

**JOHN 21:7**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

**Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor**

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**May 4, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to Worship! The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion 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.

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Welcome and Announcements

Serving Our Seniors Sue Daugherty, Executive Director

*Please stand if you are able*

### **Gathering**

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

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✠** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

**ELW 392**

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1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

## 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.**

## Canticle of Praise

**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 if you are able*

### **First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

A reading from Acts

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like

scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 30 (Read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup> God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

A reading from Revelation.

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

*Please stand if you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation

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 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered

him, “No.”<sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”* Peter Scholtes

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# 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.

## Prayers of the people:

**Response:** Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## Choir Offering

*"For Love Shall Be Our Song"* Douglas E Wagner

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*Please stand if you are able*

## Offertory Hymn

### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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## Offering Prayer

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

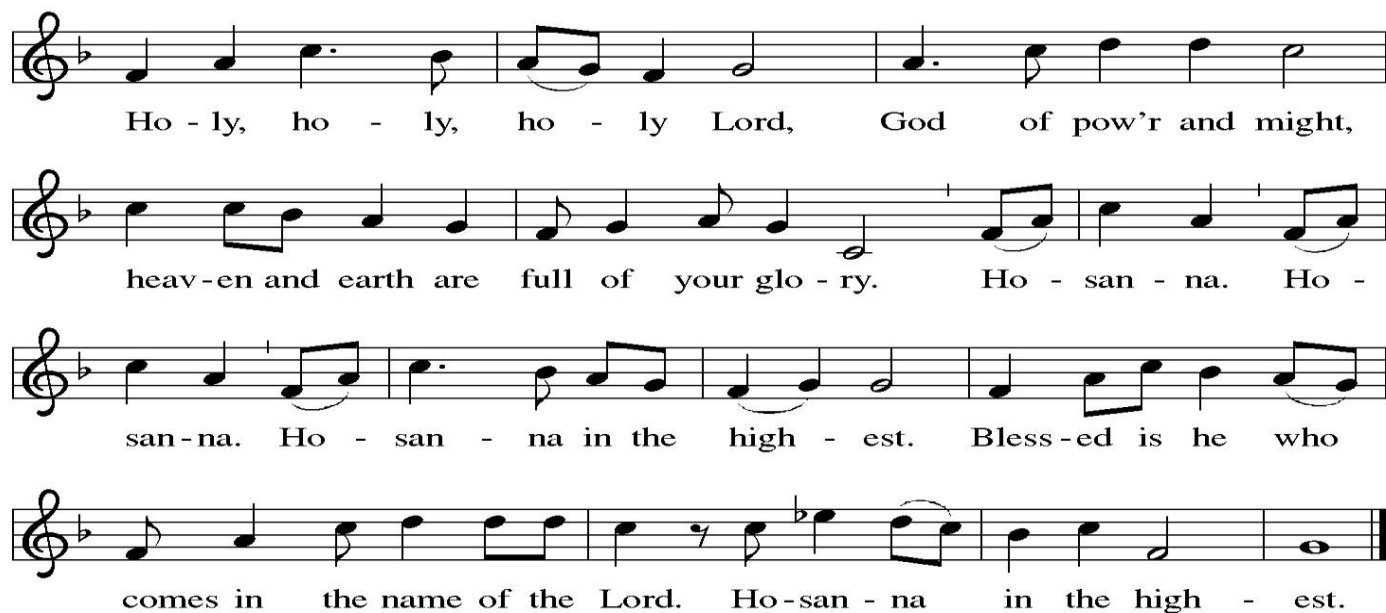
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

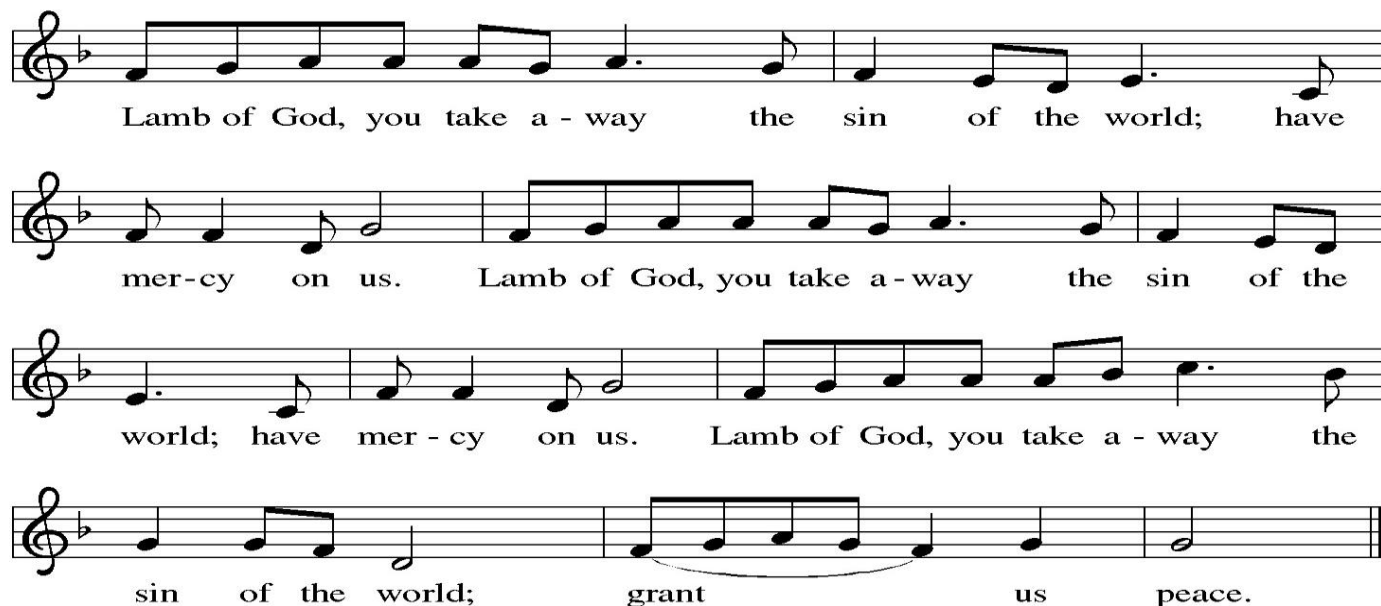
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated*

## 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.

## Distribution Hymn

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

ELW 661

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911 Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936 Public Domain

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

### Refrain

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. Refrain

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. Refrain

## Distribution Hymn

*“Come, Let Us Eat”*

ELW 491

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1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,)  
our Lord's body let us take together.

3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

*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

2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)  
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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**

*"You Servants of God"*

ELW 825

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806 Public Domain

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*"You Servants of God"*

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2025: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

**“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live...”** (Isaiah 55:3a).

**In this season of Hope, Council asks the congregation to pray** that people at St. John's, keep our hearts and spirits open to new opportunities.

**Communion Clean-up today:** Paula Hoffman Laws

May 11 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben    Cleanup – Sandy Thompson

18 – Set-up – Jim Kluding            Cleanup – Jim

25 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben    Cleanup – Sue & Lynn Schlessman

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help, please see Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

**Congratulations to our 2025 grad!** Valerie Deehr graduated from BGSU yesterday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a degree in Life and Earth Science Education, grades 7-12. Valerie will be working at the Wood County Park District this summer and has applied for a Naturalist position with the park system. Keep Valerie in your prayers as she enters the next step in her profession.

**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.

**Your help is needed:** Can you spare a couple of hours to help with registering the photography appointments on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>? The sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary or contact Carolyn Steinfeldt at **csteinfeldt@bex.net** or phone 419-901-0000.

**St. John's is a family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known.** We gather for worship, we care for our neighbors, we pray and study together. And now, we are going to have a month of fellowship! You are invited to join the fun!

Please sign up for each of these events so that we can make reservations. Lunch, you will pay for your own meal, and each event will have a small charge (less than \$20). At Colonial Gardens, we will be potting some beautiful plants. At Island Sham, we will be making our own candles. With Cherished House to Home, we will meet at the church and do a painting project. We will volunteer with OHgo. We hope you will join us!

**May 8 @ 11:30 lunch @ Manny's**

1:00 **St John's** for art project with Cherished House to Home

**May 15 @ 11:30 lunch @ Daly's**

1:00 make candles @ Island Sham - 136 E Market St, Sandusky, OH 44870

**May 22 @ 11:30 lunch @ Old Dutch**

1:00 volunteer at OHgo

## **Weekly Listening Plan**

**May 2025**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**Week 4 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (ELW 742)**

Enjoy the song selection video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3w6felLyog&t=1s>

1. Read and reflect on the scripture that inspired the song. **Philippians 4:6-7**
2. Explore weekly practices connected to the lyrics throughout your week.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?” What phrases in this song bring to mind heavy burdens Jesus has helped you carry? How do these lyrics relate to your faith story?

**Happy Belated Birthday** wishes to Jim Kluding and Corwin Semon.



**Happy Birthday** to Bob Stacy, Lisa Wilson, Elizabeth Libben, Yvonne Semon and Lisa Johnson.

**Happy Anniversary** to Nathan and Christine Samsa.

**Firelands Chorus Inc. presents Praise II** on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 pm. (Doors open at 7:00 pm) The concert takes place at Zion Lutheran Church, 503 Columbus Ave. Sandusky, OH. Free concert with a freewill offering collected.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> THRU MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday, May 4	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Choir Practice Worship
Tuesday, May 6	10:00 am 1:00 pm 2-8 pm	Book Discussion final chapters Faith Life Team Photo Directory Appointments
Wednesday, May 7	12:00 noon 2-8 pm	Scripture and Prayer/Parkvue Photo Directory Appointments
Thursday, May 8	11:30 am 1:00 pm	Fellowship Lunch at Manny's restaurant Art project with Cherished House
Sunday, May 11	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Youth Sunday School Worship
Thursday, May 15	11:30 am 1:00 pm	Lunch TBD Candle Maing at Island Sham
Sunday, May 18	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Youth Practice Youth led worship

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**Letter Carriers' Food Drive:** On Saturday, May 10, 2025 the Letter Carriers of the Sandusky Post Office along with the USPS, and the Sandusky Rotary Club will hold their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Place your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox. We'll deliver it to a local food bank. This spells help for lots of families this year!

**It's time for a new directory!** Universal Church Directories will help us with our new church directory. Our dates for photography will be **May 6 & 7, 2025**.

## **ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING**

- ✧ Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- ✧ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login”
- ✧ Enter your church code **oh2850**
- ✧ Enter your church password **photos**
- ✧ Click on the Enter button
- ✧ Click on the desired **photography** date
- ✧ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ✧ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ✧ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ✧ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ✧ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- ✧ **Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment**

**Scheduling Admin: Carolyn Steinfeldt email [csteinfeldt@bex.net](mailto:csteinfeldt@bex.net)**

**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.