

*Love
one another*

JOHN 13:34



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 15, 2022

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Zoom Worship 9:00 am

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship! Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

As Lutheran Christians, we also believe and teach that Christ is truly present in our celebration of Holy Communion as he promised, and we encourage all baptized believers to come to the Lord's table! We commune children of all ages who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Prelude

Morgan Noon

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Hymn

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW Hymnal 452

Sanctuary worship all verses from hymnal/Zoom vs. 1 &

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and
breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148 (Read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants,**

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all praise to the

Refrain

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
Spir - it, who makes us one:

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

The 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.*
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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

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

Offering

Please stand

"For Love Shall Be Our Song"

Choir

Offertory

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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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Thanksgiving At The Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

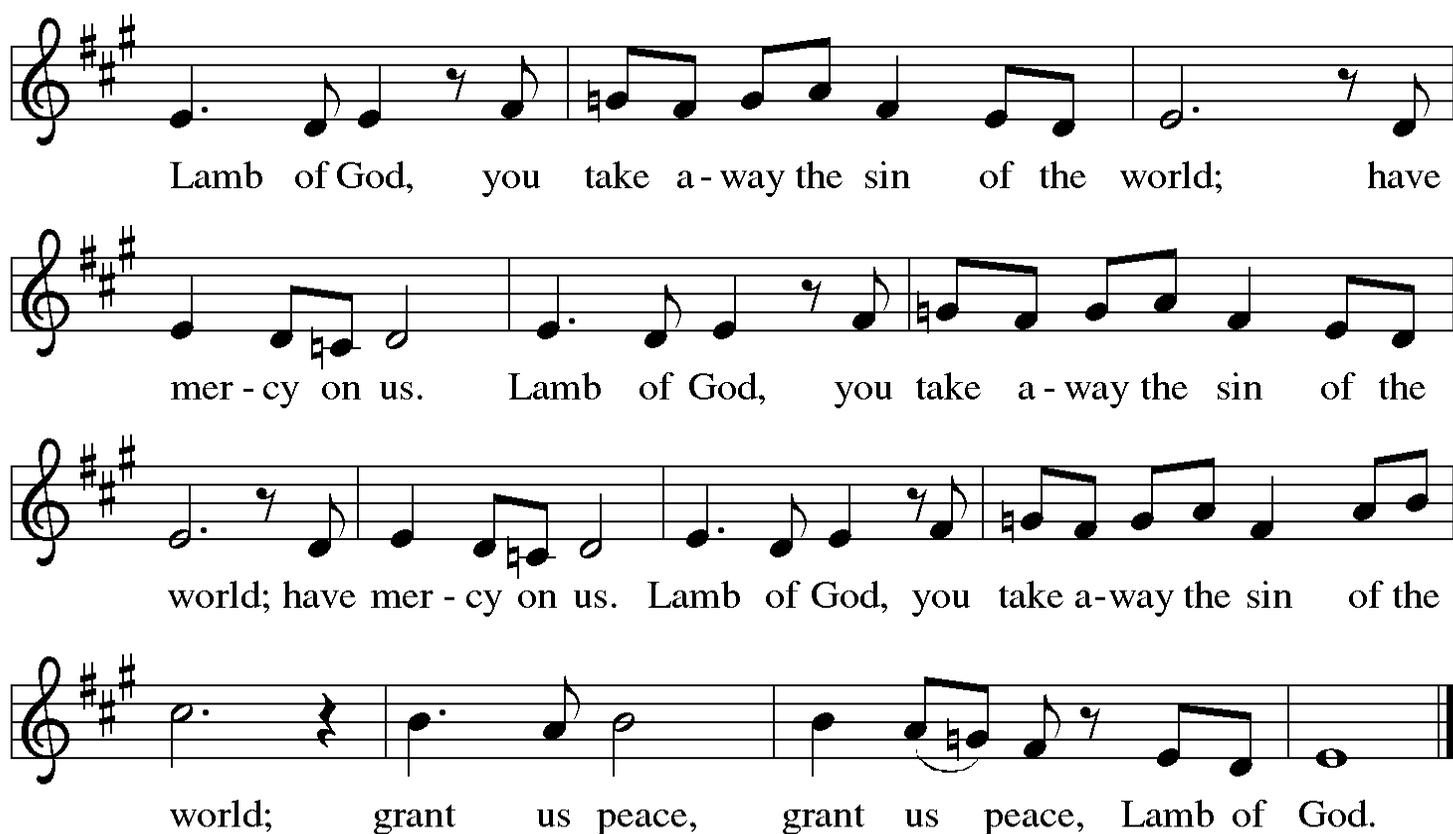
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution



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, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymn: 359, 380, 471

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His care.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW Hymnal **389**

Sanctuary worship all verses from hymnal/Zoom vs. 1 & 5

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| <p>1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.</p> | <p>5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise</p> |
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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2022: The Year of Vision Memory Verse: **"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a)**

Council asks the congregation to pray to follow Jesus' admonition not to worry during the dark times in life, but to know that God cares for us always and holds us in His hands. Find happiness in each day and comfort in God's abiding love.

Honoring our 2022 grads! During worship May 22nd, we will honor our graduates: High School – Jacob Thompson, Jacob graduates from Edison High School June 5th and will be attending BGSU Firelands Campus in the fall. College: Kyle Young, Kyle graduates from Ohio Northern Petit Law School on May 14th, and Ryan Scovanner graduated from University of Toledo on May 6th with a degree in Family Nurse Practitioner. Keep our young adults in your prayers as they enter higher education and as they begin their search for employment or begin in their place of employment.

Scholarship Fund Drive

During the month of May we will be raising funds for the St. John's Scholarship Fund. The funds benefit members of the congregation who are continuing their education beyond high school. We need your financial support to ensure that scholarships will continue to be available. Donations can be mailed to the church at 106 Scheid Rd., Sandusky Oh. 44870. Be sure to make the check out to St. John's Lutheran Church and on the memo line put Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be available in June. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Lucht 419-433-5107.

We still need readers, communion assistants, and ushers. Please let us know if you can help! **Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary**

Day Camp News! Volunteer forms and registration forms are available for Day Camp, which will be held August 1-5. If you will volunteer at all that week, please fill out a form because LOMO (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio) won't let us volunteer without them. If you want to sign up your kids, do so quickly! We can only take 30 kids! The cost is \$50 for the first kid in a family, \$40 for the second, and so on. If you need financial assistance, please let me know! This is for all kids K-6.

Summer Worship Hours: Please note summer worship times will change beginning **June 5th thru September 4th**. Sanctuary worship will be switch to 9:00 a.m. and Zoom switches to 10:30 a.m.

Address update and prayers needed: Kathleen Rudiger has moved to the Memory Care Unit at Providence Commons.. Her new address is Kathleen Rudiger, Providence Commons, 4901 Providence Dr. Room 135, Sandusky, OH 44870. Please pray for peace of mind for Kathleen as she adjusts to this move for her safety.

St. John's Quilting Ministry: We would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Kathleen Rudiger for the many, many years of faithful service and dedication to leading the quilters at St. John's. Kathleen sorted, organized, cut, and sewed scraps and bolts of material squares into quilt tops. The tops were then put together making hundreds of beautiful quilts. Each year Kathleen packed the completed quilts which she took to a central drop off church where hundreds of quilts were sent through Lutheran World Relief to third world countries, disaster areas or wherever they were needed most. These quilts were used as coats, tents, and blankets. Kathleen now resides at Providence Commons no longer able to lead this ministry that she loved. We give thanks for the decades of faithful service to this important outreach ministry of St. John's. Well done good and faithful servant, Kathleen Rudiger!

The quilting materials, sewing machines now lay idle. COVID shut this ministry down, but the need is still there for more quilts. Will one of the quilters feel the call as Kathleen did so many years ago to feel the importance of this outreach ministry to work together with several ladies who worked with Kathleen to revive this ministry? If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please talk with Pastor Stacy, Sue Lucht or Sandy Thompson.

Within a few weeks, if no one is interested, the supplies in the quilting cupboards will be taken to either Zion, Sandusky or St. Peter's, Norwalk which have active quilting groups.

We grieve with the Ruggles, Tommas and Smith families as they grieve the death of Heather and Tara's grandmother on May 2nd. Please keep the families in your prayers.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR MAY 15th THRU MAY 29th

Sunday, May 15	9:00 am 10:30 am	Zoom Worship Sanctuary Worship
Tuesday, May 17	10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Book Discussion in Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts Church Council
Wednesday, May 18	1:00 PM 6:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation – Speakers and questions as we look at the end of life from a faith perspective. Choir Practice
Sunday, May 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Zoom Worship Sanctuary Worship
Wednesday, May 25	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, May 26	8:30 am	Endowment meets on Zoom
Sunday, May 29	9:00 am 10:30 am	Zoom Worship Sanctuary Worship

Earth Day Temple Talk Poem by Jerry Bauer

God's Messenger

Legend of red bird,
a cardinal no less.
Red feathers speak
message of life.
Blessings he brings
this spiritual messenger,
speaks of a loved one's
presence nearby.
God's gift to me
of comfort and life.

Thank you! Dear Friends of Safe Harbour, The Board of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of Easter Baskets and household supplies. It is because of your generosity that Safe Harbour can offer the services to victims of domestic violence to provide for their safety, to help them heal and become independent survivors in our community. Hazel Foley, Executive Assistant