

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 20, 2024 5pm
Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30am
St. John's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to St. John's, a Reconciling in Christ congregation

"We at Saint John's Lutheran Church welcome all who seek to follow Jesus wherever they are in their faith journey, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, or economic circumstance.

We strive to follow Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34). Led by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to God's liberating word to the world working for environmental stewardship, racial justice, and gender equity. All children of God are welcome to worship, learn, serve, and lead in this church. Jesus never turned anyone away from his table and we're not about to start here."

Questions about our welcome or for more information about St. John's, feel free to reach out to our office during business hours of Monday through Friday 9am to 2pm.

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Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our life and our joy.

A: Amen.

P 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 nourishing
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.

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
resurrected 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.

A: Amen.

Gathering Song

GATHERING

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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The Feast Is Ready



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; ob, taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n arc o - pen wide
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Kyrie

Spoken Saturday Only

P: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

P: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

The Worship Leader sings the verses, the assembly sings the refrain.

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Gloria—Sunday only

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts, the 4th chapter

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your
name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup
is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.**

Second Lesson: I John 3:16-24

A reading from 1st John, the 1st chapter

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a sibling in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and do what pleases the Lord.

²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of the Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him,

and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation-Sunday only

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down

of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Daniel K. Eisenberg

Hymn of the Day

The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

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,
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 giv-
er 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.**

The Prayers Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

The Meal

Offering Announcement

Offertory Song

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

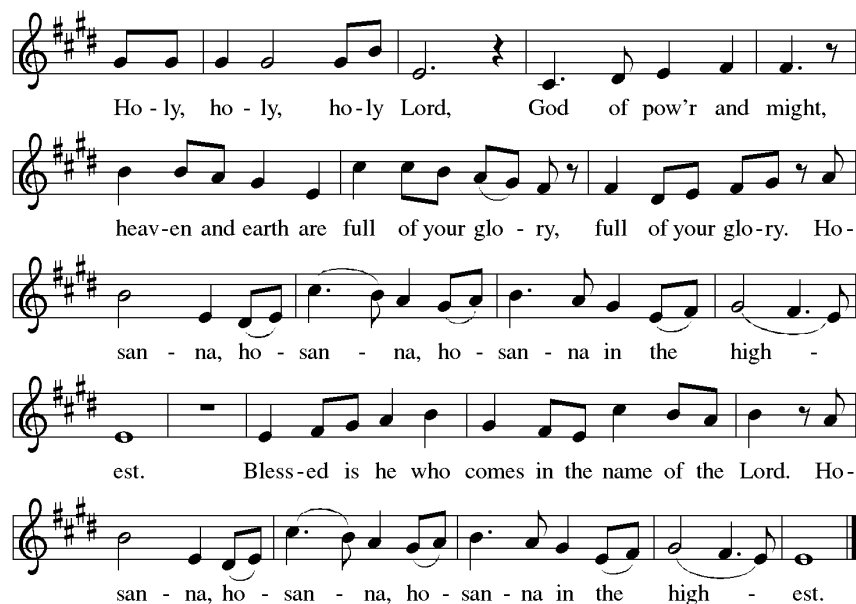
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...
...praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

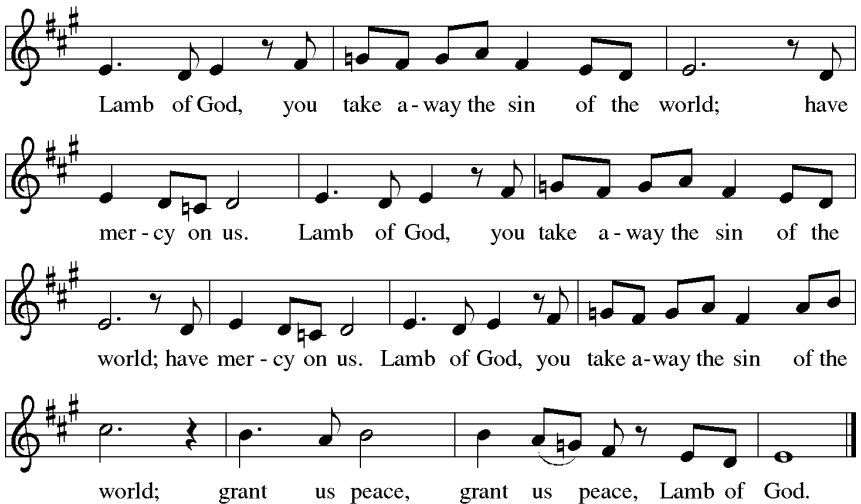
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the
breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table!
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God *Sunday Only*



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Song

All who are hungry for the real, life-giving presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ are welcome to this meal. The usher will invite you forward to receive Communion. The pastor will give you the bread/wafer. Please take a small cup for the wine.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*

Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;

2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude

3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?

4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:

5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam-ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.

that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.

Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?

whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.

to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreuz, 1922–1996
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C: **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

A: Divine Shepherd, 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.

C: **Amen.**

Sending of Holy Communion

Announcements

Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of everlasting hope
+ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Announcements

Bible Study: Heavenly Bodies

Mondays at 7pm beginning April 8

God has created an incredibly vast and beautiful universe! Throughout Scripture, prophets, psalmists, and other people of God have marveled at the wonder of sun, moon, and stars as a testament to the power and mercy of our God. Join us as we explore the various witnesses to God's incredible heavenly work. We will try to have a field trip to the Widener Observatory to go stargazing on May 20. Let Pastor know if you need remote access to the Bible Studies.

Property Work Day

Second Saturdays of the Month, 9:00am-12:00pm

Each month we take on various cleaning/fixing up projects around the church. We usually have coffee, tea, and treats available. Come give a hand!

Fellowship Night with Dave Speece will be held on Saturday, April 20

at 6 pm in Room A following the 5 pm worship service. Join us for some fun and fellowship. Light refreshments will be available.

Coffee Hour

Sunday April 21

Room A Fellowship Hall

Stick around after worship, eat some goodies, and hang out with your St. John's friends! We'll have coffee, tea, and some treats. Feel free to bring something to share!

Worship Leader Training

April 27, 4pm & April 28, 9am

If you are currently or interested in starting to serve as a worship leader, please come to this training. This is great for complete newbies and for seasoned veterans who need a refresher. This is for ushers, worship assistants, readers, pray-ers, and cup washers. We'll go over reading strategies (like how to exude confidence when reading something like "Abimelech"), where to find various worship elements, how to make the most of our recording, how to dispose of used Communion elements and more!

Sign Up for Online Giving

Online giving is a simple, secure, and more accessible way to support your church financially. You can sign up right through our website at www.stjohnsmayfair.org/donate or download the Tithely App. If you go through our website, just click the green "Give" button and then the "Sign Up" button. If you use the app, you can search for St. John's to select us as your giving designation.

You can set up recurring gifts or make one time donations. Contact the office or Pastor if you are having any trouble setting it up and we'll be happy to help!

Senior Exercise Class

Thursdays, 6:00-6:45pm, Room A

This free class is for all seniors looking to get into better shape and take of their health! The class will feature gentle stretching and exercise standing and seated on chairs. Please let Janice Barnett (215-379-8330) know if you are interested in joining.

Movie Night: Napoleon

Saturday May 11, 8:30pm

Outdoor movie nights are back! We'll be watching family-friendly movies out on the courtyard on the 2nd Saturday of every month May-October. Bring something comfy to sit on and we'll bring the snacks. This month we are watching Napoleon- the one about a puppy on an adventure, not the one about the French emperor/military strategist! See you then!

Worship Assistants

This Saturday: John H
This Sunday: Vicki S

Next Saturday: Doreen K
Next Sunday: Marie H

Ushers

This Saturday: Beverly H
This Sunday: Mildred R

Next Saturday: Joanna H
Next Sunday: Sue T

Cantors

This Sunday: Jess C
Next Sunday: Marie H

Cup Washers

This Sunday: Bette
Next Sunday: Deb

Pray-er

This Saturday:
This Sunday:

Lock Up

04/21/2024	Marie H
04/28/2024	Jon R
05/05/2024	Doreen K
05/12/2024	Kim B
05/19/2024	Marie H

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