

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**June 1, 2025, 8:30 A.M.**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Announcements**

**Prelude** *Darwall's 148th tune—based on J.S. Bach Invention in F Major* arr. Mark Sedio

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Confession and Forgiveness** page 116-117

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** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW #855, vss. 1-4

**Greeting and Kyrie** *"In peace, let us pray..."* page 147-148

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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

### First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### Psalms 97:1-6

L: <sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before the Lord,  
burning up enemies on every side.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

L: <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.

C: <sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Special Music      *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*      Marty Haugen/Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.  
Vickie Larson, Soprano Soloist

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

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 17:20-26**

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before

**Sermon**

**Confession of Faith**

*The 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 Hymn**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW# 655

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

## **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.**

**Communion Songs:** *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* ELW #658; *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW #659

**Prayer Following Communion** L: 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**

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW #550

### **Postlude**

*Waltz Across Texas* (in memory of Leonard and Bernice Thies' anniversary) Talmadge Tubb

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

Sun, June 1                      8:30 & 10am  
Sun, June 8                      8:30 & 10am

**June 1, 2025 to June 8, 2025**

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**General Funds** (undesignated)**Jan 1 – May 28, 2025**

Actual Income                \$ 87,440  
Actual Expenses              72,592

**Jan 1 – May 31, 2025**

Budget Expenses              83,807

**Attendance**

Last Sunday                  118  
2025 Average                104  
2024 Average                90

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Greeters	8:30am	Bill & Linda Halvorson
	10am	Sandy Deal
Ushers	8:30am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
	10am	
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
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 in loving memory of Leonard & Bernice Thies's 78<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 7. Given by family. 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.

***We have the opportunity*** to be a part of our area churches Feed the Kids Program *during the month of July*. We are looking for volunteers for July 21-25. Please sign up for the date/dates that *might* work for you in the Narthex. Be sure to put your email address and t-shirt size. A schedule will be sent at a later date to confirm dates.

We are also looking for donations of BIG cans of fruit, spaghetti sauce & garden produce. *These can be put on the pew in the Coat Room. Monetary donations can be sent to the office or places in the offering. Please make checks out to "Feed the Kids".*

***Our heartfelt sympathies to*** Bryan & Erika Fish & family in the passing of Bryan's father, Cletus Fish, recently.

***Vacation Bible School:*** June 11 at Village Creek Bible Camp. Meet at the Church parking lot at 7:45am. Cost per child is \$20. Arrival back at Church around 4:50pm. We are in need of adult (over age 16) chaperones & drivers; if you are available, let Board of Ed. know.

**Volunteers for *June 8 services:***

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

Greeters: 8:30am Peggy Slaughter / 10am Vickie Larson

Readers: 8:30am Bailey Benson / 10am Mary Jackson

Comm Prep: 8:30am \_\_\_\_\_ / 10am \_\_\_\_\_

Comm Asst: 8:30am \_\_\_\_\_ / 10am \_\_\_\_\_