

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
4th weekend after Easter
Sunday May 8th, 2022



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FOURTH WEEKEND AFTER EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH, 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 Have No Fear Little Flock

Hymn #764

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.

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, with lyrics "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,". The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have". The third staff continues the Congregation part with lyrics "mer - cy." and features a long melisma line.

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,

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 is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, with lyrics "Help, save and de - fend us, O God.". The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics "A - - - men." and features a long melisma line.

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.


Congregation:

A - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

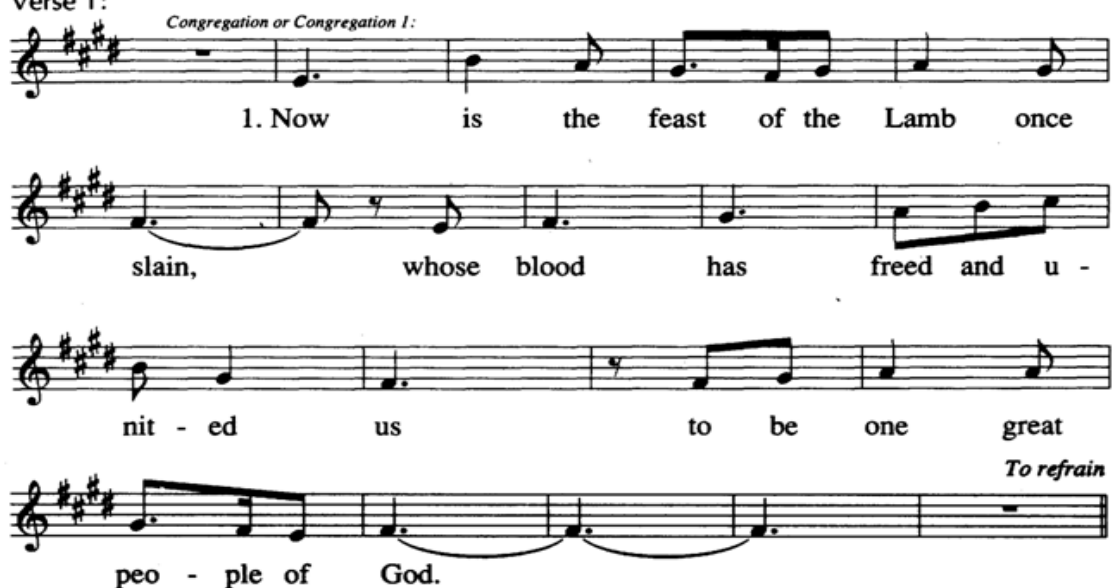
Congregation:



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
To refrain
peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

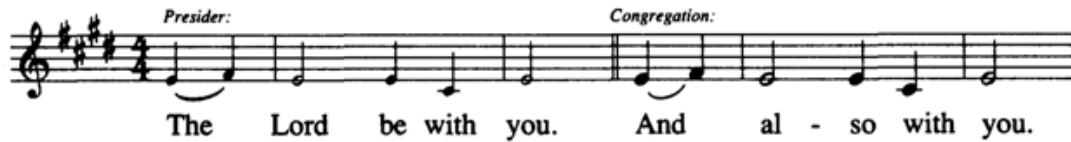
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Leader: Let us pray ...

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 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.

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

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."

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 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."

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

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, oh blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught.
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

CHORUS

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for his hand he leadeth me.

Sometime mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers
bloom

By waters calm, o'er troubled sea still tis God's hands that leadeth me.

CHORUS

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see, since tis my God that leadeth me

CHORUS

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict'ry's won
E'vn death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

CHORUS

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

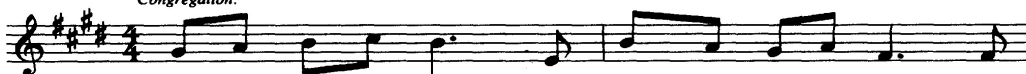
Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God...

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

right to give God thanks and praise.

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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!

The musical score for 'HOLY' is written for a congregation. It consists of five staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.

The musical score for 'Eucharistic Acclamation 1' is written for a congregation. It consists of two staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

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

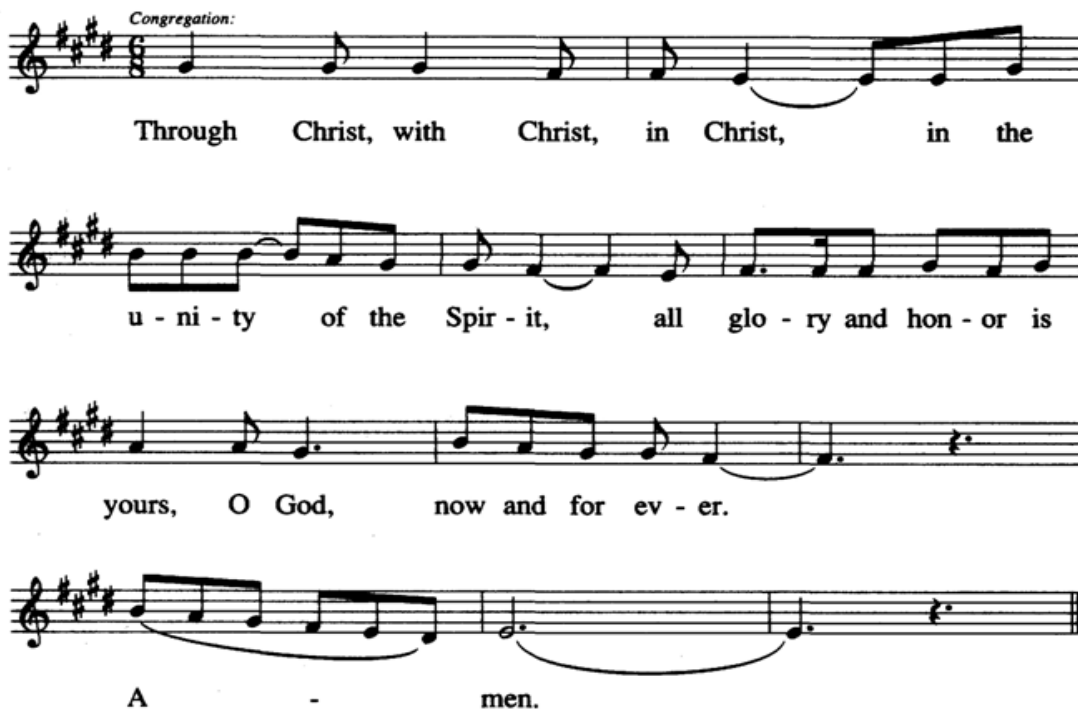
Congregation:

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

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:



The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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 word 'Amen' is split across the fourth staff.

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 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. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

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,

Congregation:

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.

TABLE BLESSING

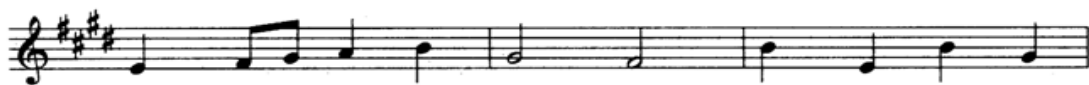
Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU



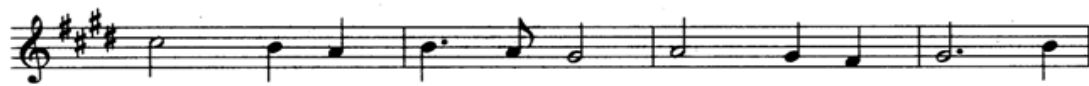
1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



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.



3. 4. se 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

Leader: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, generous God, for this bread and cup we have tasted 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

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn #789

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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: Committee Night

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: Deanna Neuman

Ushers:

Acolyte: Aiden Johnson

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 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!

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