

St. John's Lutheran Church

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11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Festival of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O living Christ, because You live, we live. Because You love us, so too can we love. The whole of our joy is in You, and we bow down before You with praise and thanksgiving. In Your holy risen name. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Slane”

arr. Bock

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

LBW 377

***GREETING**

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**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



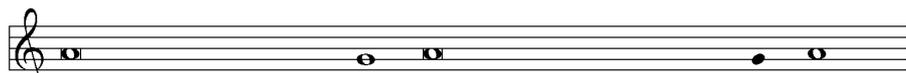
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



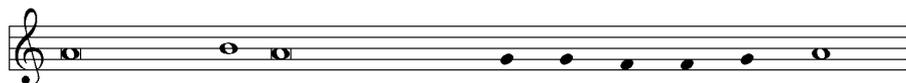
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

NEW BELLS

“Brother James Air”

arr. Ingram

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 30:18-21

A The First Lesson is from the thirtieth chapter of Isaiah.

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. ²⁰ And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26



Rise up, and help us, and save us, for the sake of your stead-fast love.



¹We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefa- | thers have told us,*
the deeds you did in their days, in the | days of old.

²**How with your hand you drove the peoples
out and planted our forefathers | in the land;***

how you destroyed nations and made your | people flourish

³For they did not take the land by their sword,
nor did their arm win the vic- | tory for them;*

but your right hand, your arm,

and the light of your countenance, because you | favored them.

²⁰**If we have forgotten the name | of our God,***

or stretched out our hands to | some strange god,

²¹Will not God | find it out?*

For he knows the secrets | of the heart.

²²**Indeed, for your sake we are killed all | the day long;***

we are accounted as sheep | for the slaughter.

²³Awake, O Lord! Why | are you sleeping?*

Arise! Do not reject | us forever.

²⁴**Why have you hid- | den your face***

and forgotten our affliction | and oppression?

²⁵We sink down in- | to the dust;*

our body cleaves | to the ground.

²⁶**Rise | up, and help us,***

and save us, for the sake of your | steadfast love.

SECOND LESSON:

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

A The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of second Corinthians

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

John 14:8-14

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

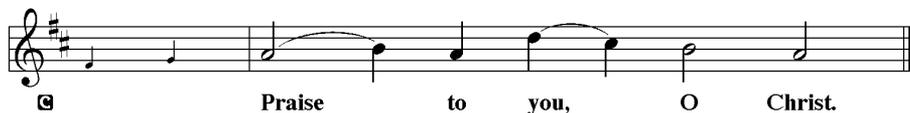
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that

the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SENIOR BELLS

"Pie Jesu"

arr. Wagner

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LBW 151

SERMON

*NICENE CREED

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, you alone are worthy of worship. You alone are worthy to speak words of divine judgment and forgiveness. Give us grace to kneel in adoration and to rise up in obedient service to you.

LORD in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

L Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

ANTHEM

“Joy in the Morning”

Sleeth

***OFFERTORY**



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

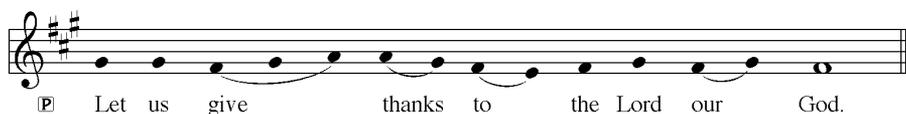
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

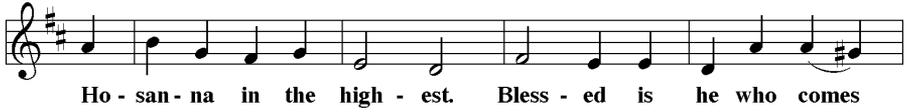
A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen**



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 212, 210, 139, 148, 145

*COMMUNION

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



RECESSIONAL HYMN *“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”* **LBW 135**

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Mathias

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.



Lasagna Luncheon

Youth Group Fundraiser

TODAY After Worship!

Please come support our Youth!



On Sunday, April 24th, St. John's was victorious at the Mission District's Bible Bowl Competition!

Congratulations to our Youth!



*Annual Spring Concert
Tonight*

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

*St. John's Lutheran Church
218 N. Jefferson St.*

*At 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.*

*The Senior & Junior Bell Choirs
and
the Senior & Children's Vocal Choirs
(under the direction of Rebecca Veith)*

Mark your calendars...
you don't want to miss this!

*The concert is free and open to the public,
so bring your family, friends and neighbors
and celebrate spring with us!*



Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky.

Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.

NALC Disaster Response has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies. Supplies continue to be collected and sent.

A Mission Trip has been organized for the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022.

St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas. We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes

Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response.

St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.

Social Ministry Collection for Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.



One washcloth

One comb

Six band-aids

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

All items must be new! If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs

Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	<i>Spoken Mask Required Worship</i>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert
Monday 5/2		<i>Pray for Kentucky Mission Trip</i>
Wednesday 5/4	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
		<i>No Choir Practice</i>
Thursday 5/5	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	<i>National Day of Pray Amphitheater</i>
Sunday 5/8	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Communion Assistants
Acolyte
Greeters
Camera Operator

Sara Shafer
Cheryl Mechling
Brett & Megan Taylor, Lori Young
Noelle Smoyer
The Shafer family
Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of God's gift of music and musical talents that we share here at St. John's Spring Concert.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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