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# St. John's Lutheran Church

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## *Sixth Sunday in Easter*

**Welcome to all**, especially visitors and guests.

**Visitors...**we warmly welcome you in the name of Christ, and we pray that your worship with us will be spiritually refreshing and renewing. In order that we might be able to properly thank you for your presence, please take the time to leave your name and address in the black covered "Welcome to Worship" folder passed in your seating row, and introduce yourself to Pastor Roys. **We are glad that you are here!**

**Nursery available** - We encourage children to be in worship, and understand that children will not always be quiet☺. If, however, you as a parent need to step out of the sanctuary to the nursery for a period of time, St John's nursery is located on the lower level of the education wing. It is not currently staffed, but is rather a space where one may still hear worship while your little one takes a break. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Kids' packets** are located in the Narthex (entry) cabinet.

**Christian Education classes** meet every Sunday (Sept-May) from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. for all children 4 years of age – fifth grade. All classes meet on the lower level of the Education Wing.



**T-coil Hearing Loop** is available inside our sanctuary. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system in their own hearing aids without having to use a separate device. For more information, see the inside back cover of the hymnal.

**Hearing assists** and **larger print bulletins** are also available in the entry. **An usher** can assist you with any questions or in finding what you need!

**Seeking a Spiritual Home?** Make a note on the "Welcome to Worship" folder or call Pastor Roys at 641-236-4946. She will be glad to address your questions or concerns.

**Restrooms** are located in the lower level off the Fellowship Hall. An usher can guide you to their location.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated. All who embrace the real presence of Christ are invited to share it, regardless of age (if the young person communes in their home church) or denomination. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The center glasses contain white grape juice. Please tell your communing child to extend open hands in order to receive the elements.

**Accessibility note:** If you wish to receive Holy Communion where you are seated, simply hand the yellow card in the pew to the usher. Our side aisles are not wide enough to accommodate a walker.

†Denotes to please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

*We are Marching in the Light of God*

**GATHERING**

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are all children of God through faith.

**We have clothed ourselves with Christ. Alleluia! Amen.**

†**OPENING SONGS**

*All God's Critters*

**Chorus**

All God's critters got a place in the choir,  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

**Verse 1**

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom,  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to-do  
And the old cow just goes "moo"      **Chorus**

**Verse 2**

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
While the old coyote howls      **Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Listen to the top where the little bird sings  
The melody with the high voice ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jaybird disagrees      **Chorus**

**Verse 4**

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and he's on his way  
The 'possum don't have much to say  
And the porcupine talks to herself      **Chorus**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

*Love Round*

Love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart  
 And all your soul, and all your mind,  
 And love all humankind as you would love yourself, and

Love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart  
 And all your soul, and all your mind,  
 And love all humankind

We've got Christian lives to live,  
 We've got Jesus' love to give,  
 We've got nothing to hide,  
 And so in God we all find Love (Repeat from beginning)

**†GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**†THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Just as God's work of creation never ends,  
 so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.  
 Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:  
 for water to bathe in, water to drink,  
 for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,  
 for water that gives life to our planet.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,  
 and for all who gather here;  
 for godparents and baptismal sponsors,  
 for children and grandchildren,  
 for our brothers and sisters in Christ  
 whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:  
 for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,  
 for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,  
 for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## †PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of life,

**We all stand condemned, but for your grace, O God. Foster in us such love for your word that we cannot help but proclaim it freely and openly to all, in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

<b>WORD</b>
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**GOD'S WORD FOR** Psalm 24:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US** John 3:16-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that  
everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the  
world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

†HYMN OF THE DAY *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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**LITANY**

If I think I am better than you,

**If I treat you differently than I treat other people,**

If I act superior, if I feel superior,

**I miss the whole point.**

And here's the point.

**Some of us are Gentiles, some of us are Jews.**

Some of us are rich, some are poor,

**Black, white, old, young, gay, straight...**

But we are all the same inside:

**People.**

People who make mistakes sometimes, people who do the right things sometimes.

**We are such a mixed bag of good and bad, all of us.**

But here's the good news.

**God loves us anyway, every last one of us.**

And we are saved, not because we are better,

**But because God is.**

We are of value, not because we are more important,

**But because God is.**

And we are treasured, not because we have more, or do more.

**God treasures us in spite of ourselves.**

We are just people, flawed and fallible people,

**Loved by a flawless and infallible God,**

Who knows us in and out, our deepest fears, our darkest secrets.

**And loves us anyway.**

Who sent Christ to us, the greatest of gifts.

**Not once, but for all time.**

Who gives such a gift to such messy people?

**God did. God does.**

So let us be kind to each other,

**Let us forgive each other,**

When we are mad, or sad, or hurt, let us love each other anyway.

**Let us remember the humanity we all share,**

And the divinity God shares with us.

**Us, God's flawed, messy, saved, valued, treasured people.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with: Gracious Lord,*

**Hear our prayer.**

*... and rely upon your unfailing mercy, O God.*

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Please fill out the Welcome to Worship sheet in the black folder and place in offering plate.*

<b>MEAL</b>
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**OFFERING**

Shaky Bells

*As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.*

**†PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Let us pray.

**We offer our gifts, O Lord, not to gain your favor or approval, but out of love for your people, saved by the same grace as we ourselves, and children of the same generous creator, who invites us to pray in your name, Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKS AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

You draw all peoples together at your table, O gracious Lord. Feed us on your body and blood, and unite our hearts and wills out of thanksgiving for all that you have done for us.

*Please be seated.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ for us to eat and drink. Baptized Christians trusting this gracious presence of the Lord in Holy Communion are welcome to commune.*

*Anyone who does not commune is welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. For those who do not drink wine, white grape juice is provided.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*After all have communed; please stand as you are able.*

**†POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DEPARTING HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me (Call & Response)*

Jesus loves me,  
This I know  
For the bible  
Tells me so  
Little ones  
To Him belong  
We are weak, but  
He is strong  
‘Cause He’s the best  
J-E-S-U-S  
A-ruh-uh-uh, a-ruh-uh-uh



## **DISMISSAL AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

Begin sharing Christ by greeting one another with the peace of Christ.

*Please share the peace of Christ with a handshake, a word of greeting or a gesture of praying hands.*

## **POSTLUDE**

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### ***PASTOR***

Kathryn Roys

### ***YOUNG HOUSEHOLD MINISTRY***

Kari Lee

### ***SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY***

**Worship Leaders** – St. John's youth

**Music** – Ryan Dahlby Albright

**Acolyte** – Jack Dahlby Albright

**Greeters** – Eugene & Sherri Peart

**Reader** – Sarah Ashing

**Communion Assistants** – Bob & Pam Ashing

**Fellowship** – Youth

**Sound Tech** – Bob Ashing

**Usher Team** – Rick Weigel, Linda Masuku, Russ Crawford

**Today in Worship**

**Thank You** Christian Education Leaders for equipping our young people to lead worship Sunday!

**Twice a month** St. John's will hold in prayer a few of our youth. Saturday we pray for Dominic Peart, Frances Pederson, Morgan Pohlman and Mason Schwarck.

**General fund** offerings received the weekend of May 13-14 totaled \$5,392.

**Opportunities**

**For Sale** We have 2 copies of Soul Keeping study guide that Adult Forum did this winter. You can purchase one for \$5, if interested contact the church office.

**Monday morning study group** will reconvene in the fall.

**WELCA is sponsoring** a kitchen clean-up day on May 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. If you have a few minutes, or 1-2 hours, they would be more than happy to see your smiling face & helping hands!

**Looking Ahead**

**Come join us!!** Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Cruise on into worship and fellowship (in an old car if you have one). Join us for worship at 5:30 followed by an indoor picnic of hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, chips, salad and dessert. Come join the fun and fellowship. See flyers at church.

**We need you!** Are you willing to join our Audio/Video team? If so, please contact Carolyn Bosse at 236-3105 or [bosse@grinnell.edu](mailto:bosse@grinnell.edu).

**St John's nominating committee** is underway for new council positions. Who at St John's would benefit our leadership team—you will be asked each week for nominations. Forms are available on the credenza and as a bulletin insert. Please place in offering basket or give to the office.

Marilyn & Larry Deppe, Pastor Kathy & Bob attended the **SE IA Assembly** in Des Moines Friday & Saturday, May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Reaching Out**

**Calling All Musicians** Though no one can fill Cheryl Irland’s musical “shoes”, St John’s is currently seeking inquiries and applications for organist, choir accompanist and music coordinator. An interviewing committee has been formed, and we have one applicant. Who do you know or could ask if there is someone in our community or a neighboring community that would bless our music ministry? We seek more than one individual. Church Organist Opening job description and application information at [www.stjohnsgrinnell.org](http://www.stjohnsgrinnell.org).

**Prayers for the community** - The ministry of Grinnell Food Recovery Network.

**MICA items needed** – Jello, pudding, canned fruit.

The Week of May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John’s

Sunday 5/21/17	9:30 am 10:30 am	Youth led Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 5/23/17	6:45 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	Men’s Breakfast Kitchen Clean Up Quilters	West Side Kitchen Room 9
Wed 5/24/17	6:45 pm	Non-Camp Confirmation with parents	Meeting room
Saturday 5/27/17	5:30 pm	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 5/28/17	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Fellowship	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Monday 5/29/17		Memorial Day Office Closed	

See you in worship and places along the way!

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
CENTERED IN CHRIST**



- **K-8 Christian school**
- **Responsive teachers & staff**
- **Small class sizes allow for individualized attention**
- **Students put faith into action**

"I go to the Christian school, and I am proud of it. At the Christian school I get to learn about God in the subjects of Bible and Chapel. My school goes from kindergarten all the way to eighth grade, and because of that we can stay close to God at an early age and when we are in middle school as well." -- Natalie

"My school is special because we believe in God and we learn about Him" -- Serafina

"My school is unique and fun. My school is special because we can learn about God. We learn about God because we try to be closer to God all the time. Our school is like a family." -- Liam

- **Project-based learning in Science and Social Studies**
- **Spanish instruction in grades 3-8**
- **Partnership with Grinnell public schools - busing, hot lunches, GMS band and extracurricular activities**
- **Need-based tuition assistance available**

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