

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Service Times: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Wednesday 6:30PM

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the blue hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

May 7, 2023 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

The Pastors' Notes

We bask in the glory of Jesus' resurrection for several weeks following Easter. The Sundays of Easter are colored white to remind us of that glory. During these weeks, the First Reading comes from the book of Acts, instead of an Old Testament book. Acts shows the advancement of the gospel through the Church. Each Sunday in Easter will focus on this life-changing truth: Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means.

Jesus lives to be the only way to heaven. The benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are meant for every man, woman, and child who ever lived. The benefits of that salvation can only be found in one place—the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus says: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Jesus is not *a* way into heaven. He is *the* way. There is no other way than through faith in the One who died and rose again. The unbelieving world finds this claim—that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven—to be the most offensive teaching in all of Scripture. Yet this is the very truth upon which Christ builds his Church. Those who trust in him will not be put to shame. Rather, they are called God's own possession and have the great privilege of proclaiming Christ's gospel to the world.

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Hymns.....914; 469; 854; 518
 Senior Choir (10:30).....*Peace I Leave with You*
 Sermon Theme.....1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to the Living Stone

Prayer Of The Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, 9 if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

12 “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 118

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
 a chosen and precious cornerstone,
 and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

7 Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
 8 and,
 a stone over which they stumble
 and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

Gospel: John 14:1-11

“Do not let your heart be troubled. 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 am going to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. 4 You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

5 “Lord, we don't know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. 7 If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 “Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

9 “Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

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