

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, April 17, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, April 18, 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

Reader	Steve Volkening
Ushers	John Fleming, Guy Gell, Jackie Mansholt, Steve Volkening
Pianist	Susan Fick
Livestream Director/Graphics	Dawn MacGregor
Audio Board	Mike Pragit, Ellen Goodwin

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 pm

Reader	Michelle Covert
Ushers	Joe Aincham, Shawn Roark, Mike Smith, Sandy Smith
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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude (5:30) "To God be the Glory" arr. Doane, arr. Pethel
(8:30) "Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)" Kendrick, arr. Keveren

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 and righteous God, you are the author of life. Fill us with your words, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise (5:30) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Glaser arr. Carter
(8:30) "Praise God the Lord" arr. Walther

Psalm 4 *(read responsively)*

D A reading from the fourth Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C Our ears are open!

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.

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

C Our ears are open!

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation** “Celtic Alleluia” O’Carroll & Walker

***Gospel** **Luke 24:36b-48**

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

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

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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. You are witnesses of these things.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Beamsley

Musical Reflection

(5:30)

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

Gordon, arr. Phillips

(8:30)

“More Precious than Silver”

DeShazo, arr. Keveren

***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)** "Spirit of the Living God" Iverson, arr. Carter
(8:30) "He Is Exalted" Paris, arr. Hayes
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) “Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart” Atkinson, arr. Berry

(8:30) “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” arr. Langlois

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

*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) “Redeemed” Kirkpatrick arr. Pethel

(8:30) “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Williams, arr. Held

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