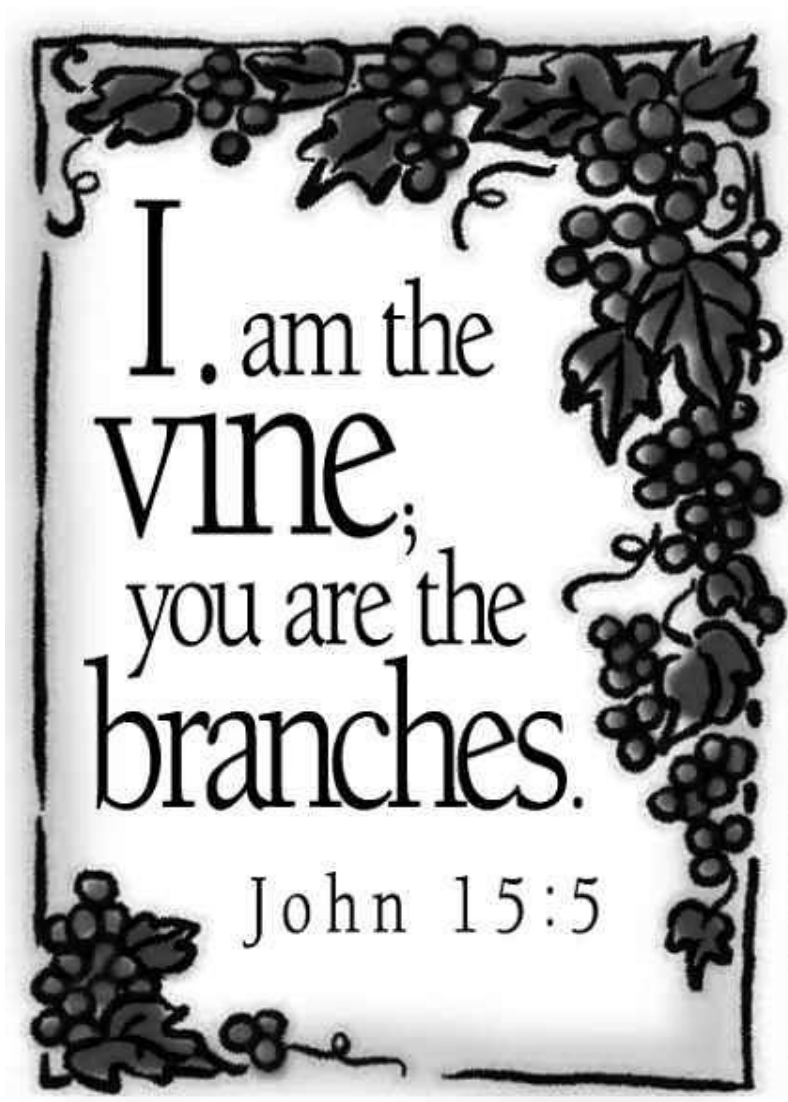


Easter 5 & Confirmation



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Oak Creek, WI

April 25 & 28, 2024

Welcome to St. John's!

Est. 1843 + Founding Member, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

- May **God bless your worship** today so that your faith in Christ grows stronger and your love for God and neighbor burns more brightly.
- Please practice **SOCIAL DISTANCING**. Respect one another's personal space and be considerate of one another's sensitivities. Thank you.
- The **restrooms** are located in the basement at the east end of the building.
- Your **children** are always welcome at St. John's and we encourage you to involve them in the service. If you need to take your little one out for a bit of a breather, please use our parents' room located in the back of the church. Parents with small children may wish to consider sitting in the back pews. Thanks for showing respect to your fellow worshipers.
- If you would like **more information** about Saint John's, feel free to visit our website: www.stjohnsoakwood.org; email Pastor Reckzin: d.reckzin@gmail.com; or call Pastor Reckzin: 414-232- 2953.
- If you are **interested in joining St. John's**, Pastor Reckzin is happy to lead you through some Bible classes at your convenience.

Participation in Holy Communion In respect for the Scriptures and the true presence of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament, Saint John's follows the ancient and biblical practice of member communion. We ask that only members of Saint John's or of WELS/ELS congregations come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you have questions about members communion, Pastor Reckzin is happy to explain the practice according to Holy Scripture. We appreciate your respect for our practice. Thank you.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you have given me life and salvation. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Feed me with your Word and sacrament. Bless my faith so that it grows strong and fruitful, producing the abundant fruit of love for you and for my neighbor. Never let me fall from your grace but keep me attached to you for my life and for your glory. In Jesus Name. Amen.

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and
 2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's
 3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,
 sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in
 sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or
 free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the
 hal - lows all our hu - man race, by your pray - ing, by your



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your
 sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
 sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards
 will - ing that your peo - ple should be one, grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.
 crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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 Tune: The Revivalist, Troy, 1868, ed. Joseph Hillman
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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

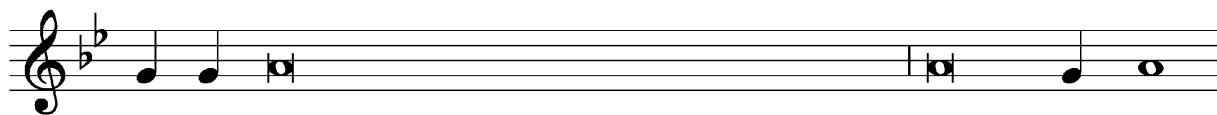
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

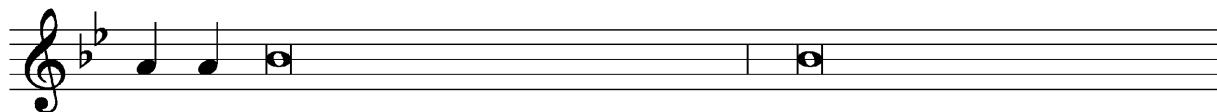
The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'In' under G4, 'peace let us pray to the Lord.' under A4-B4, 'Lord,' under G4-F#4, and 'have mer - cy.' under E4-D4.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



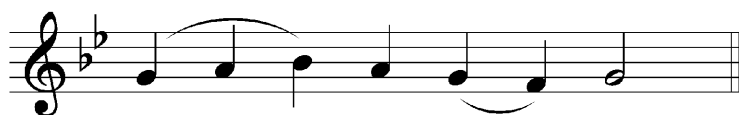
Lord, have mer - cy.



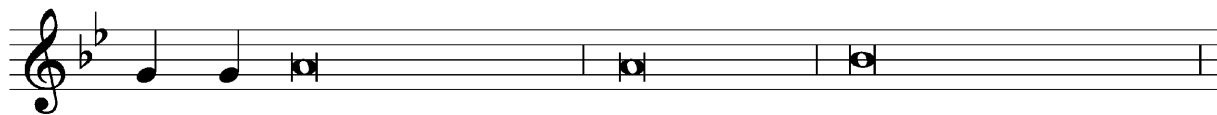
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



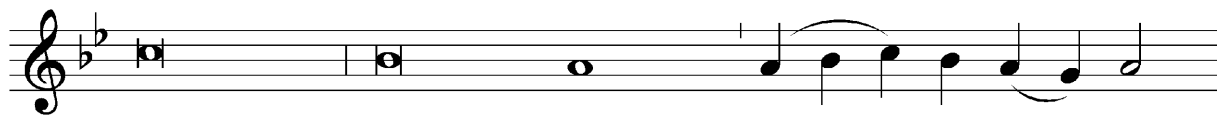
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and some rests. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the'.

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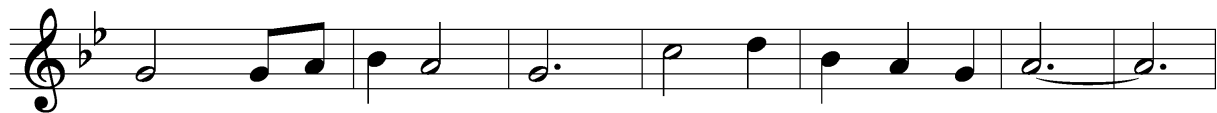
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



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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. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32–37

In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated “son of encouragement”), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

63C Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay

Psalm 63C

Refrain



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

Tone



You, God, / are my God,
earnestly I / seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being / longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no / water.
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary
and beheld your power and your / glory. *Refrain*

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,
my lips will glori- / fy you.
I will praise you as long / as I live,
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.
Because you / are my help,
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24

St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

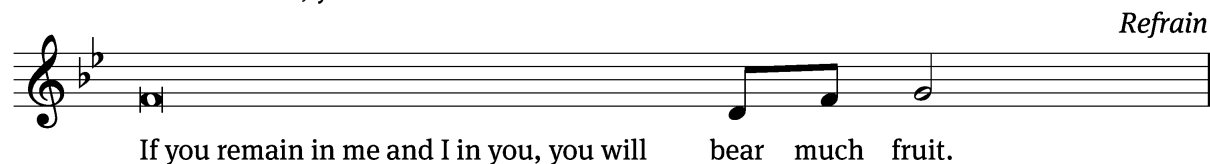
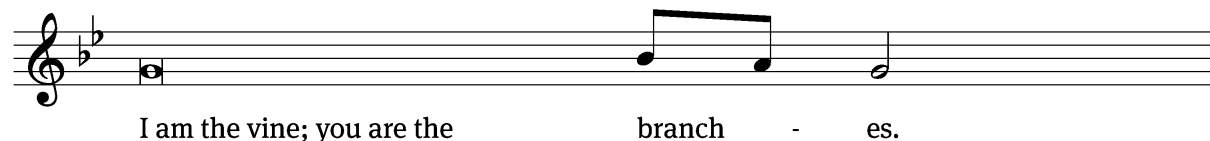
John 15:5



Refrain



Tone



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
 all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.

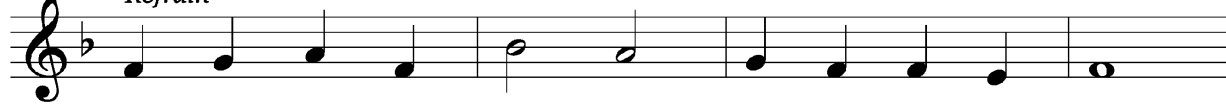


Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
 Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
 man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
 this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
 as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: tr. John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.
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Sermon

YOUR GOAL – GOD’S GLORY

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

SUNDAY SERVICE

The Confirmation of Jillian Buttke

Psalm 16:1 Keep me safe, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends.

Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind.

[Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory

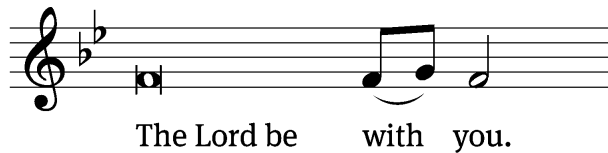
The offertory serves as a 'hinge' between the service of the Word and the service of the sacrament. It is a time to reflect on what you have heard and to prepare for the reception of Holy Communion (See page 295 in the hymnal for **Christian Questions** to prepare for Holy Communion.)

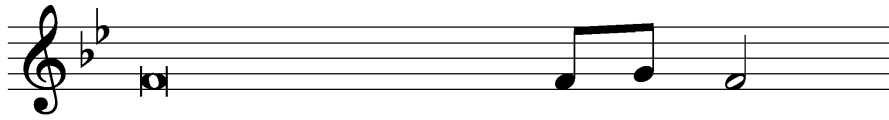
The Sacrament

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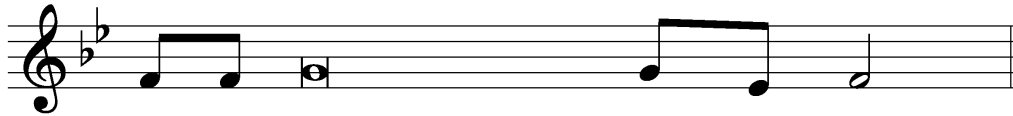
Preface

CW 183





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



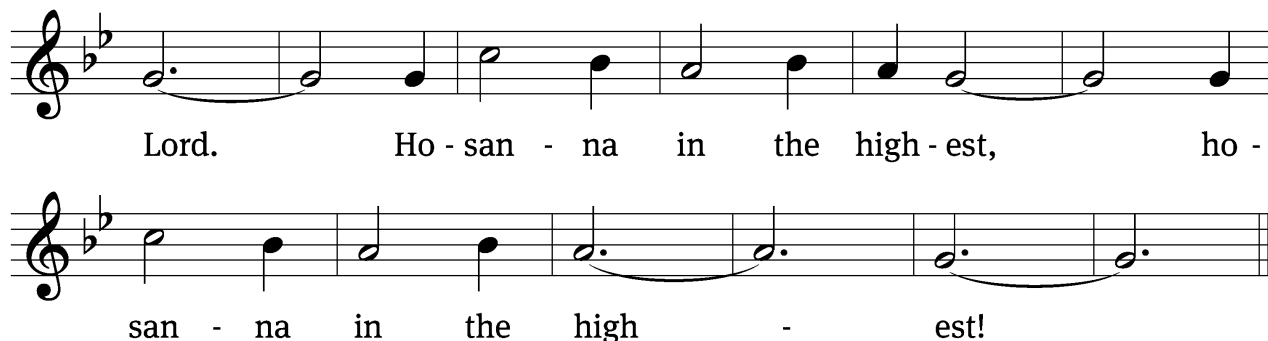
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION +

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

697 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CW 697



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil-dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo-rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt.

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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730 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CW 730



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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673 O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673



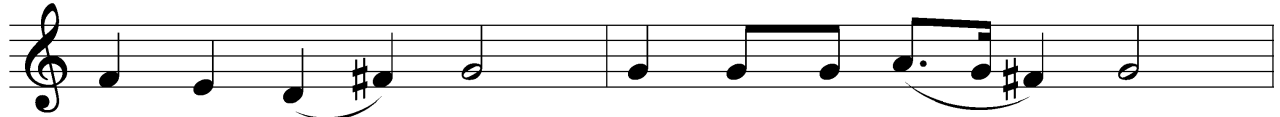
1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this



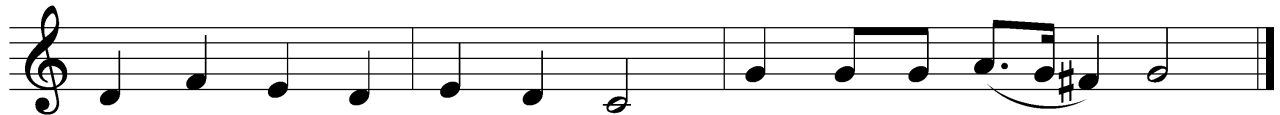
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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A Welcome to Our Guests

If you're visiting today, we're especially glad to have you with us. Here are some further ways to connect with our congregation:

- Sign the guest register in the narthex so that we know you came to visit.
- Scan the code to get to our website and learn more about us.
- Speak with Pastor Reckzin, Deacon Lambrecht, or any of our members. We're happy to answer questions or talk with you more!



Daily Lectionary Readings + April 28 – May 4

Grow your faith with these daily readings! Use the questions as prompts to meditate more deeply on passages from the Word of God. These are also sent out by email every Sunday. If you'd like to be on the email list, please contact Deacon Lambrecht.

Sun Apr 28

Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27

Where do the people of Israel learn the abominations God lists here? Why are his punishments for these sins so severe?

Luke 11:37-54

What is Jesus' chief criticism of the Pharisees and legal experts?

Mon Apr 29

Leviticus 21:1-24

What are the requirements God sets for the priests of Israel? What is their main purpose?

Luke 12:1-12

Why do we not need to be anxious about those who persecute God's people?

Tue Apr 30

Leviticus 23:1-22

What do the feasts listed here commemorate?

Luke 12:13-34

Why can we be content, even when we have little in the way of possessions?

Wed May 1

Leviticus 23:23-44

What can we take away from the feast of booths as followers of Jesus today?

Luke 12:35-53

What does Jesus mean when he says that he has not come to bring peace but division? (v 51-53)

Thur May 2

Leviticus 24:1-23

Why is it important to note that the punishment for blasphemy is the same for "the sojourner as well as the native?"

Luke 12:54-13:17

According to Jesus, what are we supposed to learn from tragedy?

Fri May 3

Leviticus 26:1-20

What is the result of faithfully following God? Of refusing to follow?

Luke 13:18-35

What makes the door to salvation narrow?

Sat May 4

Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44

Under what condition will God relent from punishing those who have not listened to him?

Luke 14:1-24

Why do the initial invitees spurn the master's invitation? What does this tell us about how we ought to respond when God's Word is brought to us?

Parish News

Sermons: Want to revisit messages you hear in church? Here's how to get them:

- Pick up a hard copy in the narthex (in the shelf beneath the signup sheets)
- Read, hear or watch it at stjohnsoakwood.org/worship. Recorded versions are usually available every Sunday.
- Browse an archive of all videos at our YouTube channel (@st.johnslutheran2392)

Bible Studies: On Sunday mornings (10:15 am), we are working through the book of Galatians. On Tuesdays (10:30 am), we are reading *The Narrow Lutheran Middle*. You are welcome at both!

With the Lord: Last Thursday, April 18, the Lord called Janis Willms home to heaven. She received a Christian funeral and burial on Wed April 24. Please keep all of her family and friends in your prayers. Blessed be her memory among us.

Prayer Requests. This week, please remember in your prayers:

- Family and friends of **Janis Willms**, who was called hom to heaven Apr 18
- Family and friends of **Jackie Balistreri**, who was called home to heaven Apr 4
- **Beverly Biba**, who is having continued complications due to hip surgery
- Our shut-ins, **Donna Glidden, Janice Willms, Marlene Mueller, and Paul & Rose Harvey**

If you have a request, please fill out a card in the narthex or speak with Pastor.

Offerings: There are multiple ways to give an offering! You can:

- Mail your offering to the church address
- Drop your offering in the box when you're here
- Give electronically by scanning the code or visiting

stjohnsoakwood.org/give.



WELS Women's Ministry Conference: You're invited to this year's conference, *Empowered to Proclaim*, held July 28-30 at the Ingleside Hotel in Waukesha. Join women from WELS churches across the country to be empowered in the faith. To register or learn more, go to <https://welswmconference.net/>. Deadline for registration is May 31.



Northwestern Publishing House has all kinds of materials available for the Easter season and beyond: confirmation gifts, devotionals, music, and much more. There are flyers in the narthex with more information. You can also go to nph.net to find the full range of resources NPH offers.

Arbor Day: Sisters in Our Savior is hosting an Arbor Day cleanup on Sat Apr 27, from 8:00 am – noon, with lunch provided afterward. We will be cleaning up the lawn and flower beds, mulching, and any other outdoor jobs that need doing. If the weather does not cooperate, we will reschedule for Sat May 18. If you have questions, please speak with Erika Bahr or Deacon Lambrecht.

Swap Meet Extended : Our annual swap meet will now run through the end of May. If you would like to participate, you can bring your items to the Sunday School room in the basement. See Erika Bahr with questions.

Lawn Care: Signups are now available for lawn care volunteering, both in the narthex and online at stjohnsoakwood.org/connect. If you have questions, please speak with Mike Havey or Deacon Lambrecht.

Area Lutheran High School News

Shoreland Call Updates: Mrs. Megan Rosenau has declined a call to serve as English instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School and will remain at Shoreland. Mr. Dan Hahm has received a call to serve as English instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, WI. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

Baptism Blessings: April 18 was a special day at Wisco. Twenty-six students were baptized during a memorable chapel service. What an amazing reminder of who we are as God's children! Every flaw, every failure, every sin is washed away in Christ and we are claimed as God's redeemed children in baptism. Days like this are also a wonderful reminder of how blessed we are to teach God's Word to our students each day as we follow our mission to make disciples of all nations through nurture and outreach.

Serving St. John's in May

Chancel:

Deacon Lambrecht (Thurs Setup)
 Erika Bahr (Thurs Setup)
 Roni Block (Thurs Takedown)
 Sharen Demski (Sun Setup)
Volunteer Needed (Sun Takedown)

Organists:

Lisa Reckzin (May 2 & 5)
 Daniel Baker (May 9 & 12)
 Lisa Reckzin (May 16 & 19)
 Daniel Baker (May 23 & 26)

Ushers:

Art Kruegel (Thurs)
 Brian Jodat (Sun)
 Jerry Lueneberg (Sun)

Counters:

Dennis & Janis Cowan (May 5)
 LuAnn Matyas & Roni Block (May 19)

Sunday School Teachers:

Deacon Lambrecht (May 5)
 Jamie Dropik (May 12)
 Karen Borchardt (May 19)
 Daniel Baker (May 26)

Lawn Care:

Volunteer Needed (May 4)
 Maria Reckzin (May 11)
 Zak & Dan Walczak (May 18)
Volunteer Needed (May 25)

This Week at St. John's

Thur (Apr 25)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sat (Apr 27)	Arbor Day Cleanup	8:00 AM
Sun (Apr 28)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Confirmation of Jillian Buttke	
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:15 AM
Tue (Apr 30)	Bible Class	10:30 AM
Thur (May 2)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sun (May 5)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Deacons Council Meeting	11:30 AM

