



“Receive the  
**Holy Spirit.**

If you forgive  
the sins of any,  
they are forgiven them;  
if you retain  
the sins of any,  
they are retained.”

John 20:22-23, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church  
Sunday April 27, 2025 9:45 am  
Second Sunday of Easter

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

Alleluia No. 1

St. John Choir

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**P:** Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Hymn #384

4 verses

## GREETING AND KYRIE:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a final cadence on the third staff.

*Assistant:* Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
*Congregation:* Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... **(refrain)** ↑

The musical score consists of two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a final cadence on the second staff.

*Assistant:* Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
*Congregation:* A - - - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

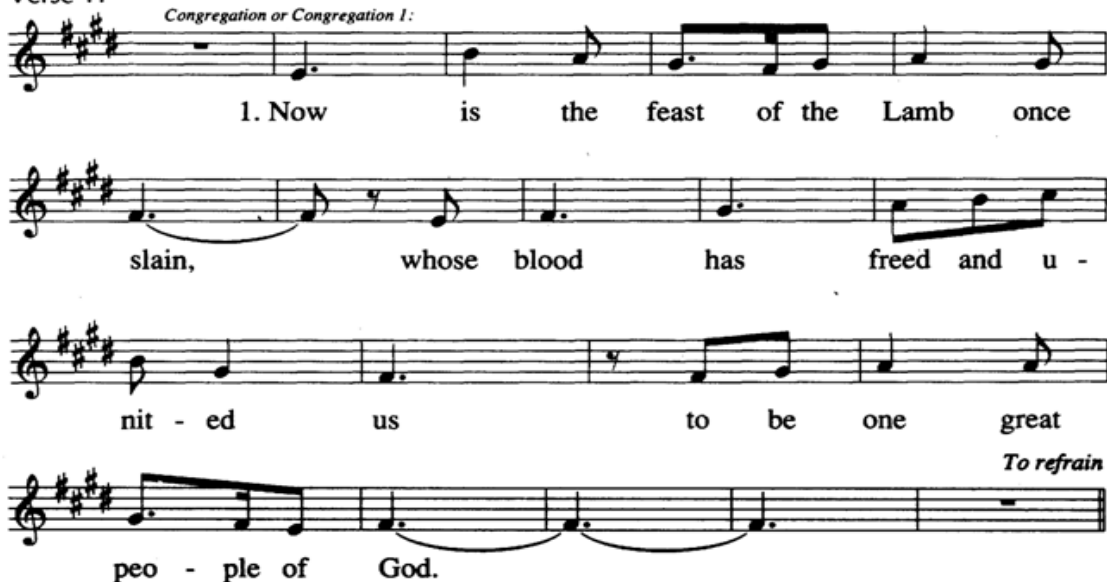
*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*




1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.


*To refrain*

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



*To refrain*

for ev - er.

Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make

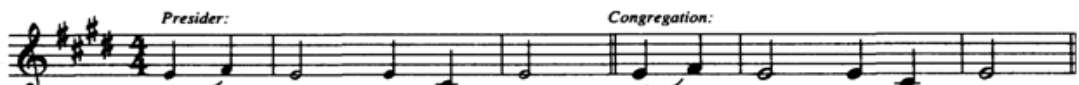


*To refrain*

all things new.

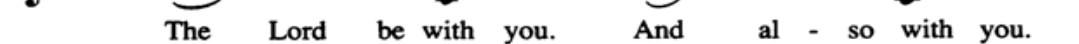
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Presider:*



The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*



And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray ...

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*L: The Word of the Lord....* **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*L: The Word of the Lord...* **C: Thanks be to God**

*Congregation:*

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

Leader: Holy Gospel according to St. John

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

**HYMN OF THE DAY** O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Hymn # 386  
Verses 1,4-8 (alternate tune)

### NICENE CREED

**ALL: 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Hear Us, O God

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable..  
this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)*



## OFFERING

### AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*To refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.

all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One,

**C: you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise."

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

*Presider:* you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

*Presider:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is  
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -  
men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -  
men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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**

### **Welcome!**

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:*

world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,

grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

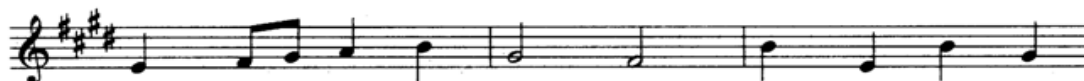
**ALL: Amen.**

# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



**3**Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray...

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Leader: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**ALL: Amen**

**SENDING SONG** Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Hymn #376

3 verses

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**