

The glory
that you have
given me

I have
given them,

so that
they
may be

ONE,

as we are
ONE...

John 17:22, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Seventh weekend of Easter
Saturday May 28th 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING SONG

Spirit Touching Spirit

In our worship we find new communion.
In our worship our spirits join in union.
In our worship our voices sing praise
To the Father above for his wonderful love.
It's his Spirit touching spirit that I love.
It's his Spirit touching spirit that changes my heart.
When our spirits combine, his love becomes mine,
and his Spirit can live in my heart.

WE CONFESS OUR DOUBTING HEARTS

Jesus, we have often acted like your disciples. We are afraid to believe you, ashamed of our lack of conviction, and frozen by our indecision. We fail to see the evidence of your great love for us, and we constantly ask you to provide more proof. Loving Savior, forgive our doubt. Forgive us when we forget how you died a criminal's death to free us from the bonds of sin and evil. Help us to live every day in the freedom and love of Easter. Hear us, Jesus.

Time for silent reflection

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S NEVER-ENDING LOVE!

Leader: People of God, on the cross our Lord Jesus Christ has defeated death and has given us new life. The glory of Easter is reflected in the way that God shows us love. You and I are called to reflect the love of the Savior to those around us. God calls us to pray without ceasing, to love each other in confidence, and to share and make good use of our gifts. People of God, hear the good news of the Gospel...God loves us, God cares deeply for each of us, and God will not leave us alone. Praise God for never-ending love!

ALL: AMEN

FIRST READING

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SECOND READING**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL**John 17:20-26**

[Jesus prayed:] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

SERMON**Matthew Milbrodt****CONFESSION OF FAITH**

ALL: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love. I believe God created me and all I have, and has given me gifts beyond measure. I have faith in Jesus, who emptied himself out of great love for me. I believe Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine and his resurrection is mine. New life is a gift because of Jesus' words and work. I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love. I believe the Holy Spirit is present among us and lives within each person. The Spirit calls people through the Gospel and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit, I have power to stand in strength against all adversity. I believe Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take me to be with him. Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Living God,

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

SONG

Thy Word

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, As long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end. **Chorus**

PRAYERS

Leader: God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

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

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesty, above the fruited plain.

Refrain

**America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.**

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Office closed

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonalds 7 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandroek- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Lucy Witt- medical concerns

Lauren Studer- medical concerns

Betty Roecker- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers- medical concerns

Friends and family of Ruth Pendrey

Serving This Week

Lector: Diana Pfaff

Ushers: The Gerkenmeyers

Acolyte: Kennedy Donnelly

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Roy and Frieda Zunk and in celebration of Gary and Darlene Carstensen's 59th anniversary and given by Gary and Darlene Carstensen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Delbert Base and given by Diana and Christopher Pfaff.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Delbert Base, father, grandfather and great grandfather and given by Cheryl Berger, Kelly, Craig and Morgan Morse, Jeremiah and Shelby Berger.

GAME NIGHT AND APPETIZERS

Come and bring your favorite board game or card game and an appetizer to share. We will meet Saturday, May 28, immediately following worship. Join us for fun, food and fellowship. Please bring your family and friends!



ESTHER CIRCLE
Tuesday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m.
Meet in **Basement**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS 2022 Spark Studios will be June 6-10! Pre-registration for kids will come soon, but we need adult, young adult, and teen helpers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Stefanie Neuman at 419-705-9926 or email at stefaniehneuman@gmail.com.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

Starting Sunday June 5th, Sunday service will begin at 9AM.
There will be no Sunday School.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday June 6th

Mondays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Tuesdays: CLOSED

Wednesdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Thursdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm

MONDAY MAY 30TH

The church office will be closed on Monday May 30th for Memorial Day.



USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through July. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need cereal and canned vegetables. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church. Thank you!