



# St. John's Lutheran Church

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## *Fourth Sunday of 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 wish to step out of the sanctuary to the nursery for a period of time, St John's nursery is located on the second level of the education wing (the left-side door at the front of the sanctuary will take you to it). 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 Sundays through May from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. for all children 4 years of age – sixth 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.

**A family restroom** is located next to the elevator. Another accessible restroom is located on the lower level off Fellowship Hall.

**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, or to cross their hands on their chest if they do not.

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

† Denotes to please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

† **OPENING HYMN**     *Signs and Wonders*

ELW #672

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Because he lives, so do we.

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Open your eyes to the Spirit's power around you.

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

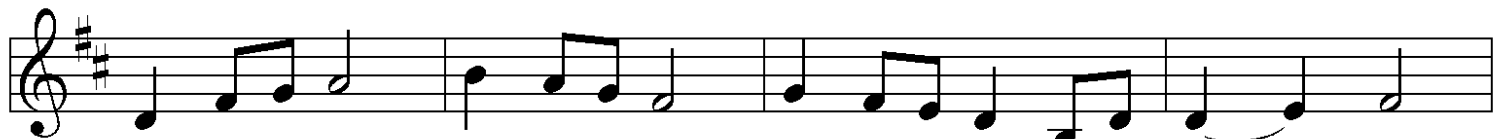
God calls us as witnesses to all peoples and nations.

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

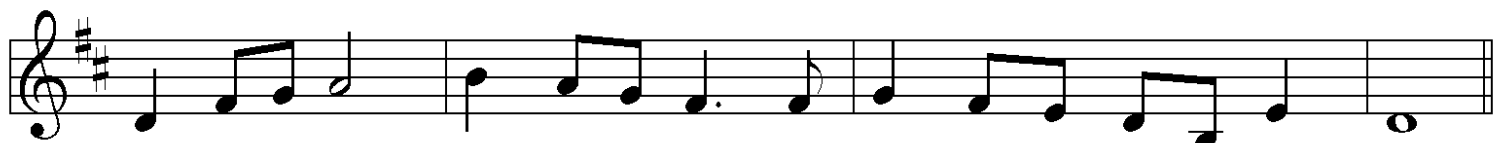
## GREETING

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☪ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



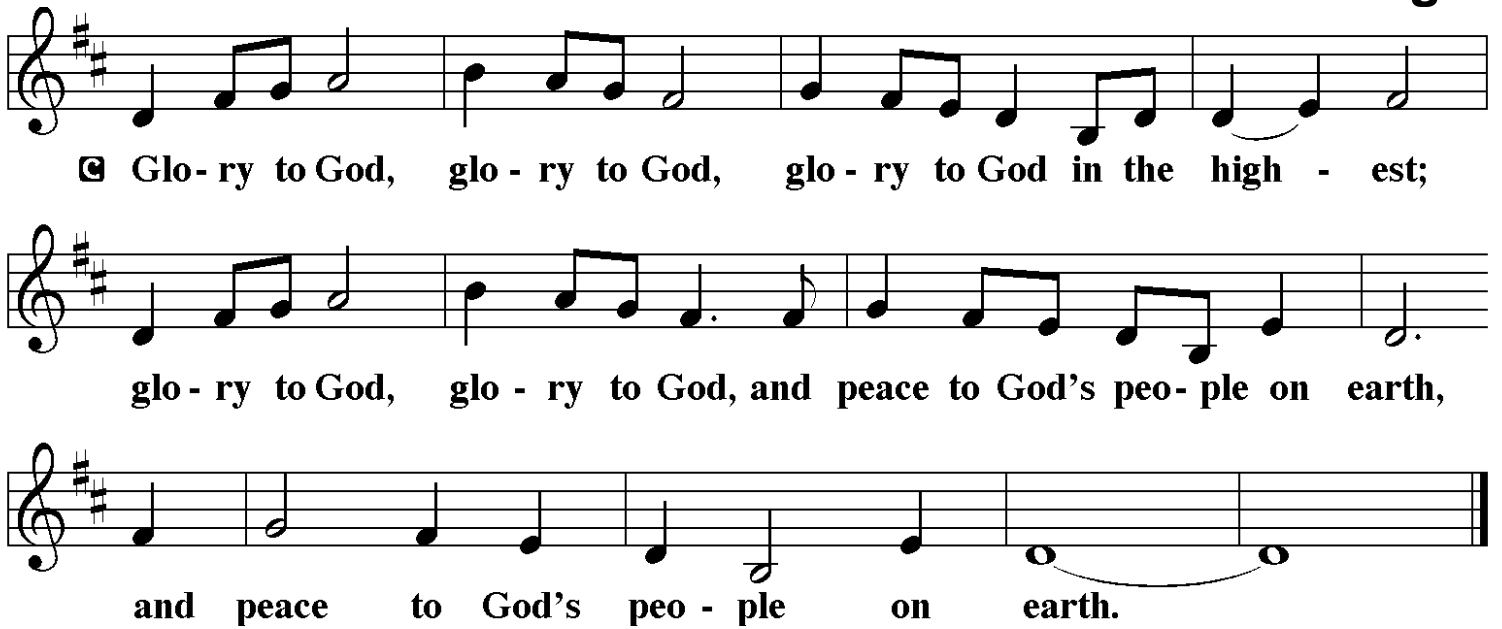
I For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord,

**ministry in your kingdom is a daily adventure. Surprise us with the zeal of those who have never heard your gospel and reinvigorate our witness with your Spirit of power. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **GOD'S WORD FOR US** Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

<sup>1</sup>Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup>said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought

oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. <sup>14</sup>When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; <sup>17</sup>yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good — giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### †GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
 lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOD'S WORD FOR US Matthew 10:40-42

God's Word for us according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

Go See

**†HYMN OF THE DAY**

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*Come, We That Love the Lord*

(Please join in professing our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed)

**APOSTLES' CREED****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.****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

*A brief silence.**Each petition ends with: Risen Lord,***Hear our prayer.***... In our savior's name, we pray.***Amen.***Please be seated. (As we return our offerings to our God)***PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH***Wyatt Winburn**Claire Behrens**Lucy Lindberg**Karver Harms**Kyla Edsen**Violet Jack*

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

<b>MEAL</b>
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

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

**†OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF**

Let us pray.

**Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones will not lose their reward. Keep our hearts tuned toward the needs of your people and make us glad to offer ourselves to your service. Bless these gifts we offer before you and multiply them for the sake of Christ's mission on earth. In his holy name. Amen.**

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## HEALING RITE

### PRAYER of REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, as you greet us with the gift of a new day, may we remember with gratitude your gifts and your presence, signs of your blessing.

*Silence for reflection*

Divine Healer,

**touch my memory so I may see your holy work  
in my life and in the world:  
the easing of pain,  
the healing of memories,  
the recovery from wounds.**

*Silence for reflection*

Loving God,

**with the light of Christ as my guide,  
take me through this day  
and help me to see the sins of which I am ashamed.**

*Silence for reflection*

Holy and compassionate God,

**reconcile, renew, and restore me by your grace,  
that I may rest in peace.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed be God, who forgives all our sins, who heals all our ills, who crowns us with mercy and love.

### BLESSING OF THE OIL FOR ANOINTING

Let us pray:

O God, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil. As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing may be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward as you feel comfortable.*

*Pastor or another Caring Team member will pray with you,  
lay their hands on your head, and anoint your head with oil in the sign of  
the cross.*



*During the time of laying on of hands and anointing, we invite you who are seated to be in prayer for those who have come forward.*

*Whenever we gather in this place, this sanctuary, God is the actor, and we are the recipients of God's grace. Today our healing service begins by remembering that healing is not the same as cure. Healing comes to us despite our situation, our health, or our hurts.  
Healing comes to us from God through Jesus Christ.*

## †PRAYER

Let us pray:

Although there are wounds within us, O Christ, above all there is the miracle of your mysterious and compassionate presence among us. Thus, made lighter or even set free, we journey gratefully with you from one discovery to another.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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## 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

The food is prepared and the table is set. We join as fellow travelers for a foretaste of your heavenly feast, invited once again to the holy supper of our Lord. Come and eat—there is plenty for all!

*Please be seated.*

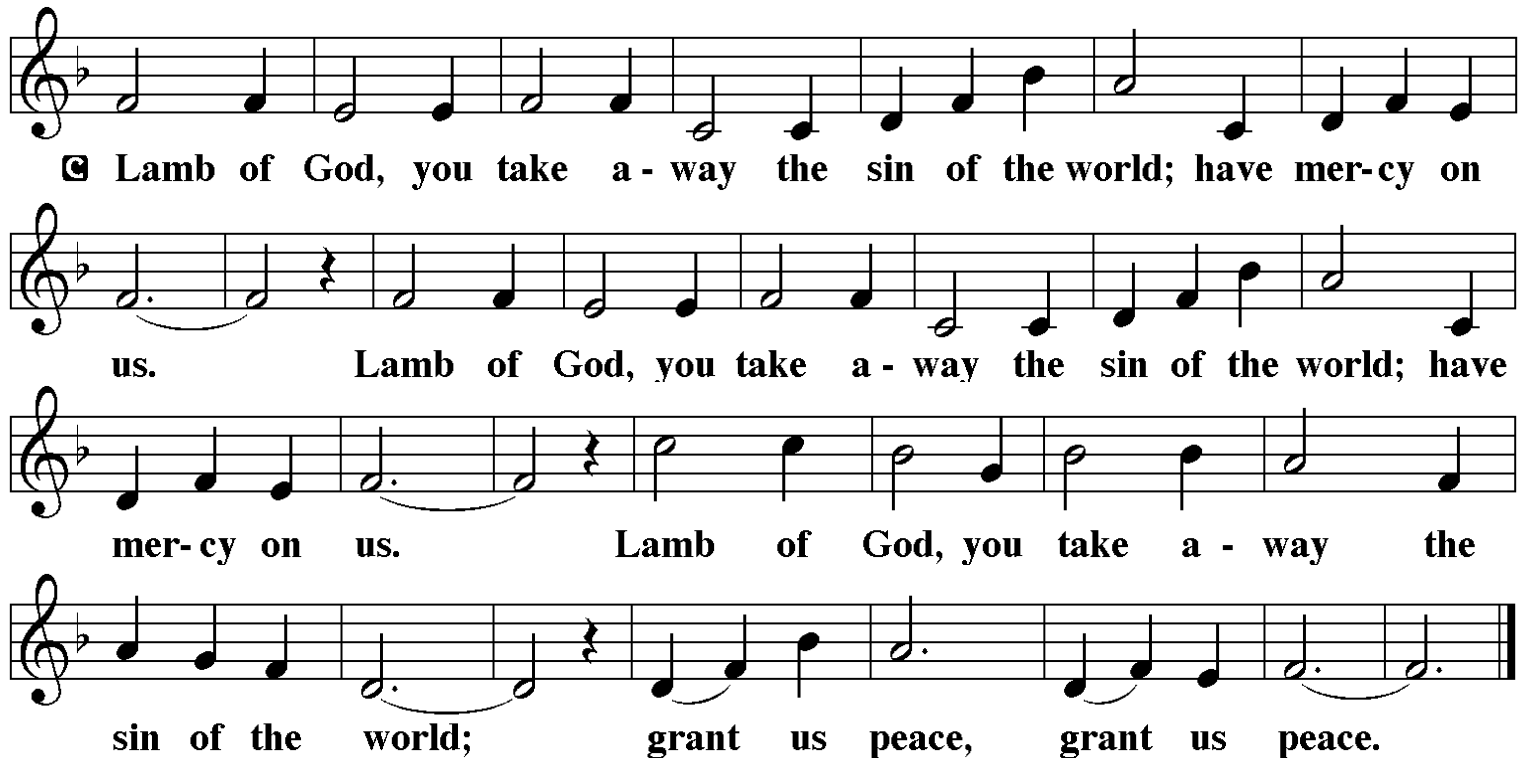
*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ for us to eat and drink.*

*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. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Thine the Amen*

Sunday  
ELW #826

## †POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness

and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.

Risen to new life with you,

send us now to bear your healing love

into the wounded world,

in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Saturday resume here*

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING

We have tasted and seen that the Lord is good. We have been refreshed by streams of living water.

**We go now to share what we can to share what we have,  
to share what God has given.**

#### †BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

ELW #392 vs 1,4-5

#### DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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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**WORSHIP LEADER**

Rev. Nancy Pick

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**Saturday**

**Sunday**

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**Choir Director**

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