

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A Place for Everyone"
God's Work. Our Hands.*

May 8, 2022



Celebration of First Holy Communion



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Sunday Traditional Worship – 10:40 a.m.

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*A Reconciling in Christ congregation
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org)*



Our whole service is printed on the following pages.
Words spoken or sung by people are **in bold type**.

Explanations of the structure and content of the service are *written like this*.

Mission Statement

**St. John's Lutheran Church exists to nurture people of all ages
on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ,
to support those in need
and to reach out into the community with God's healing and love.**



Hearing assistance devices are available from an usher
to enhance your worship experience.

Children are always a welcome part of St. John's worship.
If you feel the need to step out with your children,
you can hear the service from the narthex.

Share the Air! We have people at St. John's with fragrance sensitivity and exposure to some scents can lead to mild or severe reactions including difficulty breathing.
Please limit your use of scents such as perfume and cologne in our building,
especially the sanctuary and restrooms.

*Worship begins
with a chance to
prepare our
hearts and
minds to
encounter God.
Turn off your
electronic
devices and
bring your
conversations to
an end.*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Celebration of First Holy Communion
May 8, 2022 10:45 a.m.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude *Quietly center your heart and mind for worship.
We stand, as able.*

*All may make the sign of the cross ✝, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

*We stand facing
the baptismal
font,
remembering
that we have
been claimed as
God's children.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We have a
chance to lay
before God all
that has
happened this
past week and to
receive God's
gift of a fresh
start.*

*We stand,
as able.*

My Lord, What a Morning

*We turn to face
the processional
cross
continually
facing it on its
way to the front
of the church.*

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

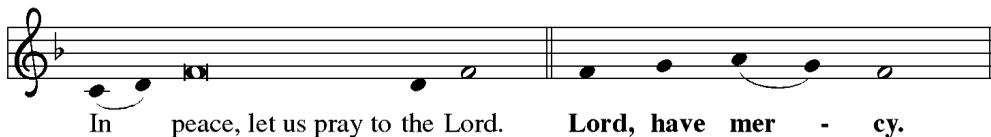
Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

*The apostle Paul
concluded his
second letter to
the Corinthians
(13:13) with this
Trinitarian
greeting. His
other letters
contain similar
greetings.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

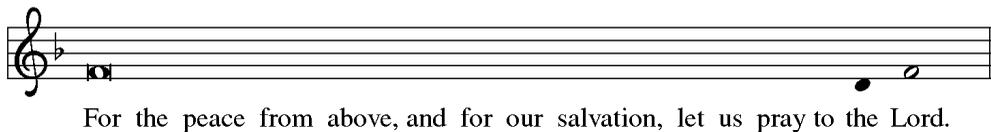
The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

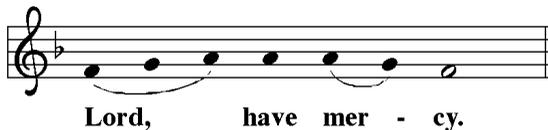


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

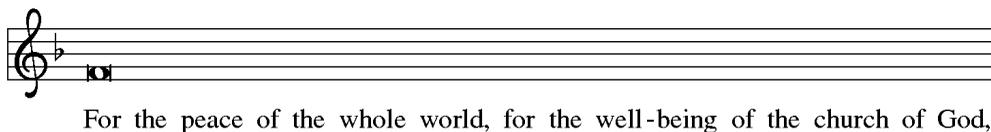
With the faithful through the ages, we pray for God's mercy to bring peace, salvation and unity in ourselves, the church, and the world.



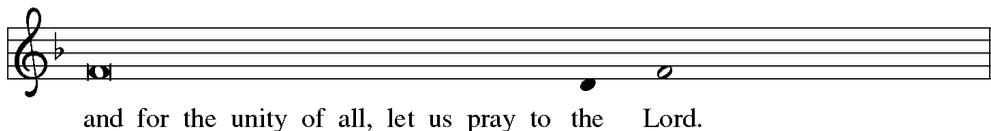
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



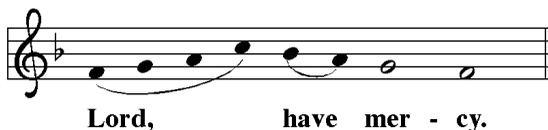
Lord, have mer - cy.



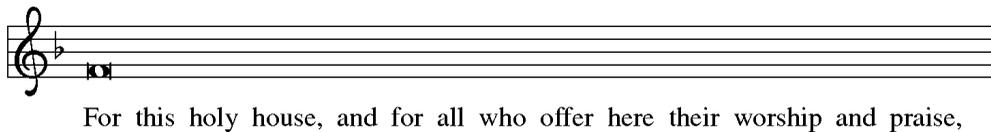
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



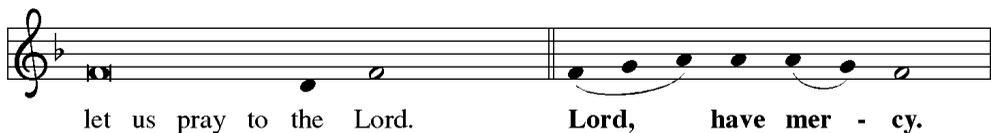
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



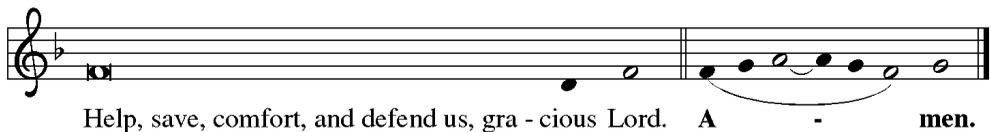
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



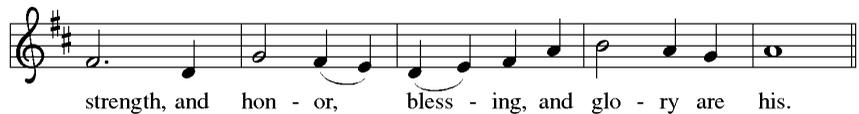
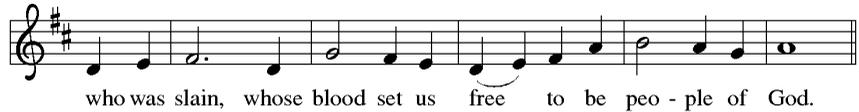
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*We sing praises
along with the
heavenly host
around the
throne of God
with words from
the Revelation to
John.*



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 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.

Final refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

After the prayer, we sit.

The Prayer of the Day presents the theme of today's Bible readings.

This is Where Children Belong James Ritchie



This, this is where chil dren be-long, wel comed as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.
 Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

SERMON FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Read in unison

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

**³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*We recite on of
the ancient
hymns found in
the Bible.*

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

*Christ is the
shepherd who
leads his faithful
to springs of the
water of life.
Christ is also the
lamb who
vanquishes sin
and suffering.*

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We stand as if
to welcome
Jesus himself
into our midst
for the reading
of the gospel,
a message of
good news from
Jesus.*



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

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

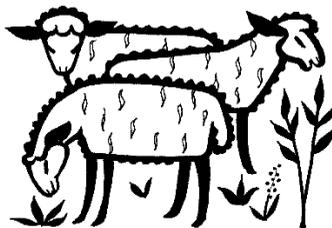
²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows.



*We stand,
as able*

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



Throughout history, Christians have presented the basic beliefs of the church in documents called creeds.

APOSTLE’S 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.
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.**

We respond to the good news presented in the scriptures and sermon by reciting one of the church’s creeds, proclaiming our faith in the God who creates us, saves us, and makes us to be holy people.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus’ work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray about what is happening in the world.

***Julian of
Norwich,
renewer of the
church, died
around 1416***

*When she was
about thirty
years old, Julian
(or Juliana)
reported visions
that she later
compiled into a
book, Sixteen
Revelations of
Divine Love,
now a classic of
medieval
mysticism. The
visions declared
that love was the
meaning of
religious
experience,
provided by
Christ who is
love, for the
purpose of love.*

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes, especially those we name before you now... God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding, as did Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time this morning. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you always.
And also with you.

*Preparing for
receiving the
bread and wine
of Holy
Communion, we
make sure there
are no
disagreements
or grudges
within the
gathered group.*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Fellowship Pads and Offering

During the offering, we pass the fellowship pad to each person in the pew. Print your name and check the appropriate blocks, especially of communing. As the pad returns to its place by the center aisle, note the names of other worshippers and greet them after the Service.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “John 3:16”

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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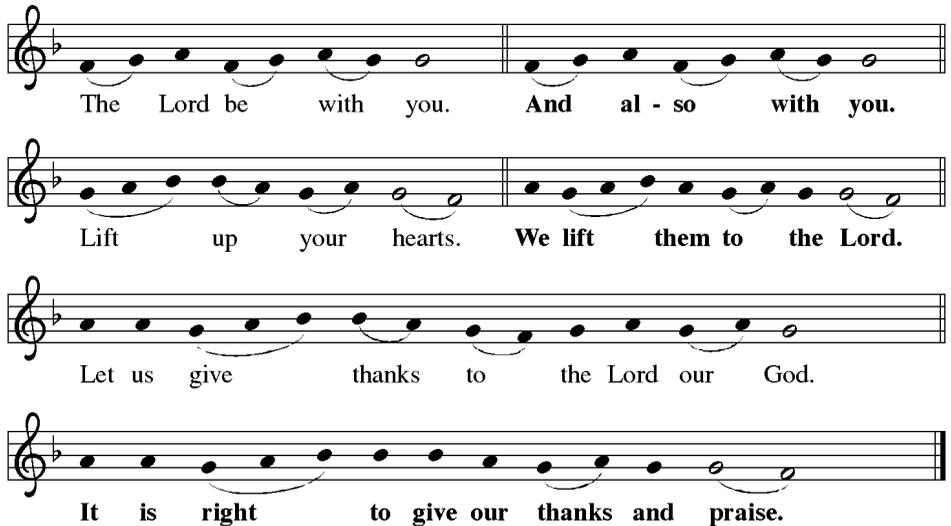
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The pastor leads us in singing or speaking these joyful words.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise
and give thanks to
the Lord

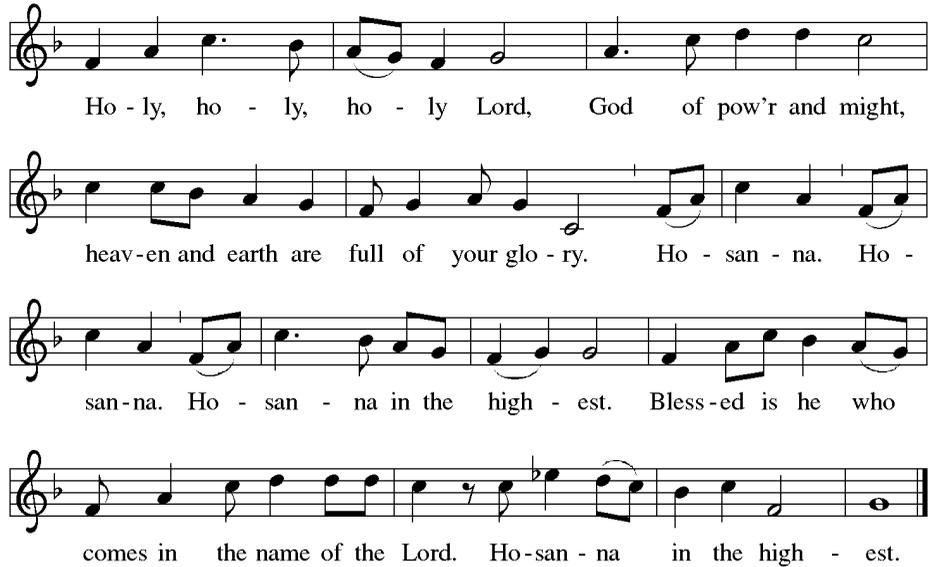
PREFACE

*This song which
combines words
sung by angels
in heaven and
words sung
about Jesus on
earth, is based
upon
Isaiah 6 and
Matthew 21*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY HOLY HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

*The pastor offers
thanks for the
many ways God
has blessed us
throughout
history.*

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

*After describing
God at work
through history
we use words
spoken by Jesus
at the last
supper that he
had with his
disciples.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

*In the meantime
we are reminded
that we are
called to work
and make God's
will a reality in
our world.*

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With Mary Magdalene, Peter, all the witnesses of the resurrection,
and your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Jesus teaches
this prayer to his
disciples in
chapter six of
Matthew's
gospel.*

**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

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All who seek
God and a
deeper and
stronger life in
Christ are
welcome to
receive
Communion.*

***Those receiving their first communion
lead the congregation in coming to God's table of grace.***

*Communion is at the altar rail. Come forward by the center aisle,
get a glass or a prefilled glass of grape juice and kneel (or stand if necessary)
at the rail. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*You may eat just the bread as Christ is fully present in each element.
As soon as you have communed, you may return to your pew by the side aisles.*

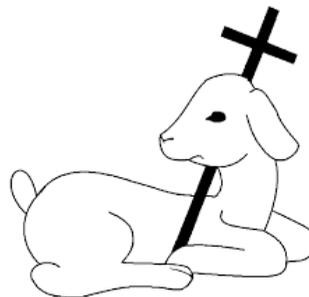
Let an usher know of your need for communion to be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONGS

During the distribution the "Lamb of God" and hymn ELW 471 are sung.

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.



Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 439

Soon and Very Soon

*We stand,
as able*



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



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



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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED

OUR SERVICE BEGINS

The Paschal Candle burns at all Services during the Easter Season (40 days until Ascension Day) and is thereafter lit at baptisms and funerals. This is a constant reminder of the gift of **NEW LIFE**, made available to us through Baptism into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Easter, being the greatest festival of the Church, is celebrated not for a day or a week, but for a week of weeks – seven weeks! Throughout these “Great Fifty Days” we continue to celebrate the Resurrection in a special way, and we begin to see how it affects all parts of our lives. We are witnesses of the Resurrection, and our lives show forth the Lord’s victory.

We rejoice this morning as two of our young Christians come to God’s Table of Grace to receive their First Communion; Alexandria Siena Cannin and Adriana Jo Katchur. The communion bread used this morning was made by these First Communicants with help from the Confirmation class. Offer your prayers and blessings as these young people take this step in their faith journey. *Join us after worship for a reception in Miller Hall in their honor.*

The Mission Outreach committee is reminding you to include items for MA’s Pantry each time you do your own food shopping. The remaining distribution date for **May** is **5/21**, and the request for this month is mixes (cakes, muffins, brownies, Jello, etc.). Please help fill our collection box to overflowing!

Geraniums for Pentecost - As part of our Pentecost celebration, the sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums for Pentecost, Sunday, June 5. The cost is \$5.00 per plant. **The deadline for ordering geraniums is TODAY, Sunday, May 8.** If you would like to purchase one or more geraniums, please complete the order form (available on the table in the narthex), and place it, along with a check made payable to St. John’s & clearly noted “geraniums”, in the basket on the secretary’s desk. After the service on June 5, the flowers may be taken home or left at the church to be planted.

Spring means Graduation! Please contact the office by **May 15** if you or if you know of any members of St. John’s that are graduating this spring – from high school, college, graduate school or trade school. We would love to recognize these achievements!

Pittsburgh Chapter of Reconciling Works is getting restarted after a pandemic caused hiatus. St. John's has been very involved in Reconciling Works for a number of years and all are welcome to attend the meetings and be part of the activities. The next activity of Reconciling Works will be on

Saturday June 4 – the Pittsburgh Pride Parade. Details will be forthcoming. Meetings will be the first Monday of each month and the meeting on **Monday, June 6 will be at St. John’s at 6:00 p.m.** Plan to attend!

The Women of the ELCA have scheduled an outing to Phipps Conservatory to see the summer show “Monet in Bloom” on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Butterfly Forest and Tropical Forest Hawaii will also be open. You do not have to be a member of the Women of the ELCA to attend – all are welcome to join us. Pricing is contingent on age (adult, senior 62+) or if you are a Phipps member. Reservations must be in by May 15 – please contact Sarah Lundie at 412-683-2124 if you are interested!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and have been placed there by members & friends of the congregation, remembering & honoring all Mothers.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sandy Smith in honor of the twins’ tenth birthday.

In Worship Today:

Greeters: Bob & Susan Reimer

Worship Assistant: Brenda Neundorf

Acolyte: Jack Sacriponte

Head Usher: Ken Hendrata

Ushers: John & Karan Cehlar

In Worship Next Week – 5/15

Greeters: Rick & Marissa Barr

Worship Assistant: Bob Reimer

Acolyte: Jack Sacriponte

Head Usher: Joe Lundie

Ushers: Ruth Boyd; Sandy Smith

Thank you to the Worship and Music Committee for the carnations that the children gave to all of the women of the congregation.



Important Dates

This Week:

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| * Today, May 8 | 9:00 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| <i>First Holy Communion</i> | 9:30 AM | Youth Sunday School |
| | | Confirmation Class |
| | 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship |
| * Tues., May 10 | 7:00 PM | Council |

Coming Up:

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| * Sun., May 15 | 9:00 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| | 9:30 AM | Youth Sunday School |
| | | Confirmation Class |
| | 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship |
| * May 16 thru May 20 | | Pr. Kimberly out of the office |
| * Wed., May 18 | 7:00 PM | Women of the ELCA |
| * Sun., May 22 | 9:00 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| <i>Last Sunday School</i> | 9:30 AM | Youth Sunday School |
| <i>Recognition of</i> | | Confirmation Class |
| <i>Graduates</i> | 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship |
| <i>Recognition of Sunday</i> | | |
| <i>School Teachers</i> | | |

We Remember in Our Prayers

On Mother's Day, we thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, expectant mothers, women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth. Amen

Adapted from ELCA Prayer Ventures

We pray for members and friends of St. John's with health concerns:

Judy Baur, (sister-in-law of Jerry Baur), blood clots and a stomach bleed; **Al Burkhart (upcoming surgery May 18)**; *Nancy Cutler*, recovering at home, continued prayers; *Kimberly Egenlauf*, (niece of Sally Kerchner), cancer; *Marlene Gumbert*, recovering from a fall; *Sarah Haag*, CRPS/RSD—chronic pain; *John Haraburda*, stage 3 cancer; *Marty Kerchner*, health issues; *Ron Kramer*, health issues; *Loretta Liebrum*, (daughter-in-law of Donna Hess), severe stroke; *Dee Long*, (friend of Linda Hoffman Charlett), as she walks with her husband Ed as his health declines; *Mala Marts*, (daughter in law of Sally Kerchner), cancer; *Dan McNemar*, MS; *Craig Peterson*, health issues; *Ruthie Smith*, continuing health issues; *John Sowinski*, (father of Glenda Miller), hospice care; *Lew Thompson*, Alzheimer's disease; *Janice Winkles*, continued prayers; *Nora Winwood*, continued prayers.

We pray for the family of *Esther Galbraith* who died; and also for the family of *Marcia Gwaley*, who died.

We pray that peace can be restored to the people of Ukraine and Russia.

We pray for loved ones who are homebound, in care facilities, or in need of on-going prayer, including: Angie; Don; Emma; Joy; Richard, in VA nursing care; Sally; and Shirley.

We pray for our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; SWPA Synod Bishop Kurt Kusserow, and the synod staff; and ELCA missionary Pr. Jeffrey Truscott, serving in Singapore.

Names in bold are new or updated this week.

Our prayer lists are cleared and updated each month.

If you wish for friends or loved ones to be placed on the printed list, please call or email the church office (412-824-0277 or stjohnsnvoffice@gmail.com); complete the blue prayer list form found on the table in the narthex or use the form on the website at stjohnsnorthversailles.com. If appropriate, include a brief reason and relationship.

Thank you.

You are invited to use this sheet in your devotion and prayer time during the coming week.



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