

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

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Confession and Absolution

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- 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.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

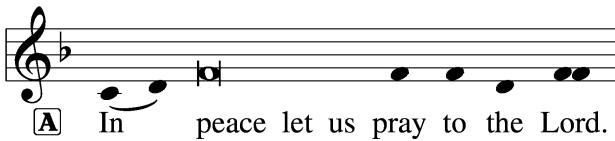
Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16



A little while, and you will see me no longer,*
and again a little while, and you will see me.
**I will extol you, my God and King,*
and bless your name forever and ever.**
Every day I will bless you*
and praise your name forever and ever.
**The LORD is gracious and merciful,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*
and all your saints shall bless you!
**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
A little while, and you will see me no longer,*
and again a little while, and you will see me.

Kyrie

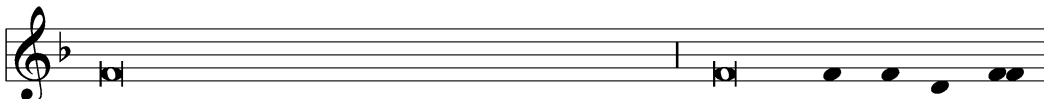
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



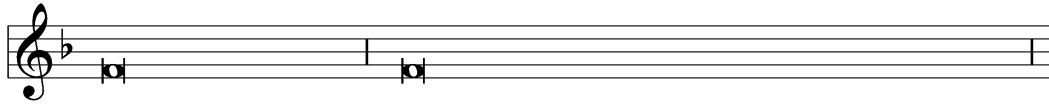
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



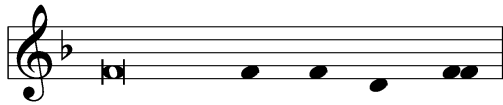
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



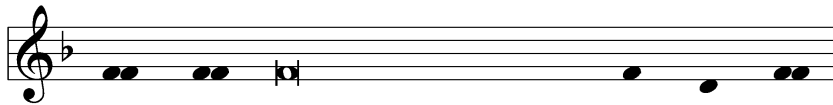
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

First Reading*Acts 8:26–40*

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*1 John 4:1–21*

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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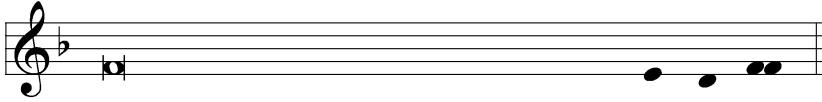
Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

LSB 166



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 A - men.

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

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**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
1924 - 2024**



Oklahoma District 100th Anniversary Celebration: Plan now to attend the district's 100th anniversary celebration, to be held at St. John's, Okarche, on May 19. St. John's was the site of the first Oklahoma District Convention held in 1924. The Matins Service will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a centennial banquet at 5:30. Honored guests will include Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, LCMS as preacher and readers Rev. William R. Diekelman, former Oklahoma District President and Rev. Justin Panzer, Kansas District president. The music will include an adult choir formed by a collection of members from Oklahoma District congregations and a children's choir formed by a collection of members from Oklahoma District Lutheran Schools.

The theme verse for the celebration is taken from Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." Truly, the strength, protection, and help of the Lord have carried our district as part of the Lord's Church for the last 100 years. In remembering our Lord's goodness during this blessed gathering, we thank Him and worship Him together. Learn more about the celebration and RSVP by March 28 at oklahomalutherans.org/100.



MISSIONS UPDATE

To support Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne's mission to Tanzania and/or to support the family, go online to: www.lcms.org/payne. The Payne family is now in Africa beginning the work they've been called to do.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Fannin: (Brenda Stehr) Metastatic Liver and bone cancer.

Paula Lair: Recovering from a stroke.

Sonya: A woman in need of healing.

Judy Cregan Durrill: recovering from a seizure suffered last week.

Danny: (friend of John O'Loughlin) Is in the hospital with sepsis and an a ventilator.

Laura Besore: (coworker of Christine Phillippi) Positive surgical outcome after being diagnosed with cancer.

Samantha Willis: (sister of Judy Cregan Durrill's son-in-law) Her cancer has returned, and she will undergo a double mastectomy.

Christine Foster: (Carol Schwake's sister) Recover form an intestinal infection.

Harry Sherman: (Joyce Wallen's son) Diagnosed with colon cancer.

David and Judy Durrill: Were joined together in Holy Matrimony here at St. John's last Friday.

BIRTHDAYS

4/28: Peter O'Loughlin

5/4: Christina Groh

5/5: Mack Matthews, Pamela Doty,
Trentin Flacy

ANNIVERSARIES

4/30: Larry & Darlene Grummer

READINGS

4/28• Lev. 16:1-24 Luke 10:1-22

4/29• Lev. 17:1-16 Luke 10:23-42

4/30• Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8 Luke 11:1-13

5/1• Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 Luke 11:14-36

5/2• Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54

5/3• Lev. 21:1-24 Luke 12:1-12

5/4• Lev. 23:1-22 Luke 12:13-34

5/5• Lev. 23:23-44 Luke 12:35-53

Attendance

Sunday 4/14: 114

Wednesday 4/17: 19

Previous Giving

Wednesday 4/10: \$245.00

Sunday 4/14: \$3657.00

Wednesday 4/17: \$410.00

Sunday 4/21: \$2159.00

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