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St. John's is called into a joyful life of
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled
worship, transformational relationships,
and Gospel-driven service in the world.
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A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sixth Sunday of Easter

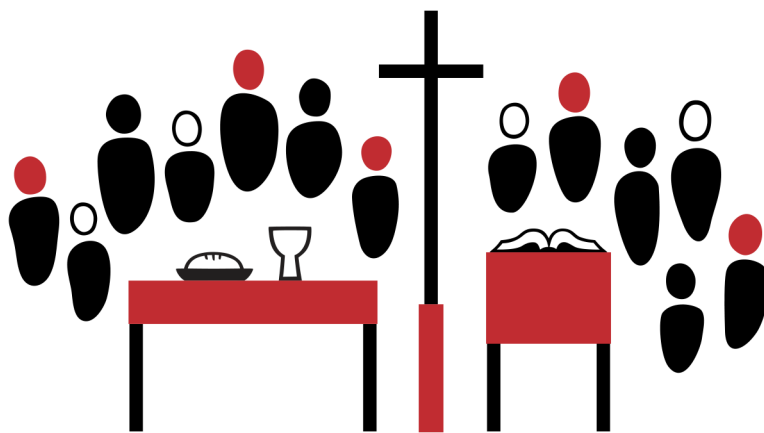
May 5, 2024

Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmerelreich

Georg Bohm



WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flowing rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

GREETING

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

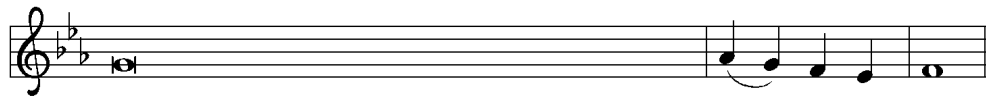
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



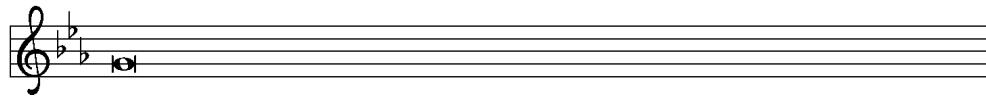
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. Amen.

During the singing of verses 1 & 3 of "Won't You Come...", children of all ages are invited forward to join Edith in the front pew for the Word of the Week.

Won't you come and sit with me

LS 78



1 Won't you come and sit with me, sit with me, sit with me?
2 Won't you come and sing with me, sing with me, sing with me?
3 Won't you come and pray with me, pray with me, pray with me?



Won't you come and sit with me right here on the floor?
Won't you come and sing with me? Let us sing to God.
Won't you come and pray with me? Let us talk to God.

Text: anonymous, st. 1; Jane Haas, sts. 2-3
Music: anonymous

WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

After the Word of the Week, all may return to their pews or children may go to 'Grace Space' in the back of the sanctuary while the people repeat verses 1 & 3 of "Won't You Come...."

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:27—13:13

A Reading from the First Book of Corinthians, beginning in the 12th Chapter.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 12:28-31

The Second Reading is from the Gospel of St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

ELW 644

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. Guide with your wisdom our new bishop-elect, Jen Nagel, that she may be a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip and encourage the ministries of the congregations of our synod. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world is divided, and the nations are in an uproar. Grant humility, wisdom, and vision to all world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation as they seek peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Michelle Dehn, Nancy Johnson, Darrell Christoferson, Larry Fraser, Pastor Bill Russell, David Roinas, Manuela Solorzano, Sharon Koschak, Doug Miller, and others we name in our hearts *An intentional moment of silence* God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is accomplished through your people. Bless the varied ministries of this congregation, that our ministry in your name may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You rejoice and celebrate whenever anyone publicly professes their faith in you. We rejoice that Dylan Noaman confirms his faith at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake this afternoon. As Dylan professes his faith to continue in the baptismal covenant - to live among God's people, hear your word and share in the Lord's Supper, proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed, and strive for peace and justice in all the earth - help the rest of us to uphold and sustain Dylan in his publicly affirmed faith in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Musical Offering

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

(ELW 817)

(Tú has venido a la orilla)

St. John's Choir

Giving to St. John's

In addition to writing a check, giving cash or by ACH, you can sustain the church's ministry and mission by making a donation to the church online! To support St. John's, point your smartphone camera at the QR code on the right or visit: stjohns4842.breezechms.com/give/online



OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communion will be served at the kneelers in the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct you forward for distribution. Those coming forward from the lectern side, please fill from far right of railing toward the center; those on the pulpit side, fill from center toward left end of railing.

You will receive the host to eat and then wine (red) or juice (white) from an individual communion cup. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate your need to the server.

Anyone choosing to not commune is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let an Usher know.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW p. 112

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.



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish you, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

J. Bert Carlson

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
Text © 1995 Andrew Donaldson.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
 - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

The Offering is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app,
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55419 or

- **USE this QR code:**
Point phone camera at code
and click on the link.



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- Worship services
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St. John's 'Guest' WiFi pw: #MartinLuther

Readings for May 12—Easter 7

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

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Our Life Together

Today (*Cinco de Mayo*)

Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship *following worship* (FH)

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

Worship Committee, 11:15 a.m. (Lounge)

Monday, May 6

St. John's Foundation Board, 5:45 p.m. (Lounge)

Tuesday, May 7

St. John's Staff Meeting, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

Tuesday Night Book Study, 6:30 p.m. (Lounge/Zoom)

Wednesday, May 8

St. John's FPNP Team, 6 p.m. (Lounge)

Thursday, May 9

ECFE (Child Care), 5:30 p.m. (FH)

Holy Conversations, 6 p.m. (Lounge)

Saturday, May 11

Minneapolis Brass Rehearsal, 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 12—Easter 7 (*Mothers Day*)

Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m. *in person & online, nursery available*

Fellowship & Packing of Backpacks *following worship* (FH)

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

THE NEXT BISHOP OF THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD will be the Rev. Jen Nagel. Following an intense discernment process over the past few months, she was selected by the synod assembly from among 12 candidates on the 5th ballot on May 4. Bishop-elect Nagel currently serves as lead pastor of University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY continues on May 7 with selection #8 by Richard Rodriguez, "Credo" in *Listening for God, V. 1*. Then on May 21, study of *Listening for God, V. 2* will begin. If you are interested in joining that study, please let Edith know.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS resumes this Thursday at 6 p.m. with discussion of "A Lutheran Welcome to Forgiveness." Come and join the exploration!

JOIN IN PACKING FOOD BACKPACKS during Fellowship next Sunday! The 20 backpacks of food for families will then be delivered to Justice Page School on Thursday morning, the 16th.

Looking ahead....

June 9 - **Congregational Annual Meeting**, 11:15 a.m.

June 10 - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at St. John's, 12-6 p.m.

June 23 - **Worship at Lake Harriet**, 10 a.m.; St. John's & Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

August 16-18 - **St. John's Weekend at Chi Rho Center**

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A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly