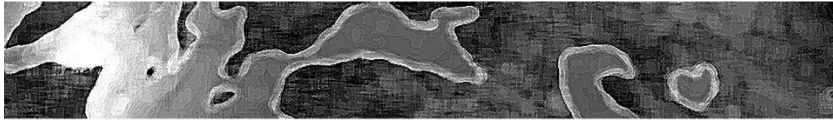


West Middleton Lutheran Church

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P** Holy God,
- C** **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**
- P** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

God Is Here

ELW 526

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.**

Prayer of the Day

- C** **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

The reading concludes:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

1 John 5:9-13

The reading concludes:

- The word of the Lord.
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

WOV Setting 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

John 17:6-19

- The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 17.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading concludes:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Connie Matye

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

The Prayers of Intercession

The prayers conclude:

- ... God of grace,
- hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Offering

In the Garden

WMLC Choir
Arranged by Patti Drennan

Offering Prayer

- P** Let us pray together.
- C** 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. Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Lamb of God

WOV Setting 5



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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

Post Communion Prayer

- ☐ Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- ☑ Amen.

Mother's Day Blessing

Sending Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

ELW 855

Dismissal

- ☐ Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- ☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Diademata

Jeffrey Blesch