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April 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

"I am the **good shepherd**. The
good shepherd lays down his
life for the sheep."

John 10:11



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Eternal and living God, who has established Your Church on earth as the body of Christ, guide and direct each of us in faithfully following You in the spirit of unity, love, and thankfulness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

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***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.**

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

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***GREETING**

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.**

***DIALOG**

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and prayer.

C: He created all thing. By His will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By His blood He purchased for God.

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom.

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you,

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 4:5-12

A The First Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Acts.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is

salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A Here ends the reading.

Psalm:

Psalm 23

¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

² *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

³ *He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.*

⁴ *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

⁵ *Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

SECOND LESSON:

1 John 3:16–24

A The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of First John

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A Here ends the reading.

P Alleluia

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

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SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 PRAYERS**

Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. Defend the Church from peril, provide for its needs, lead it in paths of righteousness and holiness. Through its ministry, lead many to hear Your voice and follow You. Bless pastors and bishops and make them faithful assistant shepherds for Your flock. Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

ANTHEM

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OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: it is right to give Him thanks and praise

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV**

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



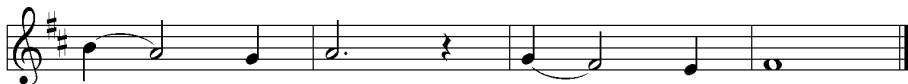
☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.*

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

*For those that require special dietary restrictions, we now have gluten-free, communion wafers.
Please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

Communion
Communion Hymn:

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***P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ strengthen
and keep you in His grace, unto eternal life.

***C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***A:** Pour out the Spirit of Your Love, Oh Lord,
and unite the wills of those You have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you and within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN

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***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex.

Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.



**YOUTH GROUP
BIBLE BOWL 2021**

Tonight here at St. John's at 5:30 p.m.

Good luck to our youth!



SUNDAY

Youth Group Lead Worship Service next Sunday!

The Youth Group will lead our worship **next Sunday, May 2nd** at the 11:00 a.m. service. As always, our youth will preach, read, usher and greet. Please plan to support our youth by attending this joyous service of praise!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Bowl
Monday 4/26	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
Wednesday 4/28	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour (in person)
	11:30 a.m.	Children's Hour (on facebook)
Thursday 4/29	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 5/2	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group 6-12



Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** The Katie's Cupboard does not come with performance metrics or guarantees but *is a leap of faith in people!*

Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community.

How can you help today? Please call Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773 or the church office @ 724-548-2051. Thank you for your support!





Women's Banquet
Sunday, May 16, 2021
***after service - 12:30 PM**
A Lesson on Fruits of the Spirit

Inviting all the ladies - young and old to join us for a "beautiful bounteous luncheon" in appreciating each other and celebrating our spiritual gifts!

The men will be preparing a meal of a Grilled Chicken Salad with the fixings, Ham Salad Croissants, Fresh Fruit Salad and Eclairs for dessert. Lemonade, fruit punch, hot tea and coffee will be served. Return this flier to the church office or in the offering plate with an envelope marked **Ladies Banquet by Sunday, May 2nd** or mail to the church office.

Cost is \$8.00

Ages 12 and under free.

- Name: _____
- Phone: _____
- Number attending: _____ adults _____ children 12 & under
- Total enclosed \$ _____
- * Food allergy information: _____
- *** I would prefer take out/pick up after church _____

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister

Julie Smith(E)

Lector

Keith Livengood(L)

Comm Assistants

Patty Kirkpatrick(E)

Acolyte

Naomi Smith(L)

Patty Kirkpatrick, Amber Zurn(E)

Ashlynn Zurn(E)

Emily Bouch(L)

Camera Operator

Nick Wranich(E)

Bill Bouch(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music

Rebecca Veith

Sr. Choir Accompanist

Elizabeth Cramer

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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