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## **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!**

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## **Prelude Sing Along**

### **Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

- 1** Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2** Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought  
Him not.
- 3** Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4** Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5** O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

### **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release  
me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come  
unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

### **Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed**

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for  
souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my  
misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

## **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**1** Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

### **Refrain**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Refrain

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Refrain

## **Jerusalem the Golden**

**1** Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest --  
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest --  
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

**2** Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;  
The city of the bless-ed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

**3** Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

**4** O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

## **For All the Saints**

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 3** Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 4** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 5** And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 6** The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 7** But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 8** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

- 1** Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
  
- 2** Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
  
- 3** Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
  
- 4** Make me to walk in Thy commands -- 'Tis a delightful road --  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

## **Hymns for the Service**

### **Christ be my Leader**

- 1** Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
  
- 2** Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
  
- 3** Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

### **At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

- 1** At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierc-ed side.  
Alleluia!
- 2** Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for  
wine,  
Gives His body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the Priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3** Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes  
the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4** Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal  
bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5** Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and  
light. Alleluia!
- 6** Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!
- 7** Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!
- Δ8** Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we  
praise. Alleluia!

## **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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.

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

Refrain

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

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Pastor and Katie Caithamer and family at the death of Katie's aunt Nancy; *for healing and recovery*: Tom, Linda, Deb -sister of Pam, Jan, Opal, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts', Merv, 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*: Sierra, Cole, Jordan; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Phyllis, Mary, Alice.

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. You can listen to it from our website at [stjohn-lcms.org](http://stjohn-lcms.org), click on “Sunday morning Adult Bible Class”. Or you can go directly to [stjohnbibleclass.org](http://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.

**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.

**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@stjohn-lcms.org](mailto:contributions@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.

**Prairie Garden Gift Cards** – Before you start your spring planting, get a \$10 gift card from PTF. Gift cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens and the cards do not expire. Get your gift cards in the church or school office.

**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](http://WorshipAnew.org).

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** – Catalogs are available on the narthex table. Orders can be placed online through July 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

**More Topics, More Guests, More Jesus - Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Recovering from a Pandemic, "Faithfulness" in the Bible, The Netflix Series "Mrs. America," The Holy Communion Liturgy, and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**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](http://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 Employers and Supervisors

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9

To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6

Bible Passage: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Hymn 895 *Now Thank We All Our God* (sts. 2-3)

Psalm 134

Bible Readings for the Week:

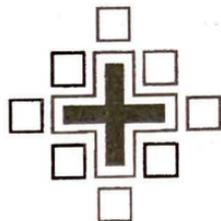
Moses goes to Pharaoh – Exodus 5:1-23

The Lord Promises Deliverance – Exodus 6:1-13

The Lord Gives Signs – Exodus 6:28-7:24

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 30:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 10:** Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54; **11:** Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12; **12:** Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34; **13:** Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53; **14:** Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17; **15:** Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35; **16:** Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24.

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>7:2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by

men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone."

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."