

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church**

Turn Your Radio On
Men's Choir

Ed. J.H.B.

Announcements

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Men's Choir

Julia Ward Howe/W. Steffe

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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879

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: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. **C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day: L: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

L: ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: ² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

L: ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L: ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has

no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Anthem:

Go and Tell John
Men's Choir

Lloyd Pfautsch

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 14:23-29

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

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW #756

The Offering Prayer: L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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

God Bless Our Native Land

ELW #891

Postlude

Freedom Fanfare

Charles Ore

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 25	8:30 & 10am
Tues, May 27	2:30pm 3pm
Sun, June 1	8:30 & 10am

May 25, 2025 to June 1, 2025

Worship services/Camperships
handed out
Evergreen Court
Good Samaritan Ctr
Worship Service w/comm

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – May 21, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 81,707
Actual Expenses	72,483

Jan 1 – May 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	83,807
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Attendance

Last Sunday	138
2025 Average	103
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am 10am	Sherry Knudtson
Ushers	8:30am 10am	Dan & Lori Treangen, Jon Payne Steve & Sheryl Evanson
Readers	8:30am 10am	Ann Hagensick Jill Kistler
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 by Mary Ellingson of Decorah. 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.

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

Congratulations to Connor & Katherine Hanson on the birth of their daughter, Annelise Katherine Hanson. Grandparents are Greg & Ann Hagensick.

Congratulations to Matthew & Allison Rottink on the birth of their daughter, Hattie Joanna Rottink. Grandparents are Greg & Ann Hagensick.

For those attending summer camp, we are handing out checks today at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$275 from the Trust Fund & \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund. Those attending camp are:

Elsie Clarke
Kloe Leiran
Ruth Hagensick
Henley Benson
Alaina Emerson

Henry Clarke
Heath Hagensick
Stella Hagensick
Soren Benson
Benny Emerson

Irene Clarke
Oliver Hagensick
Joseph Oder
Olivia Dougherty

Volunteers for June 1 services:

Ushers for June: 8:30am Virgil & Deb Thorstenson / 10am _____

Greeters: 8:30am Bill & Linda Halvorson / 10am Sandy Deal

Readers: 8:30am Blake Roe / 10am Lori Hesse

Comm Prep: 8:30am Bonnie Roe, Nona Sawyer / 10am Linda Groe

Comm Asst: 8:30am Bill & Sue Blagsvedt, Randy Hesse / 10am Lori Hesse