

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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**Day of Pentecost**

Welcome to Worship! Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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.

We welcome and thank Pastor Steve Bauerle for leading our worship this morning while Pastor Stacy is on sabbatical. We thank Nathan Samsa for sharing his gift of music today. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Bells

Welcome and announcements

Prelude *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* Carolina Sandell Berg  
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*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

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933  
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## 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.



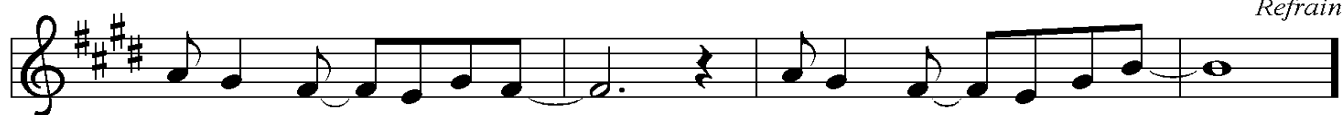
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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.

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through 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 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'''

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Read responsively)**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading Romans 8:22-27**

A reading from Romans.

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

*Please stand*

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



## **Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**Youth Time**

**Sermon**

*Please stand if you are able*

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”*

**ELW 401**

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| <p>1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,<br/>fashion us all anew.<br/>It's your leading that we're needing,<br/>help us to follow you.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i><br/>Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.<br/>Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.</p> | <p>2 Come to teach us, come to nourish<br/>those who believe in Christ.<br/>Bless the faithful, may they flourish,<br/>strengthened by grace unpriced. <i>Refrain</i></p>   |
| <p>4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,<br/>nor rootless liberty;<br/>turn disquiet to contentment,<br/>doubt into certainty. <i>Refrain</i></p>   | <p>3 Guide our thinking and our speaking<br/>done in your holy name.<br/>Motivate all in their seeking,<br/>freeing from guilt and shame. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 Keep us fervent in our witness;<br/>unswayed by earth's allure.<br/>Ever grant us zealous fitness,<br/>which you alone assure. <i>Refrain</i></p> |

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Or, “who proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.

### Prayers of the people:

**Response:** God of Grace,                      **Hear our prayer.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

### Choir Offering

*“Spirit, Open My Heart”* Daniel C Damon, Ruth Duck  
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*Please stand if you are able*

### 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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## **Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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:

**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, 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, ho - san - na, 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**

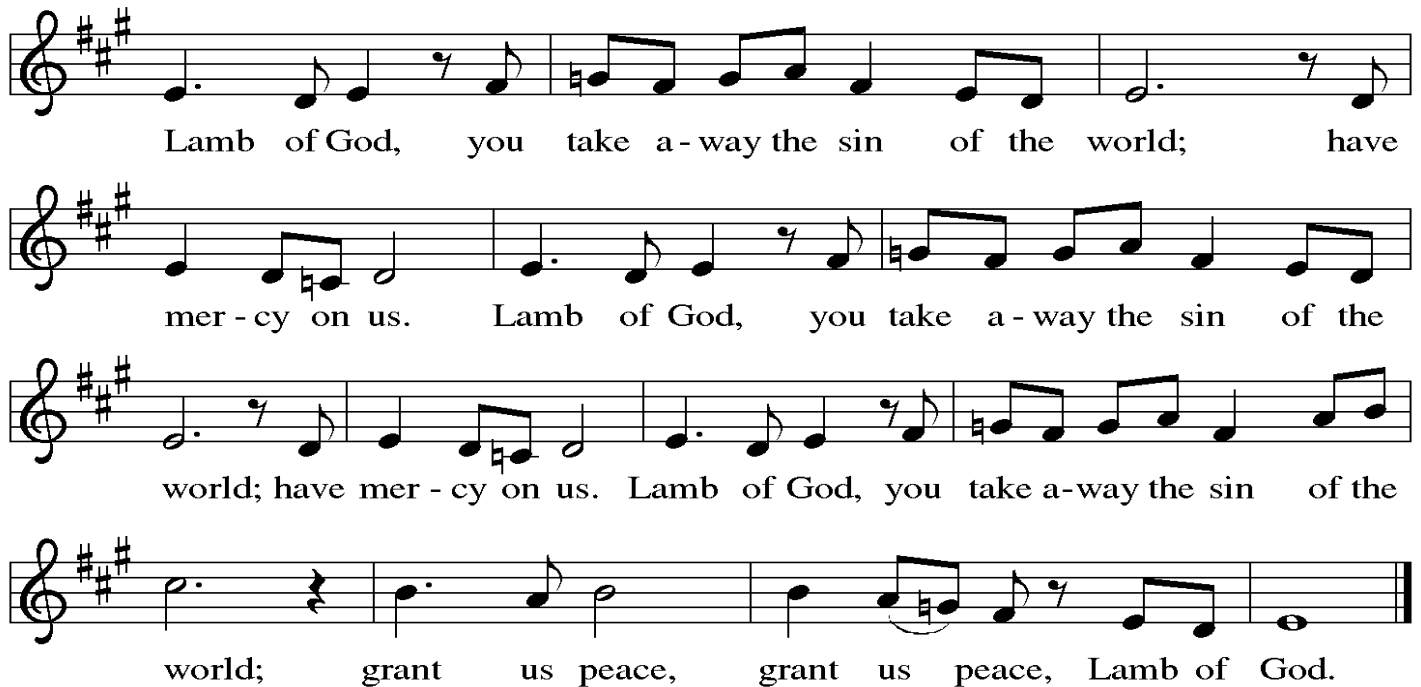
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated*

### Communion Song



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

*"Spirit of Gentleness"*

ELW 396

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#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

### **Distribution Hymn**

*“Loving Spirit”*

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1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.

4 Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be—

you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

*Please stand if you are able*

### **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.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the  
body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,

that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

*"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

**ELW 400**

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1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

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2024: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

**"So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God"** Hebrews 4:9

**Graduation is fast approaching!** Please contact Sandy Thompson with names of our High School, Technical School, or College graduates.

**Council asks the congregation to pray** for Pastor Stacy and her family as they travel for sabbatical. We pray that Pastor feels renewed, refreshed, and refilled with the Holy Spirit and that our congregation does the same, that together we may rededicate ourselves to doing God's work in the world.

**Sister in Christ:** We grieve the death of Morgan Noon who passed from this life on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Communion Clean-up today:** Sandy Thompson/Jim Kluding  
May 26 – Set-up – Toni Nossaman      Clean up – Sue & Lynn Schlessman

June 2 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender      Clean up -  
June 9 – No Communion  
June 16 – Set-up – Toni Nossaman      Clean up -  
June 23 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben      Clean up – Elizabeth Libben  
June 30 - Set-up – Toni Nossaman      Clean up -

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

### **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.

**Summer Worship Hours:** Please note summer worship times will change beginning **June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Sanctuary worship will switch to 9:30 a.m. Worship is live streamed each week on Facebook.

**Sabbatical Thanks:** Thank you so much to everyone who is helping with things while I am on sabbatical. I hope this will be a time for us all to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the ministry that we get to do together. I will be holding each of you in my prayers as we journey and learn. Thank you so much. **Pastor Stacy**

**Sabbatical Pastoral EMERGENCIES:** Melinda Zorn volunteered to receive **EMERGENCY** calls from the members of St. John's during Pastor Stacy's sabbatical. Three pastors have agreed to be on-call to cover a visit/pray with, or call back to the person. Please call 412-639-5477, Melinda Zorn will then contact a pastor to help with your emergency.

**Upcoming Sabbatical Events:**

**TODAY IS LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR BELLWETHER FARM TOUR!**

**Bellwether Farm May 30th:** Venture to Wakeman with Jeff Justi to see an Episcopalian camp. They have an enormous community garden and provide farm to table cooking

opportunities and meals to people who attend their camp. See how they care for the earth and share their faith through nature. May 30<sup>th</sup> in the morning, Lunch is provided. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Justi or Sandy Thompson.

**Spirituality Retreat May 31 & June 1:** Rev. Dr. Lisa Dahill will join St John’s to talk about spirituality, meditation, and nature. No church experience is necessary even though those are churchy words! There will be time for prayer, journaling, and walking the labyrinth. This will be at Zion, Huron’s outbuilding, from May 31-June 1. Dinner, snacks, and lunch will be included. There are only 15 spots available and the cost is \$20. Reserve your spot soon! Friday, May 31 – Dinner 6 pm, event 7-9, Saturday, June 1 – 9-12 (lunch at 12) and 1-3 Saturday.

**Happy Birthday** to Jim Semon, Wade Ruggles, Ron Zorn, Dennis Bottorf, Joshua Thompson.

**Happy Anniversary** to Jeff & Kristi Justi and Ryan & Stacy Scovanner.

**ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR FOR MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Sunday, May 19	9:15 am 10:30 am	Genesis Study with Lynn Worship, Rev. Steve Bauerle
Tuesday, May 21	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday, May 26	9:15 am 10:30 am	Genesis Study with Lynn Worship, Rev. Anna Sutterisch
Thursday, May 30		Trip to Bellwether Farm
Friday, May 31 Saturday, June 1	6-9 pm 9-12 & 1-3 pm	Dinner/Spiritual Retreat Zion Huron Retreat Session/Lunch/Session
Sunday, June 2	9:30 am	Worship, Rev. Dr. Lisa Dahil

Weekly Verse: **He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”**  
**Matthew 17:20**

- May 19 – Pause to listen to your favorite song.  
20 – Take a walk and leave your phone at home.  
21 – Take a break from screens.  
22 – Spend time with a loved one.  
23 – Cook something you love to eat.  
24 – Spend time looking at clouds or stars..  
25 – Take a nap.