



Jesus said,
**"NOW THE
SON OF MAN
HAS BEEN**

**GLORIFIED,
AND GOD
HAS BEEN
GLORIFIED IN HIM."**

JOHN 13:31, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Fifth weekend of Easter
Saturday May 14th 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING SONG

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with Thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise!
I will say this is the day...that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

(CHORUS)

He has made me glad! He has made me glad!
I will rejoice for He has made me glad...
He has made me glad! He has made me glad!
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

(Repeat verse and chorus, then repeat chorus again)

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 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 four-footed 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."

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."

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."

SERMON**Pastor Shawn O'Brien****SONG****How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King ... clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice ... all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light ... and darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at his voice ... and trembles at his voice.

Chorus

**How great ... is our God ... sing with me ...
How great ... is our God ... and all will see ...
How great ... how great ... is our God.**

And age to age he stands ... and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End ... beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one ... Father, Spirit, Son
The lion and the lamb... the lion and the lamb. **Chorus**

Name above all names... Worthy of our praise.
My heart will sing, how great... is our God.
How great, how great is our God.

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

We Give Ourselves to You

Father in heaven we thank you for all the blessings you give.

You are the source of our power. You are the reason we live.

Help us to constantly follow and keep our eyes on you.

Father with daily commitment we give ourselves to you.

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

Your Name is Holy

You, are the sovereign I AM: Your Name is holy.
You, are the pure, spotless Lamb; Your Name is holy!

You, are the Almighty One; Your Name is holy,
You, are the Christ, God's own Son; Your Name is holy ...

In Your Name ... there is mercy for sin,
there is safety with-in ... In Your holy Name.

In Your Name ... there is strength to ... remain ...
to stand in spite of pain ... In Your holy Name.

You, are the sovereign I AM: Your Name is holy.
You, are the pure, spotless Lamb; Your Name is holy!

You, are the Almighty One; Your Name is holy,
You, are the Christ, God's own Son; Your Name is holy...
Your Name is holy..

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: Bible Study 10 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonalds 7 AM

Thurs: Council Night 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

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

Serving This Week

Lector: Nancy Strohscher

Ushers: Jack Mathews

Acolyte: Emma Morgan

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 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!



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.

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.





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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: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday School: 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship 9:45 AM
Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM

Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others