

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church 5th weekend after Easter Sunday May 15th, 2022



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FIFTH WEEKEND AFTER EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 2022

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Leader: Most merciful God...

ALL: have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

Leader: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants your newness of life in Jesus Christ.

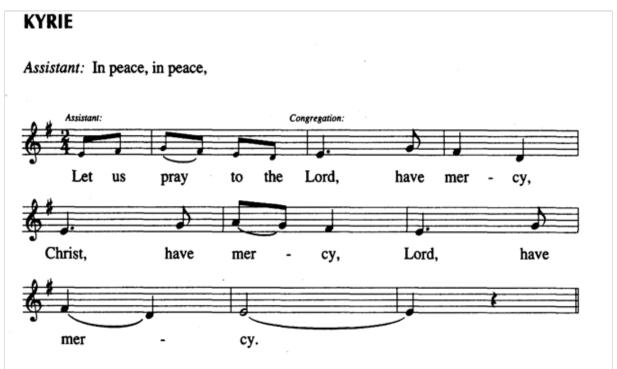
ALL: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Hymn #367

GREETING AND KYRIE:

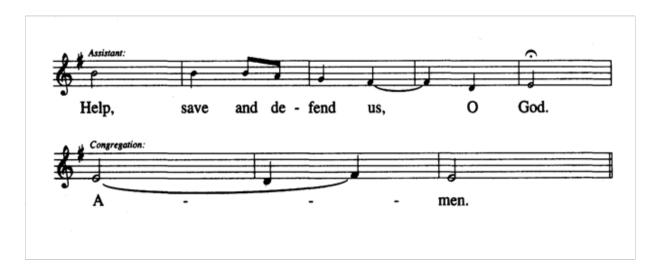
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

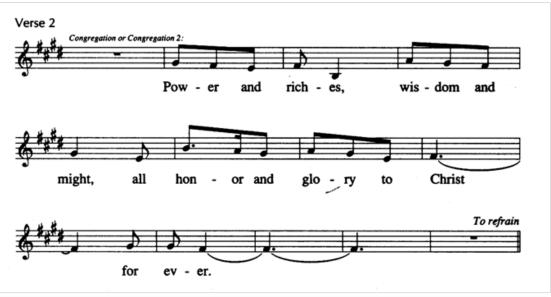


Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... **(refrain**) ↑

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

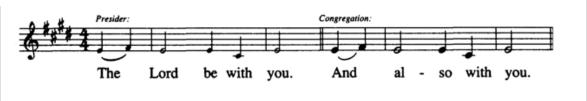








PRAYER OF THE DAY



Leader: 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.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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.

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

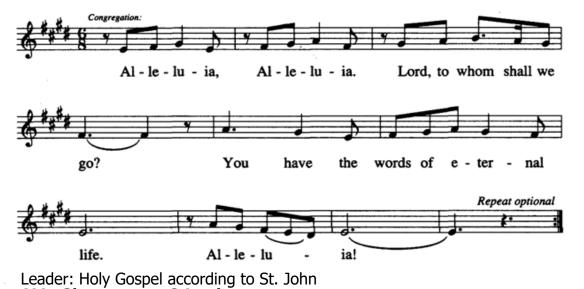
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no

more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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



ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

SERMON Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Hymn #377

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, 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer**

OFFERING

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God...

All: everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

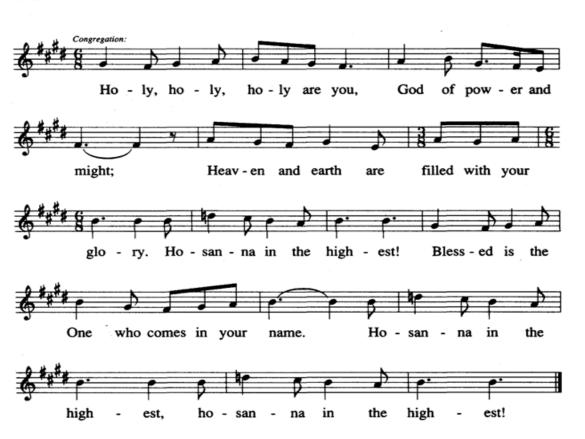
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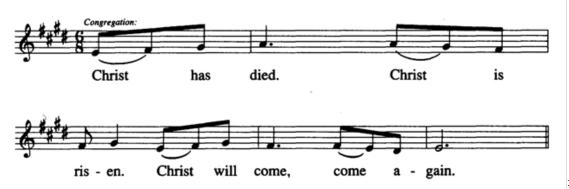
Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, 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:

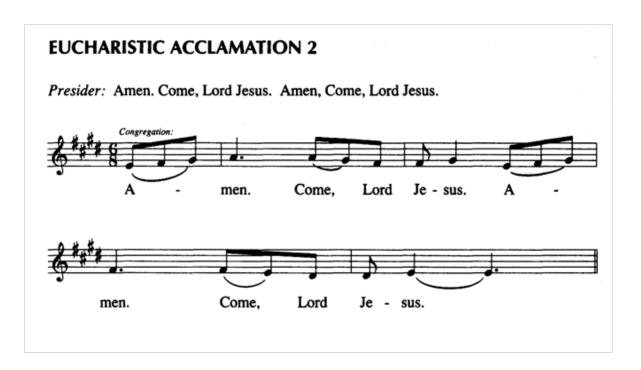


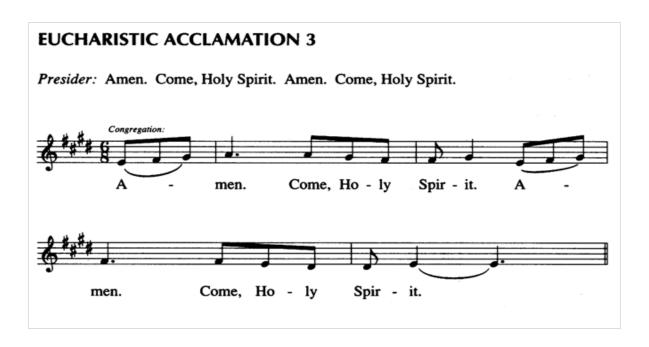


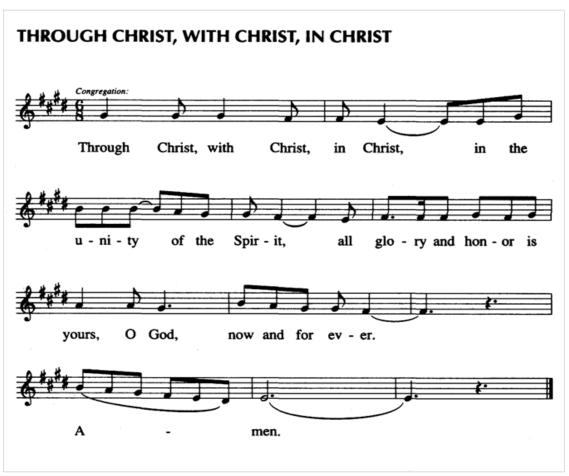
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

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









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

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms on your chest.

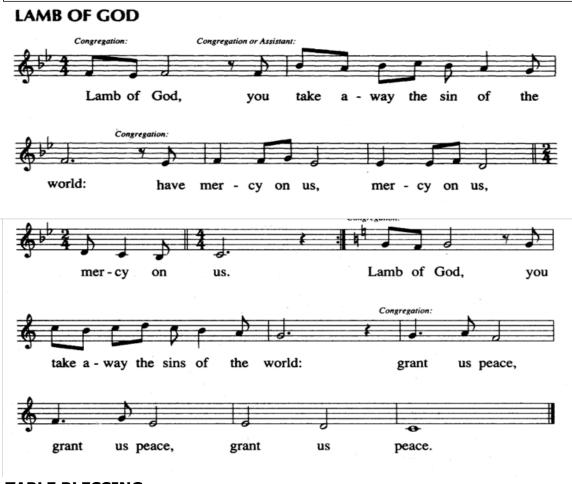


TABLE BLESSING

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.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, generous God, for this bread and cup we have tased the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life

in Jesus' name. ALL: 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 I Know That My Redeemer Lives! Hymn #619

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.

POSTLUDE

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM **Tues:** Blankets 9 AM **Wed:** McDonald's Breakfast 7 AM **Thurs:** Council Meeting 7 PM **Sat:** Worship 5 PM

Confirmation **Sun:** Sunday School 830 AM

Worship 945 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns Marilyn Sandrock – medical concerns Carolyn Lasseter— medical concerns Lucy Witt- medical concerns Kent Delventhal— medical concerns Friends and family of Connie Lasko

Serving This Week

Lector: Jake Titgemeyer

Ushers:

Acolyte: Lucas Titgemeyer

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Carolyn Bihn Bosse and given by Gene and Amy Bihn.

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through June. 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!



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOISY OFFERING

We will be having a Noisy Offering on Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd to help offset VBS costs.

Vacation Bible School will be June 6th— June 10th and this year's theme will be "Spark Studios"

Volunteers are needed for VBS this year. A variety of positions are available. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Stefanie Neuman at 419-705-9926 or email at stefaniehneuman@gmail.com.





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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are...
"creating and nurturing life changing relationships based on the love
of God in Jesus Christ, so that we may grow in faith, serve God, and
serve our neighbor."

Worship Schedule
Saturday 5:00 –Contemporary Service
Sunday School 8:30 am
Sunday Worship 9:45– Traditional Service