



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
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**Divine Service II**

**OPENING HYMN 474** *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of Life,  
Saints and arch-angels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

**\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your**

**Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

\*KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray... (*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*)

**C Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day

and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**C** **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter. (9-17)

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

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the

Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY 556** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (sts. 1-5)

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

SERMON "*Overcome the World*" John 15:9-17

\*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*COLLECT

\*BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN 556** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (sts. 6-10)

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'n'ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

**SERVING –**

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Joyce and family at the death of daughter Jayne Noffke; *hospitalized:* Gilbert; *upcoming surgery:* Sherry; *for healing and recovery:* Joyce, Rick, Brian, Paul, Larry, Teresa-godchild of Bob & Joan, Cindy, Barbara-family friend of Bob & Joan, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Pastor Ehlers, Aidan, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Jacob, Maria, Merv, Jessica, Judy,

Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Makenzie, Terra, Allie; *for those in the military*: Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Mavis, Esther.

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

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

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 Finance Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:20 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Ascension</i> ; 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 New Member Reception, Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Ascension** - Please join us this Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15pm for our service observing The Ascension of our Lord. There is no Wednesday evening service this week.

**Lost and Found** – A hearing aid was found in the sanctuary on 4/25/21. Please contact the church office with any questions.

**Parking Lot Access** – On Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, our 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy a Bike Day at school. To allow a safe place to ride, the entrances from Mattis Ave. and Round Barn Rd. will be closed from 9:30-3:00. The entrance from John St. will remain open, as well as the parking lot in front of the church and school. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Vacation Bible School 2021** – God's Wonder Lab - June 21-25, 9-11:30am - A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. This year, registration will be prioritized and opened in phases. St. John Lutheran Church and School families will be given priority until May 7<sup>th</sup>. Register early to reserve your spot. Registration is open for children 3 years old (and toilet trained) to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. At this time, masks will be optional for all participants. Cannot wait to see you there. Register online at [www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign](http://www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign). E-mail vbs - at - [stjohnls.com](mailto:stjohnls.com) , if you have any questions.

**Enrollment for 2021-2022** –St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students' minds in a safe learning environment,

with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school! Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is underway and space is filling up. For more information, contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

**St. John School Wish List** – There are several items that our teachers, students and school would benefit from: interactive projectors, new classroom flooring, Chromebooks, outdoor pavilion, office computers, new assessment program. Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for more details and estimated costs and consider making a donation towards one of the items. If your donation goes in the offering plate, the donation remains anonymous. If your donation is turned into the school office, we can thank you for your generosity. All donations will be included on your Contribution Statement.

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