



**JOHN 10:30, NRSV**

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church  
Fourth weekend of Easter  
Saturday May 6th 2022



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**PRELUDE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

**Life in His Hands**

All of the world will be singing when everyone understands  
that Jesus is here and he's giving us new life in his hands.  
The offer extended in mercy to people who need a friend  
Is found in the palm of the savior's hand. There's life in his hands,

Life in His hands ...in His hands there's life for you.  
Life in His hands ... for you and me.

**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 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**SECOND READING****Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**GOSPEL****John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

**SERMON****Pastor Shawn O'Brien****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**

**PRAYERS**

Leader: God, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

**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

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above the heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## COMMUNION

Leader: We are resurrection people!

**All: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us.**

Leader: We are Easter people!

**All: Just as we share his death - we share his life. We, too, will be raised from death to life.**

Leader: We are Good News people!

**All: The body and blood of Jesus is a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, and acceptance.**

Leader: Our Lord, on the night when he was betrayed took bread, gave thanks, broke it and give it to his disciples saying, "Take this bread and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." And in a similar manner he took a cup filled with fruit of the vine and after giving thanks he shared it with his disciples saying: "Drink of it, all of you, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Given for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me!" Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

## 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

Love him in the mornin' when you see the sun-a-risin;  
Love him in the evenin' cause he took you through the day.

And in the in between times when you feel the pressure comin'  
Remember that he loves you and he promises to stay.

When you think you have to worry 'cause it seems the thing to do,  
Remember he's not in a hurry, He's always got time for you.

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## ALL DAY SONG

## 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: Committee 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

Jessica Wolfe- medical concerns

### ***Serving This Week***

**Lector:** Amy Schloegl

**Ushers:** Jack Mathews

**Acolyte:** Benjamin Sommers

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Clara Lasseter and given by Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock.

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Mark Witt on his 60th birthday and given by Alice Witt and family.

### **WELCA MEETINGS**

Esther Circle  
Tuesday, May 10 - 2:00 p.m. in Social Hall

### **USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED**

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

### **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](mailto:stefaniehneuman@gmail.com).

### **WELCA MEETING**

North Central WELCA Spring Assembly will be May 14th at St. John, Oak Harbor. Cost is \$10 plus a non-perishable food item. This covers a continental breakfast, program and lunch. The speaker will be from Impact Coalition. Reservations due May 4th to Diane Dickinson at 567-202-7481 (please leave a message). We will carpool from the church on the 14th and leave by 8am.

