

St. John
Lutheran Church



Christ is Risen

Faith Milestone Sunday

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:30am & 11am

Faith Milestones



Nourishing your family in faith



Apostles' Creed (Fifth & Sixth Grade)

Grace Aincham	Ava Kiefer
Camden Alvarado	Molly Koenig
Henry Bay	Delaney Linares
Jaelyn Berger	Gavin Matkowich
Emma Bloomquist	Abigail Ogrizovich
Luke Florez	Lilith Schlosser
Emma Hartwig	Addison Specht
Josie Hatcher	

The Ten Commandments (First & Second Grade)

Asher Alvarado	Gia Keifer
Ian Apt	Morgan Knudsen
Evan Bloomquist	Bridget Koenig
Madilyn Cole	Lila Quiaoit
Madison Dickenscheidt	Jack Shafer
Emmanuel Haskell	Randall (RJ) Specht
Cosette Hatcher	Dominic Spero
Jordan Heinrich	Truman Thomas
Anthony Jones	Jackson Underwood

First Bibles (Second Grade)

Evan Bloomquist	Bridget Koenig
Kaden Dickenscheidt	Morgan Knudsen
Emmanuel Haskell	Catie Larisey
Jordan Heinrich	Randall (RJ) Specht
Gia Keifer	Dominic Spero
	Jackson Underwood

First Communion (Third Grade and up)

Kelsey Aincham	Riley Legault
Brody Alvarado	Peyton Linares
Camden Alvarado	Logan Matkowich
Heinrich Apt	Alison Morris
Arden Bay	Caitlynn Sabatini
McKenna Cherry	Connor Schlosser
Kaden Dickenscheidt	Lilith Schlosser
Luke Florez	Alexander Spero
Samuel Florez	Elsie Thomas
Aiden Henry	Abigail Wormsley
Gabriella Incaudo	Tyler Wormsley
Charlotte Jones	

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

*The altar flowers are given today by Lauren Burgess
in loving memory of Danny Burgess.*

Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 22, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Jill Doyle
Communion Assistant	Pam Murray
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Matt Markwell, Kathy Thomason, Paul Thomason
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz
Livestream Team	Dawn MacGregor
Counters	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan
Altar Guild	Joan Fry

Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 22, 2022 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Sandy Smith
Communion Assistant	Lynne Smith
Greeter	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Ushers	Duane Johnson, Shawn Roark
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Shane Basham
Livestream Team	Dawn MacGregor
Counters	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan
Altar Guild	Joan Fry

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is yet to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You flood us with mercy and grace us with life.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

“We Are Marching in the Light”

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Verse 1 We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God.
 We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God.

Chorus We are marching, we are marching,
 We are marching in the light of God.
 We are marching, we are marching,
 We are marching in the light of God.

Verse 3 We are praying . . .
 Repeat Chorus

Verse 4 We are singing . . .
 Repeat Chorus

***Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

P Let us pray. Dear God, you have given these families as a gift to each
 other for this short time we call the growing years, and you have given us
 your Holy Word for life together. You heard the promises made before you
 at baptism. Grant the wisdom, power, and patience to keep them. And as
 they keep your Word in their homes, may your Word keep them safe,
 close and together in a world that can tear families apart. In Jesus' name,
 we pray.

C **Amen.**

First Bible Faith Milestone *(Second Grade Children)*

The following prayer is said by the parents and led by the pastor:

May this Word of God....
Be a lamp to your feet....
And a light to your path...
And may the Living Word of God....
Shine in our family....
In all we do and say....
Amen.

Reading

Deuteronomy 11:13-16, 18-21

L A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul—then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill. Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshiping them... You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

L Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Ten Commandments Faith Milestone *(First & Second Grade Children)*

Dear God, source of all wisdom, wonder, and truth, you gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on the mountain so that your people may know how to love one another. Bless these children, their families, and this faith community as we practice living out your commandments with one another. Give us your patience when we find them hard to follow, your grace to begin again, and your resolve to be the example of love we all need. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 11:6-9

L A responsive reading from the book of Isaiah.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
**the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.**

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

**for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea.**

L Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Celtic Alleluia". Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes on both staves.

*Gospel

Luke 9:46-48

P The gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

An argument arose among the disciples as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

*Hymn of the Day

732, Vs. 1-4

"Borning Cry"

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Verse 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

Verse 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

Verse 3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Apostles' Creed Faith Milestone (*Fifth & Sixth Grade Youth*)

Let us pray. Father, you create all that is. Your Son, Jesus, redeems it. And the Holy Spirit sustains it. Make us instruments of creation, that we may create a better world for all living things. Make us instruments of redemption, that we may forgive one another with your grace. And finally, make us instruments of peace, that we may care for everyone in love. Amen.

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Prayers of the Church

P We pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

P Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You may share the peace of Christ with others.

Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

*Offertory Response

836, Vs. 1

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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Verse 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

*Holy

S 144b

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.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

First Communion Faith Milestone *(Third Grade Children)*

P Let us pray. Loving God, Jesus ate meals with all kinds of people. Some were joyful and some were crabby, but Jesus welcomed them all. Bless these kids receiving this sacrament, as they take their place at the table for the first time today. Forgive us, feed our faith, and be present among us as we share this meal, just as you promised your disciples. In the name of Jesus, who calls and welcomes us.

C **Amen.**

P Let us welcome our friends to Holy Communion.

C **Welcome to Jesus' table! We rejoice with you and thank God for you! Enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did.**

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

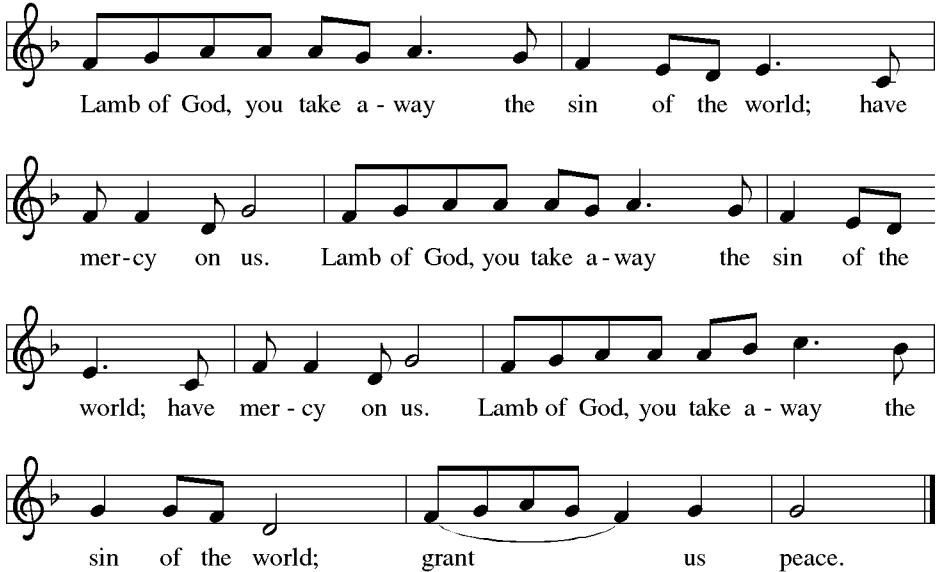
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering baskets by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

Lamb of God



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.

Communion Music

595, Vs. 1-3

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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Verse 1 Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Verse 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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Verse 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

Verse 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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Verse 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Verse 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

*Blessing

P Jesus is with you, feeding you, loving you, and forgiving you. Jesus calls you his friend, and God loves you. Because God loves you, there is always a place for you.

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray. Dear God, you bring forth gifts of grain and grapes from the fields, and you gather your people from all over the world in this communion meal. We thank you for your love and forgiveness; and today, for these children whom you claim as your own forever. In the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Hymn

677, Vs. 1 & 3

"This Little Light of Mine"

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Verse 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Sending

D Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

D Go in peace. Share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Summer Worship Times Begin Next Sunday

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, enjoy Sunday summer worship at 8:30am (with Livestream) and 10am.



Vacation Bible School

All aboard! Hop on the Rocky Railway as it swings through St. John June 6 - 8 from 6 - 8pm. Kids age 4 to entering 6th grade will learn that Jesus' power pulls us through, enjoy crafts at the Imagination Station, Bible stories at Bible adventure, games at Loco Motion Station, and snacks at the Chew Chew Cafe!

Sign Up Now!

Dates: June 6th - 8th

Time: 6 - 8pm

Ages: 4 years old - entering 6th grade

Volunteer Leaders & Helpers

We are looking for crew leaders & helpers, station helpers, setup/take down helpers, and would appreciate help building the set. If you are interested, Contact Sarah Wernli at 815-641-7349 or sarahewernli@gmail.com. Ages: entering 7th grade - adults.

Green Team

The Green Team is coming out of Covid hibernation and reimagining our mission! We are looking for new members who are passionate about creation care, who will help us provide opportunities for individual and community action to bring sustainability to St John and the local community, while directly and consciously connecting spirituality to nature. See Pastor Evan or visit stjohnjoliet.org to sign up.

Food Pantry Baby Shower

Celebrate Mother's Day this month with us as we help moms care for their babies. We are accepting donations in the Narthex for the following: All sizes of diapers & pull ups, all brands of formula, wipes, personal care items and gently used kid's books.



Share our worship link!