

The Hymn of Praise pp. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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.

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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.

Prayer of the Day L: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord **C: Amen.**

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light

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First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Psalm 78:23-29

L: ²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

**C: ²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

L: ²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

**C: ²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

L: ²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**C: ²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

L: ²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Children Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."* page 151

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

The Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

The Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.... C: Your mercy is great.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns *O Bread of Life from Heaven* ELW #480 ; *I Come with Joy* ELW #482

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: 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 so that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: 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!

The Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW # 618

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

CUM RHONDDA

Jacob Weber

Activities this Week at St. John's**August 1, 2021 to August 8, 2021**

Sunday, August 1	8:30am	Worship w/communion College scholarships handed out
	9:30am	Special Congregational mtg
Wednesday, August 3	8:45-noon	Mini Do Day
Sunday, August 8	8:30am	Worship

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Linda Halvorson
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Buchiet Bill & Becky Roe
Greeters	8:30am	Jerry & Carla Schnuelle Dennis & Linda DeBuhr
Comm Prep		Donnalee Osland, Diana Johnson
Comm Assistants		Randy & Lori Hesse, Rhonda Barr
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 memory of Irene Tweito; given by Dorcas Circle. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting today after 8:30am services to discuss & decide if we should acquire a neighboring property.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Betty Schwamman, who passed away recently.

General & EPIC Scholarships Awards - The following members of St. John's will be attending post high school education institutions this fall. Those who are attending ELCA colleges will receive a \$100 EPIC Scholarship that is matched by the college. All students receive a \$50 General Scholarship. These gifts are funded through proceeds from the Youth & Education portions of St. John's Trust Fund.

Please keep all these young people in your thoughts & prayers. Godspeed to these young men & women as they begin or continue their journey in schooling.

Maya Bossom - NICC
Annika Headington - Mount Mercy
Nathan Johnson - Buena Vista

Diana Davison - Hawkeye Comm.
Logan Houg - UNI
Shelby Martin - NICC