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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
They rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Music Notes from Keith:

The text “We praise you and acknowledge you” was written by Stephen Starke, one of the LCMS’s most distinguished modern hymn writers (32 hymns in the LSB have Starke texts.) The text is a versification of the canticle *Te Deum Laudamus*.

The music for the tune comes from a theme in the movement “Jupiter” in the English composer Gustav Holst’s *The Planets*. Coincidentally the first few notes of the tune are the same as the opening notes of the chant of the *Te Deum*. Holst had first used adapted the melody for a secular text “I vow to Thee, my country,” but his friend and colleague Ralph Vaughan Williams included it in 1926 in a popular English hymnal *Songs of Praise*. The tune name “Thaxted” refers to the village in Essex which Holst lived for many years.

The first setting being played is a meditative setting by David Cherwien, Cantor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis where he succeeded Paul Manz (who served as consultant on the original design of the organ here at St. John Lutheran.) David Cherwien also serves as director of the National Lutheran Choir.

The second of the two arrangements played this morning is more declamatory, and interpolates other themes from “Jupiter.”

Now that we are in Eastertide, we are not recording a separate Wednesday service for the time being. I am offering some recorded music each Wednesday as a meditation for you, which I hope will provide comfort and support. Some of this music will be based on hymns, and I will provide some background on the hymns. Some will simply be favorite works, and I would be grateful for your suggestions and requests. I will continue to record a more extended Prelude for the Sunday morning services as well.

We will be doing another “Virtual Hymn Sing” next Sunday, May 10th. Please let me know some of your favorite hymns, and I will put together a Prelude which includes these tunes. I will either play arrangements of these hymns by other composers, or improvise a setting myself. We will make the hymn texts available for you to review while you listen.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Deb -sister of Pam, Jan, Cookie, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts', Strom, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for peace, hope, and comfort*: Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments*: Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Makenzie, Terra; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, , Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Esther, Leona, Walt.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Holy Communion – Pastor Caithamer will be offering Holy Communion next week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please phone or email him if you would like to be included. No more than ten will be communed at one time.

Online Bible Study Options – Pastor Caithamer recorded a new Bible study on the Gospel reading from last Sunday, Luke 24:13-35. You can listen to it from our website at stjohn-lcms.org, click on "Sunday morning Adult Bible Class" and find the date 4/26/20. Or you can go directly to stjohnbibleclass.org. Previous Bible Classes can also be found there.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members' email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

Romans Bible Study - LCMS Pastor Will Weedon begins a Bible study on the Book of Romans. *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

Offerings – As you have supported St. John with your tithes and offerings before, it is important to continue doing so, even now, as you are able. Your offerings can still be brought directly to the church from 10-2 each day. An offering plate and box are located on the counter in front of you as you enter. You can also mail your offerings to the church, though our treasurer reminds us not to send cash. We are also now able to receive contributions to St. John electronically. PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, and Amazon

Payments are all available. You do need to have an account with the service you choose. When asked, you can send your electronic contributions to this email address:

contributions<"at sign" goes here>stjohn-lcms.org

And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

The Living Alternatives Walk is now virtual so we can walk wherever we are and get sponsors by May 15. So, it's not too late to register to be a walker. We will gather together for a celebration at a later date/time to be determined. Here is the link to Register, be sure to select St. John Lutheran Champaign as your team.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=19917>

You can also make a donation here.

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=4855535#1>

Living Alternatives still remains open now to help those in need and lead people to Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

New Church Photo Directory Dates: We have rescheduled the church photo directory for the following dates: August 4 and 5, 18, 19, and 20 and 31; September 1. More information will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.

Hear God's Word For You Through Worship Anew - Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Each Sunday WCIX television channel 49 carries the broadcast at 7:30am and Direct TV channel 377 carries it Sundays at 10:30am. On the internet the service is available at any time by visiting WorshipAnew.org.

Covid-19 – Due to the ever changing information and data for COVID-19, the Governor of Illinois has issued a current mandate stating no more than 10 people should gather at a time. Along with this mandate, it is recommended everyone practice social distancing and self-quarantine if possible. To follow guidelines and to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority, St. John has moved to an online worship for the time being. Services will be posted on Facebook, on our website (www.stjohn-lcms.org), as well as having physical copies of the bulletin and recorded service available to pick up on the narthex table during church office hours from 10 until 2.

LEARN BY HEART

THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Table of Duties - To Workers of All Kinds

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

Bible Passage: Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

Hymn 895 *Now Thank We All Our God* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 143

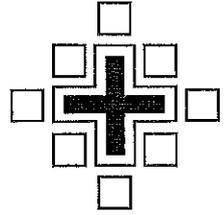
Bible Readings for the Week:

Peter Calls the Church to Repentance – Acts 2:22-36

The Life of the Church – Acts 2:37-47

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

DAILY READINGS

May 3: Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36; Luke 9:1–17; 4: Lev. 9:1–24; Luke 9:18–36; 5: Lev. 10:1–20; Luke 9:37–62;
6: Lev. 16:1–24; Luke 10:1–22; 7: Lev. 17:1–16; Luke 10:23–42; 8: Lev. 18:1–7, 20–19:8; Luke 11:1–13;
9: Lev. 19:9–18, 26–37; Luke 11:14–36.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting

himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."