

REJOICE

IN THE LORD



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

April 15-17, 2023

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Monday - 6:30 PM

Welcome

We are so happy that you are here and pray God's richest blessings upon you. At St. John, you'll find a community committed to walking with each other, warm hospitality and a cup of hot coffee, and relevant messages rooted in Scripture. We follow Jesus, grow as His disciples, serve, and tell others so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord.

Our Mission

We are a church being shaped by Christ to Serve.

What does this mean?

- First, we are Shaped by Christ. He shapes our thoughts, words, and actions by His Word and Sacraments. As we are connected to Jesus, He transforms our whole life and being.
- Second, we are shaped for the purpose of serving others. We gladly serve our neighborhood, church, community, family, friend, and stranger in the name of Christ our Savior.

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to Him. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who holds a different confession of faith, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

For those with gluten intolerance, gluten free hosts are available. Please talk to a pastor before worship, so that we can have one consecrated and ready for when you arrive at the rail. For those with issues with alcohol, wine diluted water is in the center of each tray of individual cups.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WELCOME

(Remain Seated)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!

3 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

4 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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(Please Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

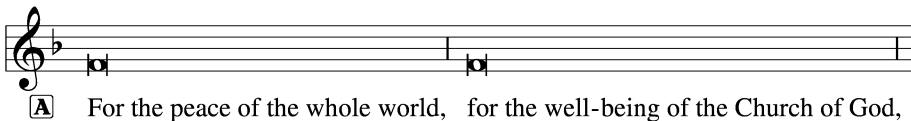
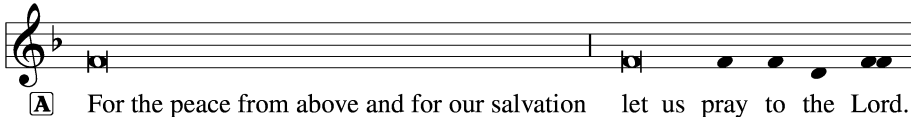
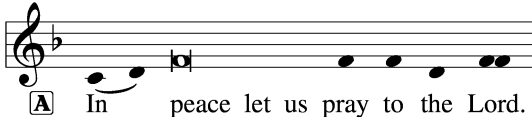
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE





C Lord, have mer - cy.



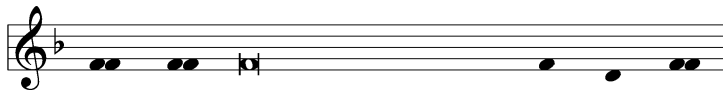
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



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



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

(Continues...)



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Be Seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be Seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

(At the 10:30 service, the Kids' Ministry will sing the "Alleluiahs" alone)

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Continues...)

3 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

Pastor John Schultz

THE RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

Address to the Congregation

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God’s children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, “Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup,” and “as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar. Address to the Candidates

Address to the Candidates

P You are about to be admitted to the Lord’s Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *Amen.*

Parents and Sponsors Stand

P Parents, (sponsors), and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C *We will, with the help of God.*

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love towards others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace + be with you.

C *Amen.*

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

OFFERING

(Please sign the Who's Who in the Pew found in the black folder in the hymnal rack nearest the center aisle, as a record of your attendance.)

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

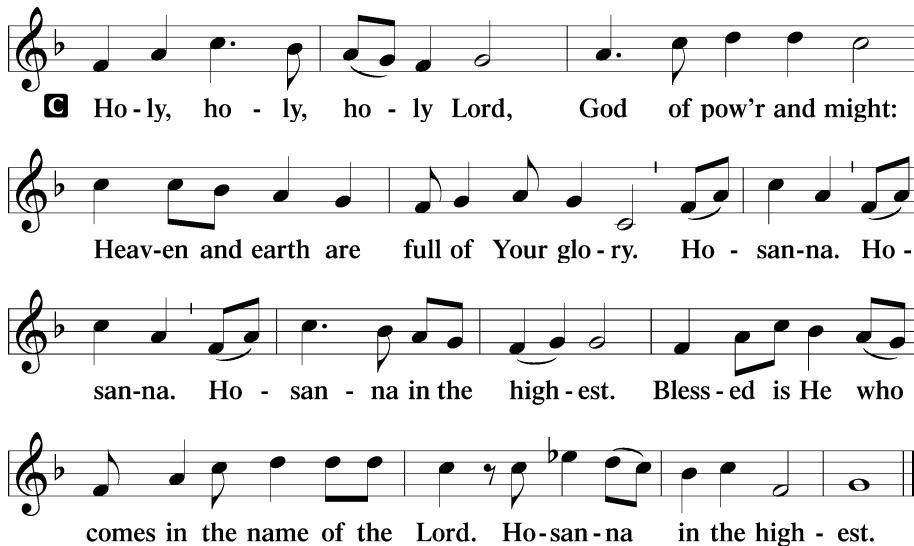
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

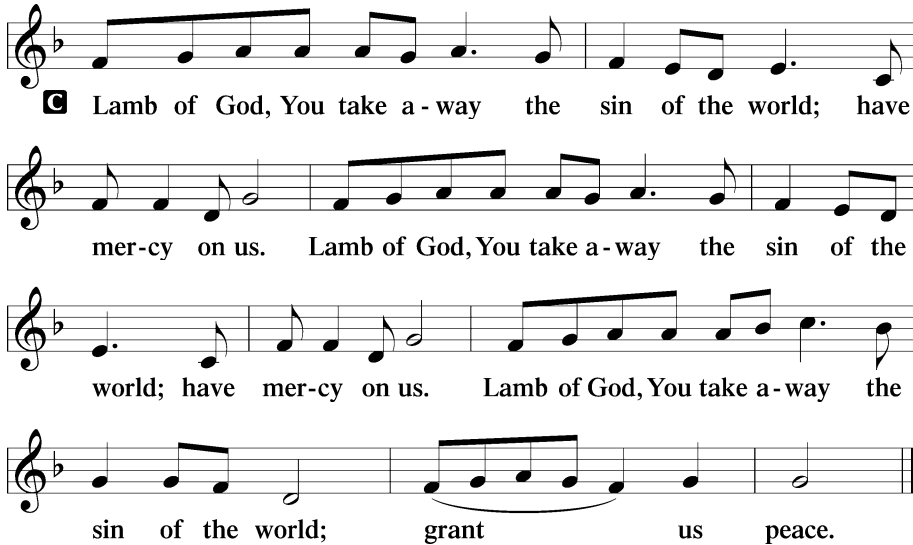
PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the Pax Domini, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

AGNUS DEI



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.

(Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION

St. John is overjoyed to receive Christ's true body and true blood in, with and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. This is a great gift and a great responsibility. Please read our full communion statement on the inside cover of this bulletin before communing. During the distribution, the wine will be offered first in individual cups, followed by the common cup. If you choose to receive the sacrament with the common cup, indicate this by extending your hand as the cup passes.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

527 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

(Continues...)

3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

- 7 He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 “Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified.”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 Christ in our hearts, the world’s true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
 Kingship with Him His servants gain;
 With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
 Christ’s world we serve to share Christ’s reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
 This world of time to consecrate,
 This world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ’s world in Christ to re-create.
- 4 Christ’s are our lips, His Word we speak;
 Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
 Christ’s truth in love that we may be
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ’s name.
- 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
 That in His Church all nations find
 Their hearth and home where Christ restores
 True peace, true love to all mankind.

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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

(Please Stand)

THANK THE LORD



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



Let all who seek 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 COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

482 This Joyful Eastertide

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| 1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: <i>Refrain</i> | 2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: <i>Refrain</i> |
| Ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; But now has Christ
arisen! | 3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: <i>Refrain</i> |

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FIRST COMMUNION - WE REJOICE WITH YOU!

On Sunday April 16 (at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services), 20 young men and women will receive our Lord's body and blood for the first time. Our First Communion Classes include a special four-week class (with parents and students), weekly homework such as assigned readings from the Bible and from the Small Catechism, and an exit survey with the pastor. We rejoice with: William Andrews, Sophie Gruenke, Gabby Lefeber, Aliza Bilgrien, Owen Bilgrien, Grant Sonnenburg, Sibus Sauceda, Victor Sauceda, Owen Puetz, Reilly Puetz, Cade Dippel, Colton Dippel, Kale Marquardt, Ben Grimm, Max Grimm, Tyler Wegner, Paige Goldbeck, Ben Begalke, Natalie Begalke, Kaitlynn Noster.

CHECK OUT THE NEW BLEACHERS AT ST. JOHN

Come and view our new bleachers here at SJL - Next Sunday, April 16th 9:30am – 10:15am between the morning church services in the gymnasium. Thank you to everyone who made this possible for our school!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – NEW TOPIC STARTING APRIL 16

TOPIC = ALLELUIA PSALMS | SUNDAYS IN APRIL & MAY 2023

In this Easter season, we'll study one psalm, each week, which leads us to say "Alleluia" and "Praise to God". Our understanding of the Lord Jesus and His resurrection will be enriched as we see how God brings joy – in all circumstances – to His people. **Pastor**

Schultz: pastorschultz@sjlplymouth.com

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED AGAIN

The Junior Choir from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana will sing for our worship services on Sunday, April 23 as part of their spring choir tour. We are in need of host families again to house the students and their parents on the night of Saturday, April 22. If you are able to house at least two students and a parent, please contact Tim Huebschman at the church office, or at thuebschman@sjlplymouth.com.

SCRIP UPDATE

Happy Spring to All! April 28th will be the last day of sales from the office to accumulate rebates for the 2023-24 school year. Starting in May, the rebates will be designated toward the 2024-25 school year. Kwik Trip regular, fuel, and grocery cards continue to be available from the office at special percentages on a first come, first served basis. Please reach out with any questions scripoffice@sjlplymouth.com or Liza (920-229-4456).

NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are gathering names of individuals who would be willing to serve in leadership at St. John Lutheran. Open positions, position descriptions, and nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk. Elections for leadership positions occur on Monday May 8, 2023 (at our upcoming Voters' Meeting). **Pick up a Nomination Form on the Welcome Desk.**

LOAD OUR SHELVES

April's "Load Our Shelves" item to benefit the Plymouth Food Pantry is pasta sauce. There is a bin in the entrance of the Fellowship Hall to place the items you bring. Thank you for helping with this local mission!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

-Middle School Youth Group on Sunday, April 16 1:00-3:30pm – We're going roller skating at PJ's Party Zone (meet in the SJL parking lot). The cost is \$5, bring your own money if you would like snacks.

-Middle School Youth Group on Saturday, May 6 from 2:00-4:00pm. We'll be playing Board Game Roulette. There is a chance you'll play 6 board games at once! Meet in the SJL Youth Room (enter through the outside doors on Main St.).

- High School Youth Group on Sunday, May 7 1:00-3:30pm – We will be doing yard clean-up as a part of our servant event and a trip to G-Scoops. Meet in the parking lot by the youth room entrance.

LWML PERSONAL CARE KITS

St. John LWML is collecting the following items to assemble personal care kits for the mission ingathering at the National LWML Conference being held in Milwaukee this June. Our goal is to assemble 60 kits for the ingathering. We are asking for the following items to help with this effort: Bath sized towels in dark colors, wash cloths in dark colors, and bath-sized bars of soap. The items may be placed in the bins in the Fellowship Hall until April 17th. Thank you for your donations to this mission project. Janice Abraham, Mission Service, ablane@excel.net or 920-893-5797.

FUNDRAISERS FOR BRAD JENTSCH

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 4:00-7:00PM | GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELKHART LAKE
There will be a chili supper fundraiser held on this date. We will need volunteers and baked goods so please contact billiejo.jentsch@yahoo.com or 920-980-8549 for more information or if you would like to help out. Stay tuned in the future for more fundraiser dates and information. Thank you!

PRESENTATION AT LUTHERAN HIGH BY DR. BEVERLY YAHNKE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 | 6:30 PM | LUTHERAN HIGH'S FINE ARTS CENTER
The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel will present on the Transgender Child: Caring for the child, and family and school. Dr. Beverly Yahnke will speak on current culture, biological facts, dysphoria, and a Christian response to transgenderism. Please join us at LHS to hear her speak on this topic with truth and love, followed by a Q&A and refreshments. This program is free and open to the public. Parents and adolescent children are encouraged to attend, doors open at 6pm.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM SJL GYMNASIUM
St. John is hosting another open gym volleyball night for any adults! Join us again on April 20. When coming, please enter in through the outside gym doors and bring a pair of “non-outside” gym shoes to play in. Please contact Pastor Andrew Thompson with any questions.

WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 | FELLOWSHIP HALL | 6:00 PM
Our SJL LWML will host the Zone 10 LWML Spring Rally. We will be inspired by a Bible study and be updated on LWML news and events. The rally officially begins at 6 pm with registration. A light meal will be served followed by the Bible study and a short business meeting. For anyone able to come earlier, between 4 and 6 there will be a service project to

assemble floral stems for centerpieces for the LWML Convention coming up in June in Milwaukee. If you have any questions or would like to attend and you haven't been a part of our LWML, please connect with Vaunie Weaver vauniew24@yahoo.com or 920-207-9241.

GREAT MARRIAGES EVENT

MONDAY, MAY 1 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH | 6:00-7:00 PM

Have you heard about the “love languages,” but haven’t taken the time to really learn them and yours and your spouse’s? Mark your calendar and sign up because Great Marriages is bringing this opportunity to you! Join us to learn what your love language is, what your spouse’s love language is, how God speaks our love languages, and how to bring this knowledge into practice. Join us at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School to hear Jocelyn Medrek present on “How to Speak Your Spouse’s Love Language.” Childcare is available, signup during registration: <https://www.great-marriages.org/events>. The cost is \$5/person (includes snacks and beverages). Contact the parish office at 920-892-4006 or Great Marriages 920-783-6142 with questions.

ST. JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

THURSDAY, MAY 4 & FRIDAY, MAY 5 – 7:30PM SJL GYM

SJL Middle School presents Order Up! By Kamron Klitgaard. If you have never worked in a fast-food restaurant - or even if you have - you’ll want to come see what kind of looney customers occasionally stroll in for a bite to eat, or to hide from their parents, apply for a job despite a plethora of food allergies, mourn a lost love, or give unsuspecting costumers the Heimlich maneuver. As an employee, such people would lead you to hang up your apron and visor for good, but as a spectator, they can be a barrel of laughs. Come laugh along on Thursday and Friday May 4 and 5 at 7:30 PM in the gym. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO.

ALL USHER TEAM MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 12:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ushers - from all the teams – should attend this upcoming Usher Team Meeting. There will be a light lunch of sandwiches and sides provided to you. With Pastor Thompson, we will update the rosters, look for new team members, review our duties, and go over some calendar events for the summer months. We give thanks for those of you who welcome, greet, and serve the people of God here at SJL.

ME AND MY GUY DANCE

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | SJL GYMNASIUM

Young ladies are invited to the 8th annual “Me and My Guy” Dance. Girls are welcome to attend with dads, grandpas, uncles, or cousins. This year, dress in your raddest ‘80s outfits! The dance is hosted by the American Heritage Girls and is held in the St. John Lutheran school gym. Music will be provided by Traveling T-Bird Productions from Oostburg.

Photography will be provided by Irish Studios from Sheboygan. Light refreshments will be available in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$10/family and is payable at the door. Any questions, please email Nancy Lefeber at nancylefeber@wi.rr.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer at Vacation Bible School, we’re covered in Jesus’ grace! Our theme for this year, God’s Living Water: Covered in Jesus’ Grace, is inspired by 1 Timothy 1:14, which says, “The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ. We will do crafts, sing songs, eat snacks, and play fun games! Join us July 24th-27th, 9:00am-11:30am. Registration is open for all participants of VBS! Volunteers and students – sign-up now to reserve your spot <https://vbsmate.com/events/sjlplymouth/27093>. Please contact Katrina at kjohns@sjlplymouth.com with questions.

GOSPEL LIGHT CHORUS FLOWER BASKETS

The Gospel Light Chorus is selling flower baskets this year to help with the cost of their spring tour. The flowers come from Bemis Upland Springs, and each basket is 10 inches in diameter. Orders are due by Tuesday, April 25, and the baskets can be picked up from 2:45 to 4:15 on Thursday, May 11*. Each basket is \$25. You may place an order by using the following form and returning it to the church office, by calling a member of the Gospel Light Chorus, or by calling Tim Huebschman at the church office.

<u>Basket</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Red Geraniums	_____	x \$25.00	_____
Petunia Assorted Colors	_____	x \$25.00	_____
Million Bells Assorted Colors	_____	x \$25.00	_____
New Guinea Impatiens Assorted Colors	_____	x \$25.00	_____
Fuchsias (good in shade) Assorted Colors	_____	x \$25.00	_____
		Grand Total:	_____
Name _____			

Please make checks out to St. John School. *Special arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling Tim Hueschman at the Church Office.



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SATURDAY 4:30 PM

Preacher: Pastor John Schultz
Pianist: Sarah Meyer
Ushers: Team #1
Acolytes: Calvyn Moore
Lucius Kohlman
Elders: Bill Lagacy
David Zimmermann

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Preacher: Pastor John Schultz
Officiant: Pastor Andrew Thompson
Organist: Tim Huebschman
Ushers: Team #7
Acolyte: Kaitlynn Noster
Samuel Phillips
Elder: Brett Wegner

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Preacher: Pastor John Schultz
Officiant: Pastor Andrew Thompson
Organist: Tim Huebschman
Choir: Kids' Ministry
Ushers: Team #8
Acolytes: Aubree Preder
Jonathan Riley
Elder: Matt Thull

MONDAY 6:30 PM

Preacher: Pastor John Schultz
Organist: Tim Huebschman
Elder: Damian Anhalt
Usher: Josh Payne