

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
Worship will begin at 9:00 a.m.



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Serving God by serving people! And we will...!!!

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***Welcome all! To those who are here with us and to those who will join us online:
Welcome to worship this morning at St. John's Lutheran Church!***

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we are delighted that you have joined us. We hope in your worship experience you will be reminded of God's presence and be drawn into a deeper relationship with God in your faith life.

Please be sure to sign the black attendance pad ***individually***, found in your pew and to be placed in the offering plate during the Offering time or in the plate in the narthex.

Restrooms can be found in the entry area of the church. As you walk out through the glass doors, the men's room is on the left and the women's on the right.

We are an open communion table here at St. John's which means that all are welcome to join us in encountering God's grace during Holy Communion. Those of you sharing communion with us, at home, are welcome to prepare some wine or grape juice and bread that you will share with one another during communion.

There is a time set aside for you to make your offering. You may give online at Tithe.ly.com or you can write your check and mail it to PO Box 210, or drop it in the offering plate during the offering time.

You are all invited to join us for ongoing Christian Education:

- **Women's Bible Study** on Women of the Bible meets 1st Tuesday at 10:30a.m.
- **Hope Circle-Women's Bible Study** meets the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30a.m.
- **LAMP**- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30a.m.
- **Free Soup Lunch** – 1st Thursday of the month at 11:30a.m.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner** – Wednesday at 6:00p.m.
- **Youth Hangout** – Wednesday at 6:30p.m.
- **Adult Bible Study**- Wednesday at 6:30p.m. in the Education Bldg.
- **Adult Sunday School** meet in the Sanctuary classroom at 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **High School Sunday School** – Education Bldg. 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **Confirmation Class** - Education Bldg. 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **Elementary Sunday School** - 10:30-11:30a.m in the sandbox room.
- **Lou's Kitchen** – 10:15a.m on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Thursday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

PRELUDE

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

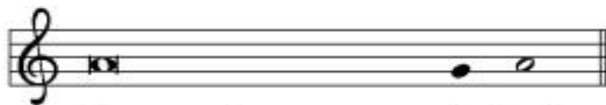
P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG *In Christ There Is No East or West* ELW #650

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



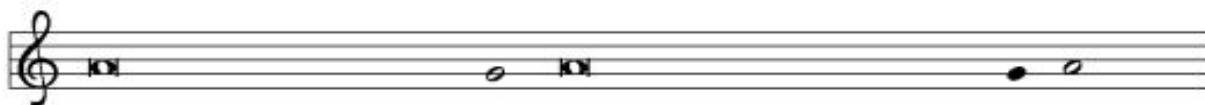
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: *Please join in singing the psalm responsively.*



PSALM 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.



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- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

- ¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: *Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.*



**GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Cheryl Lamaak
(My take aways from today’s sermon)

You are invited to stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW #708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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NICENE CREED

A: With the whole church let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

A: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for our loved ones in need of healing:

(Silent Prayer...)

Herman, Betty Jean, Sam, Dawson family, JoAnne, Edie, Alan R., Wilma, Lisa Br., Lisa, David, Devin, John, Tammy, Derrick, Ashley, Johnny, Linda, Delores, Gabrielle, Evelyn L, Charles, Robbie, Brenda, Dora, Berry, Marion, Lonnie, Betty, Ronald, Bubba, Tim, Frances, Neal.

A: We offer our sympathy and prayers for the families of Mark Bishop and Peggy Bush upon their entering the church triumphant.
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: We pray for healing for all who have died and are suffering in the Ukraine, Palestine, Gaza, Israel, and Myanmar.
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: What else do the people of God wish to lift up to God this day? *(Wait for responses and allow for silence.)*
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers.
A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.

A: *God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARE THE PEACE

As Colossians 3:14-15 says, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

A: 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.

C: Amen.

A: We worship God through our offering!

OFFERING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

ELW #824

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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OFFERING HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

You are invited to stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

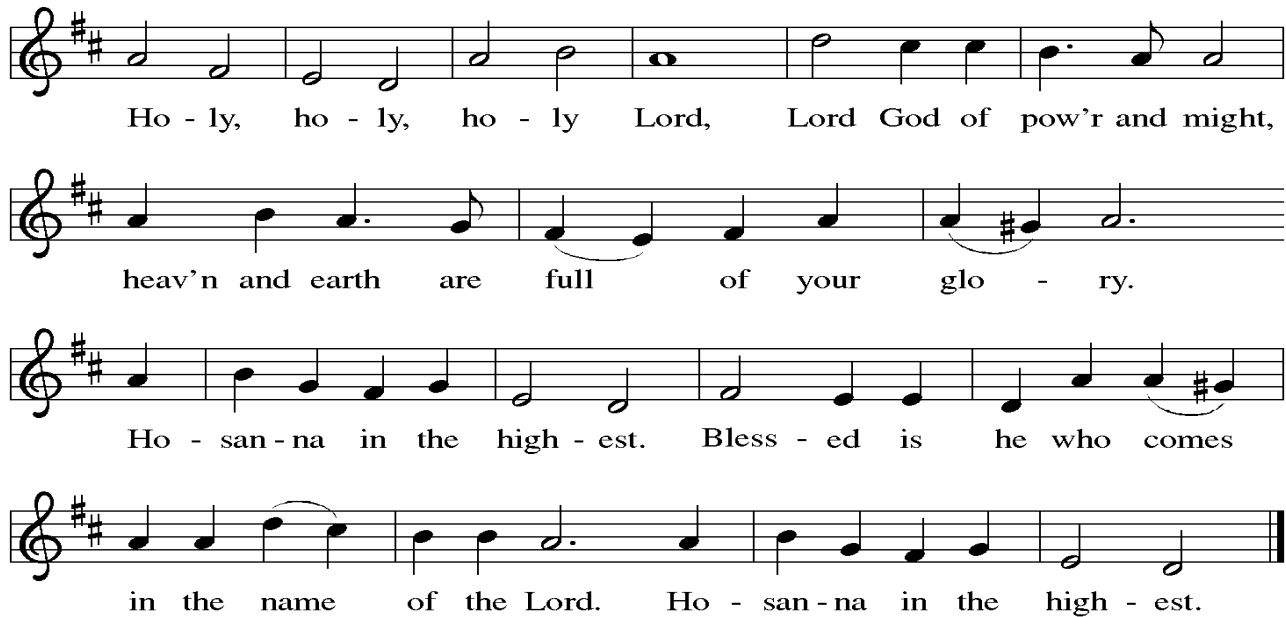
C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us as we boldly to say together the prayer Jesus taught ...

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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. All are welcome to come and eat at God's table.

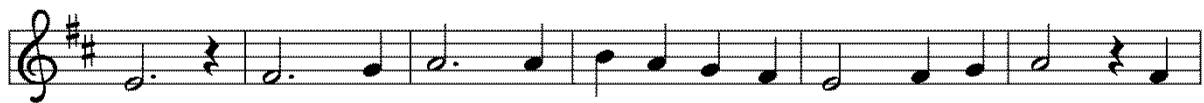
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LAMB OF GOD

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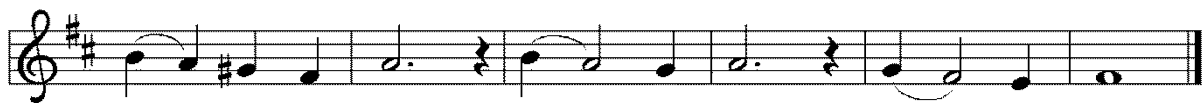
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN***Beautiful Savior*****ELW #838**

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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COMMUNION HYMN***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*****ELW #834**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen and keep you by his grace unto life everlasting.

C: Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

SENDING

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go forth in peace with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!... And we will!

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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

**** Cookbooks:** cookbooks have arrived. All payments will be due at the time of pickup. If you would still like to purchase any cookbooks, please call or text Donna at 713-818-3448.

**** May 8th, Wednesday Night Dinner for \$2.00** is serving spaghetti and meatballs at 6:00p.m. Youth Hangout and Adult Bible Study will be at 6:30p.m. ******

**** The Adult Bible Study** is studying “Our Favorite Bible Stories – Anew!”. ******

**** COMING IN MAY: A Fundraiser to defray the cost of Day Camp**--we need to raise \$2,000 to pay the camp fee and feed the children. Envelopes will be available each Sunday in May (similar to the SMYLE box) but a little different, if you would like to make a cash or check donation. ******

**** The youth committee have planned a Tex Mex Tuesday on May 7th** from Fund. The youth will be serving enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, salad, and other sides. There will 5:30 to 7:00. The cost of the meal will be \$10 and all proceeds will go to the Day Camp be to-go plates but no drive thru line. ******

**** The Women’s Bible Study will meet May 7th at 10:30am.** ******

**** LAMP is Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30am** with food, fun and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share and then the games begin! ******

****Council meeting is May 11th.** ******

**** All ladies are invited to a Ladies’ Day Tea on May 12th** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 for refreshments served by our youth. ******

**** Please let the office know of any 2024 High School or College graduating** students so that we may honor them on May 19th. ******

**** Put on your thinking caps for your favorite hymn(s)** to sing during worship this summer. Starting in May, index cards will be provided in the narthex to write the hymn and hymn number. These may be placed in the offering plate. ******

**** St. John’s would like to start a Young Adult Sunday School** class for ages 20-40. If anyone would like to lead or attend this class please contact Keith Guindon or the church office. ******

**** Please send cards or make phone calls** to our shut-ins to let them know we are praying for and thinking of them. The new **purple** lists are in the narthex and church office. ******

**** WARM** needs jelly, peanut butter, all canned veggies, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, soup and cereal to help people in need. You may bring donations by the church office to put in the gray container or in the container provided in the Narthex on Sundays. ******

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

We ask for prayers of healing for: Herman Hoff (healing), Betty Jean Hoff (healing), Sam Thomas (healing), The Dawsons (healing), and JoAnne Leland (healing), Lisa Bishop and family (healing & God’s peace).

Friends in need of prayers: Edie Reames (successful heart surgery), Alan Raschke (Tom Wildrick’s brother in law for cancer), Wilma Gambino (Gabrielle Werner’s grandmother for pneumonia), Lisa Bremer (healing from surgery), David Phillips (healing), Devin Steyr (finding a job), John Perkins (in rehab in Brenham), Tammy Kelly & Leeann (Rhonda Singh’s sisters for healing), Derrick Suehs (healing), Ashley Brye (God’s peace and healing hands), Johnny Frey (healing), Kathy Eckermann’s sister, Linda Mizzel (healing for Breast Cancer), Gabrielle Werner (healing for rheumatoid arthritis), Evelyn Loewe (healing), Charles Neumann (Kathleen Hargrave’s nephew for Lou Gehrig's disease), Robbie Smart (healing), and Brenda Mize (healing).

We remember our members who are either homebound or in care facilities: Waller – Dora Braun, Berry Harrison, Marion Gomer, Lonnie Mikeska, Betty & Ronald Wollgast, Bubba Ploss; Hempstead – Tim Perkins (healing); Brenham – Frances Frey (Kruse Village); Eagle Lake – Neal Wawarofsky (Arbor Hills Rehab)

We remember the children for whom we collect special offering each month: Chintya from Indonesia, Ely from Guatemala and Mishel from Uganda.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the families of Peggy Bush and Mark Bishop upon their entering the church triumphant.

We offer our prayers for the safety of Ukraine, Palestine, Gaza, Israel, and Myanmar.

MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Log in on Zoom to participate in Worship services and Adult Bible Studies:

<https://zoom.us/j/3613569565> Meeting ID: 361 356 9565

May 05 - Sunday:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Dessert Raffle-Sadie Lou’s Kitchen Sunday School for all ages Confirmation – Pastor Cheryl High School – Cindy
May 07 – Tuesday:	10:30am 6:00pm	Women’s Bible Study Tex-Mex Tuesday
May 08 – Wednesday:	11:30am 6.00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	LAMP Dinner for \$2:00 – spaghetti & meatballs Youth Hangout Adult Bible Study
May 11– Saturday:	9:00am	Council Meeting
May 12 - Sunday:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship WARM Lou’s Kitchen Ladies’ Day Tea No Sunday School

STEWARDS OF WORSHIP

Ministry	Sun. May 5	Sun. May 12
Pastor	Pastor Cheryl Lamaak	Pastor Cheryl Lamaak
Assisting Minister	Tom Wildrick	Angela Wilson
Cantor	Tom Wildrick	Tom Wildrick
Lay Reader	Jasper Lamaak	Donna Suggitt
Acolyte	Anthony Beazzo	Adrian Stewart
Usher	Melissa Hargrave Brenden Lucas	Jackie Bremer Pat Shelfer
Greeter	Laurie Loya Remi Loya	Sara Daniels
Altar Flowers	The Bush Family	Donna Suggitt
Altar Guild	Mya Stewart	Mya Stewart
Bake Bread	Angela Wilson	Kathleen Hargrave
Comm Cleanup	Rhonda Singh	Cindy Calderon
Launder Robes	Maedell Piper	Maedell Piper
Musician	Donna Suggitt	Belinda Loewe
Production Crew	Danny Calderon Butch Wilson	Keith Guindon Deb Guindon
Lou's Kitchen	Maedell Piper Sara Daniels	Danny Calderon Tom Wildrick
Menu	Sausage Biscuits	Breakfast Tacos

Please contact the church office in advance if you cannot serve on the date assigned.

GRATITUDE FOR GIFTS SHARED

Needed for Budget each month for 2024-----\$21,589.25
 Total Collected for April 28, 2024 -----\$ 1,935.00
 Total Collected so far for the month of April-----\$15,439.30

Flowers are placed on the altar by Stephanie and Scott Bush in loving memory of Stephanie's mom, Gloria Malant and Scott's mom, Peggy Bush, in celebration of a life well lived.