

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2023, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Processional

Youth Bell Choir

Announcements

Prelude

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Youth Bell Choir

Tammy Waldrop

Ringing 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW #645

Prayer of the Day: L: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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

Lynsey Houg and Olivia Marti

Youth Bell Choir Graduate Award

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

L: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**C: ⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: ⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Anthem:

Sing the Lord's Song
Senior Choir, Handbells, and Piano

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

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

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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.

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

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

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

Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

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Postlude

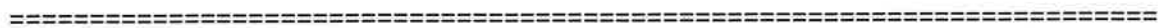
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Robert Hobby

Activities this Week at St. John's

May 12, 2024 to May 19, 2024

Sun, May 12	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship services Choir Recognition Sr Choir
	9:30am	
Tues, May 14	8:30am	Sarah Circle to clean kitchen
Wed, May 15	6pm	Youth Bells
	7pm	Sr Bells
Sun, May 19	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services w/comm., Baccalaureate Services Church Camperships
	9:30am	Sr Choir



Scripture Reader	8:30am	Joan Moody
	10:30am	Carrie Niehaus
Greeters	8:30am	Bill Roe family
	10:30am	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
Ushers	8:30am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson, Nona Sawyer, Jon Payne
	10:30am	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
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 loving memory of Agnes Anderson by her friends and family...and in honor of all women who nurture and help us grow in our faith. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Charlene and Alan West in the passing of their husband and father, Ken West recently.

Congratulations to Greg & Marlene Palmer on the birth of granddaughter Iris June Palmer, born April 20th to Aaron & Rachael Palmer.

Camperships: If you are planning on attending a summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are **handing out checks on May 19** at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$100 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund.

Youth Bell Choir
James H. Bieber, Director

Henley Benson
Landon Ellickson
Haylee Jeglum
Sophia Palmer

Emma Berges
Lynsey Houg
John Marti
Sarah Stock

Dalton Ellickson
Hannah Jeglum
Olivia Marti
Brandon Teslow

Senior Bell Choir
James H. Bieber, Director

Sarah Bieber
Linda Groe
Vickie Larson
Kevin Stinn
Sue Torkelson

Sue Blagsvedt
Sarah Hagen
Carrie Niehaus
Chris Stuckman
Eva Urmanski

Dalton Ellickson
Randy Johnsen
Jon Payne
Brandon Teslow

Senior Choir
James H. Bieber, Director

Sarah Bieber
Linda Halvorson
Jon Payne

Judith Engle
Randy Johnsen
Chris Stuckman

Tiffany Evans
Vickie Larson
Dawn Teslow

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 8:30am in the kitchen to clean. Hostess is Ann Rademaker and the lesson is done together.

Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, May 14 @ 7pm virtually. Contact Linda Groe with any questions.