reflect our calling and status as Easter victors in Christ. "Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

† The Order of Easter Worship †

Pre-Service Prayer:

Eternal praise and endless adoration are Yours, O Lord Jesus, who on the first blessed Easter morning did rise victoriously from the grave! We can never sufficiently praise You for Your overflowing mercy in showing Your power over the forces of darkness, Your almighty triumph over the tomb. Fill our hearts through the Holy Spirit with the unshakeable conviction that Your glorious resurrection is the seal and assurance of our completed salvation! Fill our hearts with the heaven-sent confidence that through Your Easter victory over the tomb, You, O risen Lord of heaven and earth, will raise us to the joy and beauty of heaven. Keep us faithful unto death, so that we may inherit the crown of everlasting life! Amen.

Entrance: WS 733:1: The Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, who once was slain,

Not burst His three-day prison,

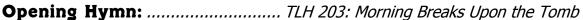
Our faith had been in vain:

But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;

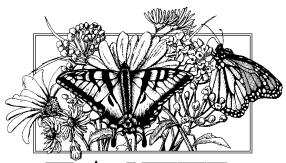
But now is Christ arisen.

P: We begin our Easter Festival service in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!



- Morning breaks upon the tomb;
 Jesus scatters all its gloom.
 Day of triumph through the skies;
 See the glorious Savior rise.
- 2. Ye who are of death afraid Triumph in the scattered shade. Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.
- 3. Christian, dry your flowing tears Chase your unbelieving fears; Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save.



EASTER

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

S.S. Children: TLH 192, st. 1-3: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Hymn: TLH 191: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Note: Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

- 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia! Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia! At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Sinless in the sinners' stead. "Christ is ris'n" today we cry; Now He lives no more to die.
- 4. [Note: Women only]
 Christians, on this happy day
 Haste with joy your vows to pay.
 "Christ is ris'n," today we cry;
 Now He lives no more to die.
- 6. Hail, eternal hope on high!
 Hail, Thou King of victory!
 Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored!
 Help and save us, gracious Lord.

- 3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, God and man hath reconciled. While in strange and awefull strife Met together Death and Life.
- 5. [Note: Men only]
 Christ, who once for sinners bled,
 Now the First-born from the dead,
 Throned in endless might and power,
 Lives and reigns forevermore.

Responsory: With TLH 198: He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

- P: The Lord be with you!
- C: And also with you!
- P: Christ being raised from the dead, dies no more:
- C: Death has no more dominion over Him.
- P: In that He lives, He lives unto God:
- C: Christ was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification.
- P: The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!
- C: Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!
- P: This is the day which the Lord has made. Hallelujah!
- C: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!
- P: The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!
- C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SING: He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.

Confession of Sins: Adapted from the 5th Petition & the 2nd Article

- P: Let us confess our sins before the Lord God. With what such words does Jesus teach us to pray in the Lord's Prayer?
- C: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- P: What does this mean?
- C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of things for which we are asking, neither have we deserved them. However, we ask that our Father would by His grace give us what we ask; even though we sin often every day and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. We, too, will from our hearts gladly forgive and do good to all those who sin against us.

SING: The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

- P: I therefore ask each of you, do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
- C: I do so believe. I believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

SING: But short was their triumph, the Savior arose, And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes; The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high. He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

- P: Do promise to amend your sinful life?
- C: Yes, with the help of God, that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.
- P: Be it unto you as you believe. And now, according to the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and in His place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Rejoice in our living God!

SING: Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door. For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Choir: Rejoice, the Lord is Alive (Earlene Rentz)

(1) Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (2) Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
(3) Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. (4) So

they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. (5) And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. (9) For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

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SING: I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.

> He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save, He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

(19) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." (20) When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (22) And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (23) "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

SING: He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.



(31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (32) He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (33) Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (34) Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." (37) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (38) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, (39) nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SING: He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

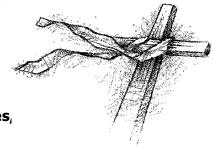
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.



(1) [Jesus said] "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (4) "And where I go you know, and the way you know." (5) Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" (6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (7) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

SING: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"



C.D.S. Children:.....TLH 210: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Note: The congregation is asked to join in on stanza 5.

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Confession of Faith: Easter Creed

- C: I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He came to earth on a mission of salvation, lived a holy life as my Law-fulfilling Substitute, was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured the punishment of hell at the hands of a just God. He died and was buried.
- And I believe that on the third day He rose bodily from the dead, exactly as it had been prophesied and as He had promised. Attested to by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection verifies that He is God's Son, that His salvation mission is complete, and that He has triumphed over the last great enemy death.
- And in rising and conquering death, Christ has become the first-fruit of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who look to Him in faith shall one day rise. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.



Hymn:TLH 206: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

- 1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense 2
 And my Savior, ever liveth;
 Knowing this, my confidence
 Rests upon the hope it giveth
 Though the night of death be fraught
 Still with many an anxious thought.
- 3. Nay, too closely am I bound
 Unto Him by hope forever;
 Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found
 Grasped it, and will leave it never;
 Even death now cannot part
 From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken. Endless joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken? t Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- 9. Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
 And at death no longer tremble;
 He, the Lord, who came to save
 Will at last His own assemble.
 They will go their Lord to meet,
 Treading death beneath their feet.

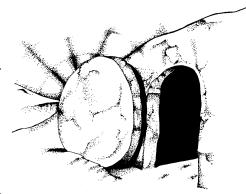
Mark 16:1-8 Sermon:

(1) Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (2) Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. (3) And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" (4) But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. (5) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. (6) But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (7) "But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there

you will see Him, as He said to you." (8) So they went out guickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Stones Cry Out "The Stone Is Victoriously Rolled Away!"

- 1. From worries about earthly concerns
 - 2. To reveal that our Savior is risen



...TLH 193: Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

- 1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- **3.** [Women only] Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened Paradise.
- 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, 6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Following our exalted Head. Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won. Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.
- 4. [Men only] Lives again our glorious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O Grave?
- Praise to Thee by both be given! Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Offering, Easter Prayer, Lord's Prayer: Easter Benediction:

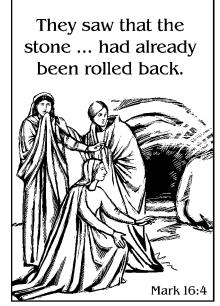
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [Sing] Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn:TLH 199: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Note: Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

- 1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- [Note: Men only; Everyone on Alleluia]
 Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!
 Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3. [Note: Women only; Everyone on Alleluia]
 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
 Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
 Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.



Welcome: We welcome our visitors on this most joyous of Christian holidays. Please sign our guest register located by the entrance of the church. You are certainly welcome to talk with our Pastor to learn more about Grace Lutheran and what we believe Scripture teaches. We cordially invite you to come again, and please let us know how we may provide spiritual ministry to you!



† The Announcements †

- ◆ Easter Thanks: Thanks to all those who contributed to the gathering of Easter flowers at the front of the church. Those who purchased flowers may pick them up following worship. Another thanks to all who helped make the breakfast a special occasion.
- ◆ **Appreciation:** Roger and Maureen extend a word of thanks for all the prayers and well-wishes the past couple of weeks with the passing of Roger's father.
- ♦ **Kitchen Items:** There are a number of items left from meals at church. Please see if there may be anything that you may be missing.
- ◆ Laurie Marzofka: On April 17, the Lord called Laurie (nee Roehl) Marzofka to His side. A victory service for Laurie will be held at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire on Tue., April 22. Visitation prior to the service will begin at 12:30 pm, with the service itself at 1:30. A luncheon will follow. Correspondence may be addressed to the Dean Marzofka Family, 503 Ingram Drive West, Eau Claire, WI 54701. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Ps. 73:26.
- Immanuel Visitors Day: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, will be holding its Visitors' Day on Fri., May 2. This day gives our congregation's 7th and 8th graders a wonderful opportunity to get a taste of the Immanuel environment. Those interested may speak with Pastor (that is, if he doesn't speak with you first!).
- ◆ CLC News: Principal Chad Seybt (seminary trained and son of Trudy Wales) of St. John's in Okabena, MN, has accepted the pastoral call to Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY.

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 13,	2014 Sun.	: 129 S.S.: 16	B.Cl.: 36	Fri.: 136
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,235.25	CLC:	\$950.00
Fri. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,113.01	CLC:	\$450.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+148.26	CLC:	+360.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$51,623.61	CLC: \$	15,064.50
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	48,000.00	CLC:	15,600.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,623.61	CLC:	-535.50
GLC Other: 235.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid	: 370.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	20.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 80.00	CEF: 20.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	+148.07	Tour Choir	::+1,606.00
	Tuition Aid:	+2 657 42	*\$25 LaCro	nix & \$210 Pete Ochsner Memorials

🕆 Because He Lives 🕆

"I know that my Redeemer lives." (Job 19:25)

Thomas A. Westra

"Pastor, I don't know how anyone could get through this without Jesus," she said, with a smile on her face and tears in her eyes. She was in a hospital bed, and we had just finished a devotion based on Psalm 23. Neither of us knew this would be the last time I would see her on this earth – that her Good Shepherd would take her home in just a few hours.

I've heard those words from those who have received the sobering news that they have cancer and those who have just learned that they lost their job, from those who are sitting anxiously in the ER waiting area and those who are walking away from a loved one's freshly dug grave. "Where would we be without Jesus?" "What would I do without my faith?" They are saying: "What a difference it makes in my life that my Savior lived for me, died for me, and lives again!"

What difference does it make?

He lives! So what?

Why do so many people come to church on Easter? Perhaps because they are asking, "Is it true?" Did someone really die and now lives again? Did someone really climb into the ring with death and come out the winner? Why do so many not come back to church after Easter? Perhaps because they concluded, "Even if someone did beat death, it doesn't make any difference in my life."

A man once said to me, "I know Jesus died for my sins. So what? That was 2,000 years ago. What has he done for me lately?" He was asking, "What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for my life right now?" That's the reaction of so many.

What a difference it makes

We need to tell them the difference Easter makes. We need to tell them the "so what" of Jesus' resurrection.

Because he lives, the death of a loved one is not "goodbye forever;" but, "I'll see you in the morning – the great resurrection morning." I walk out of the cemetery with the certain hope that because he lives we also will live.

Because he lives, I don't have to carry around this huge burden of sin, shame, remorse, and regret. I'm free. My crushing debt has been canceled. God accepted the payment that Jesus made for my sins when he suffered on the cross.

Because he lives, I don't walk into the world alone, He is with me. Job loss? Financial reversal? Terminal illness? It will be okay. I will never face anything that he doesn't have the resources to handle, and – because he lives – he is with me always, to the very end of this life.

Because he lives, I know his Word is true. In the maze of this crazy and confusing world, I have an unfailing compass that will guide me safely home and never steer me wrong.

Because he lives, I can send my children into a dark and scary world. They're not alone. He is with them; he will never leave or forsake them. His wise love and his almighty care surround them every step of their life.

Because he lives, I know that my work is not meaningless. Everything doesn't end in dust and ashes. I am part of an exciting adventure that lasts into eternity.

All because he lives.

† Today At Grace †

<u>Organist:</u> Sue Nelson <u>Elder</u>: Frank Radichel

<u>Ushers</u>: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Hospitality Team 2: Bye (Easter Breakfast)

Church Cleaners: A. & K. Baker School: None

† Next Week At Grace **†**

<u>Ushers</u>: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

<u>Counting Team 4</u>: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

<u>Church Cleaners</u>. A. & K. Baker <u>School</u>: Volunteer ???

† Our Schedule †

Today: 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast

9:00 am - Easter Festival Service

Tue., Apr. 22: School Resumes from Easter Break

April 22-25: School – Iowa Basics Testing

Wed. Apr. 23: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sat., Apr. 26: 9:00 am – Work Day **Sun., Apr. 27:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am - Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service 11:15 am – Hospitality

11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire

Wed., Apr. 30: CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire Fri., May 2: Immanuel High School Visitors Day

7:30 pm – Immanuel Musical "Annie Jr." (Eau Claire, WI)

Fri., May 9: Field Day (5th-8th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)

Thu., May 22: 7:00 pm – Grace School Program
12:00 pm – School Dismissal (Last Day)

3:00 pm - Immanuel Class Day @ Eau Claire, WI

7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 24: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ Eau Claire, WI Sun., May 25: 9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Thu., May 29: 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service

