

*St. John*  
SHARING  
the LOVE of Christ



**Saturday, April 24, 2021 (5:30 pm)**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2021 (8:30 am)**

*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.*

**Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm**

<b>Reader</b>	James Bartz
<b>Ushers</b>	John Fleming, Guy Gell, Norm Roland, Steve Volkening
<b>Pianist</b>	Susan Fick

**Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 pm**

<b>Reader</b>	Glenn Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Jon Blomquist, Ron Crabb, Lisa Marshall
<b>Music Staff Leader</b>	Ellen Goodwin
<b>Handbell Ensemble</b>	Sarah Wernli
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Janet Blomquist
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude (5:30)**  
**(8:30)**

“Great is the Lord”  
“All Glory Be to God on High”

Smith, arr. Hayes  
J.S. Bach

### **\*Welcome and Invocation**

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, with scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise**

**(5:30)**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Riley

**(8:30)**

“I’m Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing”

arr. Krug

Handbell Ensemble

## **Psalm 22:25-31** *(read responsively)*

D A reading from the twenty-second Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## **Reading**

## **Acts 8:26-39**

D A reading from the book of Acts. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** "Celtic Alleluia" O'Carroll & Walker

**\*Gospel** **Luke 24:44-47**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** **Pastor Evan Mayhew**

**Musical Reflection**

**(5:30)** "No Greater Love" Becker & Eaton, arr. Curry

**(8:30)** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *The Sacred Harp*

## **\*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** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*The prayers conclude:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Sharing the Peace**

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

**C** And also with you.

*Please remained seated in your pew as you share God's peace by waving to one another.*

## **\*Offertory**

**(5:30)**

"Lord, You Have my Heart"

Smith

**(8:30)**

"I Come with Joy"

arr. Krug

Handbell Ensemble

*The offering will be received at the doors when we leave.*

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Great Thanksgiving** *(spoken)*

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.

## **\*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.**

### **\*Invitation to Communion**

P The risen Christ invites us to this meal!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table. The assembly remains in the pews to receive communion as one, as the pastor says the following words:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Receptacles will be provided near the exits of the building  
for disposal of your communion ware.*

## Communion Music

**(5:30)** “Breathe/Breathe on Me Breath of God” Barnett, Jackson, arr. Fettke

**(8:30)** “Angelus” Boëllmann

## \*Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

**P** Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*Benediction

### \*Sending

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

## Postlude

**(5:30)** “I Give You my Heart” Morgan, arr. Larson

**(8:30)** “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” arr. Langlois

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