

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

Charles Callahan

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.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389. vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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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.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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 mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

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

C: 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. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. 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, 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. C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

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.

Psalm 98

L: ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: ²O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: 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.

**C: ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

L: ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

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.

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

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 15:9-17****Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

[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."

Senior Reflections

Lynsey Houg and Olivia Marti

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

I Come with Joy

ELW #482

Offering Prayer

L: : Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace,... **C: ...hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Songs during Communion: *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW #595;

For by Grace You Have Been Saved ELW #598

Prayer Following Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Benediction

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW #620, vss. 1-4

Postlude

Shine, Jesus Shine

arr. Mark Albrecht

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 5	8:30am & 10:30am
	9:30am
	7pm
Tues, May 7	6pm
Wed, May 8	6pm
	7pm
Sun, May 12	8:30am & 10:30am
	9:30am

May 5, 2024 to May 12, 2024

Worship services w/comm.,
Senior Sunday
Sunday School-last day
Sr Choir
Mens Choir
Bd Deacons-lounge
Youth Bells
Sr Bells
Worship Services
Choir Recognition
Sr Choir



Scripture Reader	8:30am	Eva Urmanski
	10:30am	Ed Stamper
Greeters	8:30am	Jens & Jane Kallevang
	10:30am	Tiffany Evans
Ushers	8:30am	Eva Urmanski family
	10:30am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson, Nona Sawyer, Jon Payne
Comm Prep	8:30am	Eric Kirkeby, Chuck Larson
	10:30am	Linda Groe, Cindy Barness
Comm Asst	8:30am	Rosanne & Darrel Wicks
	10:30am	Jens & Jane Kallevang, Ron Dahlstrom
Secretary		Karen Stamper
Custodians		Rhonda Barr
Organist/Director of Music		John & Sharon Roe
Pastor		James H. Bieber
		Bryan Robertson

Our heartfelt sympathies to Mary & Dean Jackson in the passing of Mary's mother, Edith Johnson, recently.

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Deb Tweedy by her family. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

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.

Seniors graduating from High School are: Wyatt Baxter, Ava Bossom, Olivia Bossom, Lynsey Houg, Kalysta Kerner, Olivia Marti, Shawn Martin and Allie Miller.

4th Graders receiving 1st Communion today are: Henry Clarke, Alaina Emerson and Maxwell Lograsso.

Decorah Chorale presents: Glorious Day Spring Concert today @3pm at Decorah High School Auditorium.