

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude *Kingsfold Te Deum* *Te Deum*-Gregorian Chant; *Kingsfold*-English Folk Song arr. Sondra Tucker
Senior Bell Choir

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Earth and All Stars

ELW #731, vss. 1-4

Prayer of the Day: L: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Choir Recognition Litany

Choir and Congregation: "Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"

Leader: "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Choir and Congregation: "In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also."

Leader: "The seas are His, for He made it; for His hands formed the dry land."

Choir and Congregation: "O 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."

Leader: On this day of choir recognition, we are grateful for the Christian service and ministry shared by all the people involved in the music program. For our music director Jim Bieber, for all our choirs, our bell choirs, for our soloists, and our instrumentalists; indeed thanks be to God!

Choir and Congregation: And whatever we do in word or deed, let us do it in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God, the Father.

Leader: "Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!"

Choir and Congregation: "Yes, let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Amen"

Leader: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

Awards

Youth Bell Choir Graduate and Anniversary Awards

Graduates: Dalton Ellingson, Sarah Stock, Brandon Teslow; 25th Anniversary Award—Chris Stuckman

Anthem

Go Into the World
Senior Choir

Natalie Sleeth

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

L: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**C: ² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
 C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"* page 151
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Sermon

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Offering Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW #789

Offering Prayer

L: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia

Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

Postlude

Tocatta in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 11	8:30 & 10:30am
	7pm
Tues, May 13	9:15am
	7pm
Wed, May 14	7pm
Sun, May 18	8:30 & 10:30am
	7pm

May 11, 2025 to May 18, 2025

Worship services, Choir
Recognition
Mens Choir
Sarah Circle
Dorcas Circle - virtual
Sr Bells
Worship Service w/comm
Baccalaureate
Mens Choir

General Funds (undesigned)**Jan 1 – May 6, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 77,826
Actual Expenses	64,540

Jan 1 – May 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	83,807
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Attendance

Last Sunday	128
2025 Average	100
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am	Jens & Jane Kallevang
	10:30am	
Ushers	8:30am	Dan & Lori Treangen, Jon Payne
	10:30am	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
Readers	8:30am	Sue Blagsvedt
	10:30am	Ed Stamper
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given in honor of Joan Leiran's 90th birthday on May 14; given by daughters Chris & Carrie. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am. **Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.**

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.

Memorial Service for Marvin Petersen to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 428 W Walnut, Manly, IA. Visitation from noon to 1pm and Memorial Service at 1pm with lunch following in Fellowship Hall.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

If you are planning on attending summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are handing out checks on May 25 at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$275 from the Trust Fund & \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund.

Sarah Circle will meet at 9:15am on May 13 with hostess Gloria Payne and Bible study done together.

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7pm on May 13. Contact Linda Groe with any questions.

Youth Bell Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Henley Benson
Dalton Ellickson
Randy Johnsen
Sarah Stock

Emma Berges
Landon Ellickson
John Marti
Brandon Teslow

Dalton Ellickson
Haylee Jeglum
Lena Rausch

Senior Bell Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Sarah Bieber
Linda Groe
Randy Johnsen
Jon Payne
Chris Stuckman
Eva Urmanski

Sue Blagsvedt
Sarah Hagen
Vickie Larson
Kevin Stinn
Brandon Teslow

Dalton Ellickson
Logan Houg
Carrie Niehaus
Sarah Stock
Sue Torkelson

Senior Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Sarah Bieber
Sarah Hagen
Vickie Larson
Dawn Teslow

Judith Engle
Linda Halvorson
Jon Payne

Don Fruechte
Randy Johnsen
Chris Stuckman

Men's Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Cameron Berges
Sean Engle
Jeff Goettal
Jeremy Peake

James Bieber
Don Fruechte
Randy Johnsen
Zach Troendle

Jonathan Buhl
Jeff Gaunitz
Jon Payne