

The Ascension of our Lord



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Oak Creek, WI

May 9 & 12, 2024

Welcome to Saint John's!

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod + founded 1843

- May **God bless your worship** today so that your faith in Christ grows stronger and your love for God and neighbor burns more brightly.
- 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
 - 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. There is no cost or obligation.

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 close communion, Pastor Reckzin is happy to explain the practice according to Holy Scripture. We appreciate your respect for our practice. Thank you.

Prayer upon entering Church:

Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever.

And hasten on where thou art gone to be with thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to thee unceasingly; into thy kingdom take us.

Let us fore'er thy glory share; thy saints and joint heirs make us. AMEN

472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -
 and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
and be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Stand

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

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!
He has set his glory above the heavens.

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.
He is exalted far above all gods.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.
He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.
A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Confession and Absolution

CW 188

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 190

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

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

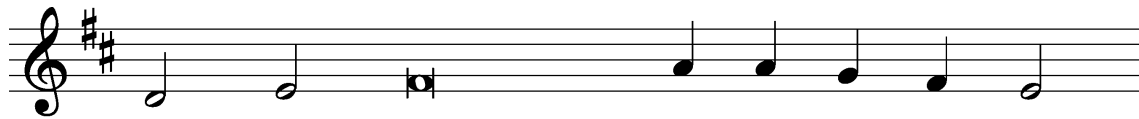
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

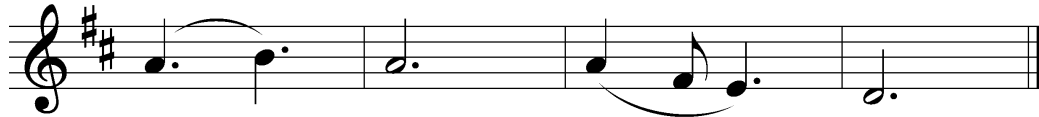
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

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



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



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



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



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



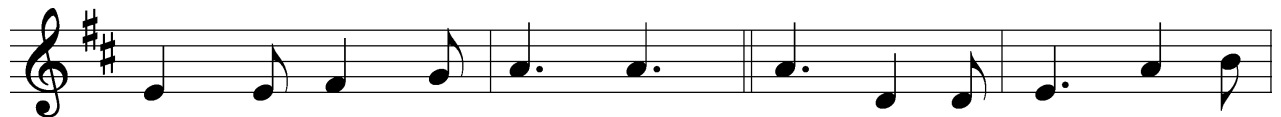
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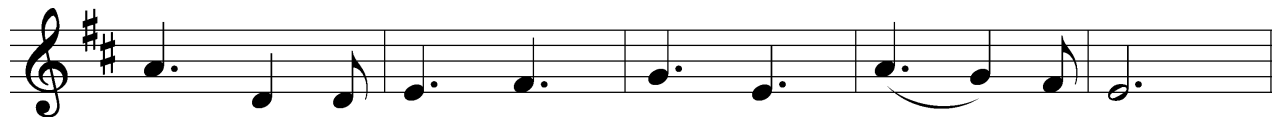
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 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 right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



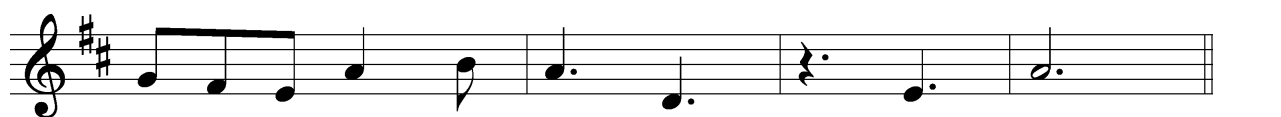
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



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 in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 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.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Before Jesus ascends, he promises to send his disciples the Holy Spirit so that he could continue to carry out his saving work through the Church.

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

47A God Has Gone Up with a Shout

Psalm 47A

Refrain

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the trum - pet.

Tone

Clap your hands, all you / nations;
shout to God with / cries of joy.

**For the LORD Most High is / awesome,
the great King over / all the earth.**

God reigns over the / nations;

God is seated on his / holy throne. *Refrain*

**God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.**

Sing praises to God, sing / praises;

sing praises to our King, sing / praises.

For God is the King of / all the earth;

sing to him a / psalm of praise.

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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St. Paul explains the power and purpose of Christ's ascension. Jesus left this world for our good. He ascended so that he could give gifts to his people and build up his Church.

But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. That is why it says,

“When he ascended on high,
he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people.”

Now what does it mean when it says “he ascended,” other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.

He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20



Refrain

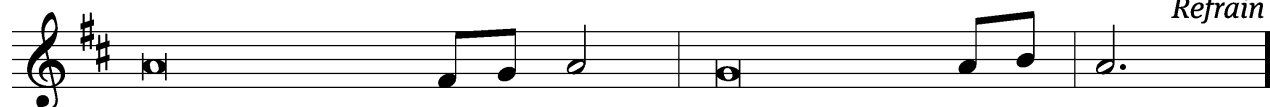


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Surely I am with you al - ways, to the very end of the age.

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Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The risen Savior ascended, and his disciples responded with joyful worship.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen

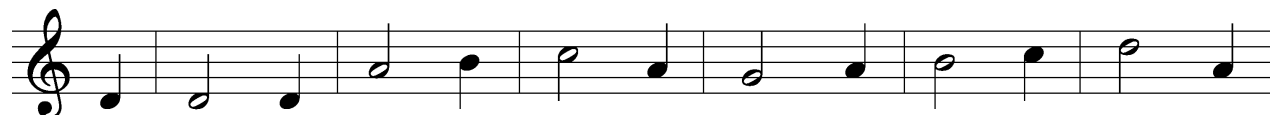
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

475 We Thank You, Jesus, Dearest Friend

CW 475



1 We thank you Je - sus, dear - est friend, that in - to heav'n you
 2 As - cend - ed to his throne on high, hid from our sight, yet
 3 The one who trusts in him is blest and finds in him e -
 4 With deep - est joy our voice we raise and sing our grate - ful
 5 He soon will bring us near his throne; O broth - er Je - sus,



did as - cend. Em - man - u - el, in whom we live, your
 al - ways nigh, he rules and reigns at God's right hand and
 ter - nal rest. This world's al - lure - ments we de - spise; on
 song of praise: our broth - er, flesh and bone and blood, is
 help your own to firm - ly trust that we will be your



strength to soul and bod - y give! Al - le - lu - ia!
 has all pow'r at his com - mand. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ a - lone we fix our eyes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord and King, our high - est good! Al - le - lu - ia!
 own through all e - ter - ni - ty. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offertory

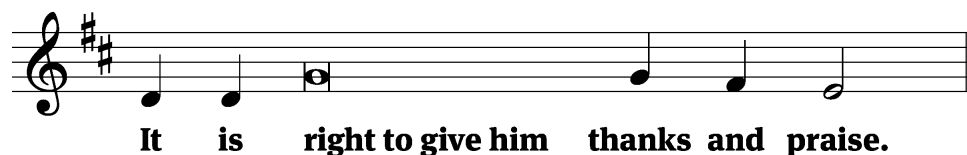
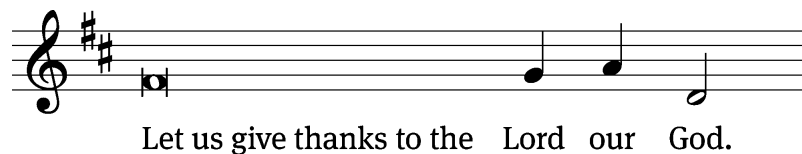
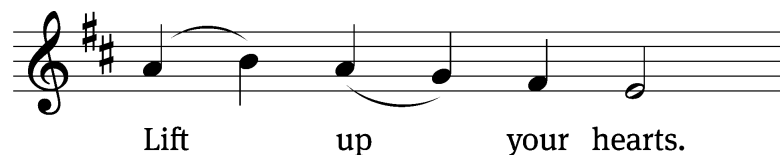
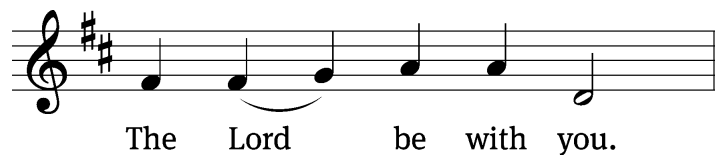
The offertory serves as a 'hinge' between the service of the Word and the service of the sacrament. It is a time to reflect on what you have heard and to prepare for the reception of Holy Communion (See page 295 in the hymnal for **Christian Questions** to prepare for Holy Communion.)

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199



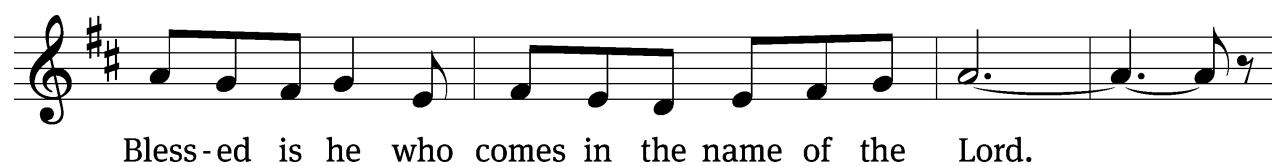
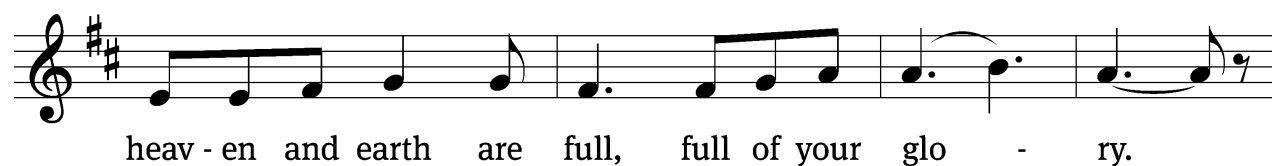
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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and 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 200



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Lamb of God

CW 202

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, grant us peace.

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Be seated. Communion Distribution.

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y



and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



as wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, we come to
 and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is



you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.
 and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
 yet faith this truth embraces:
 your body, Lord, is even now
 at once in many places.
 I leave to you how this can be;
 your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

Distribution hymn continues on next page

- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins,
may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for your grace
and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
be praised through out all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.

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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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us

but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

747 Christ High-Ascended CW



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed, throned
2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing, who
3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion, lives
4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ
5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing, faith



and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed, death's dread do -
on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, sends forth his
now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion; to win dis -
with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing, Christ to all
in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing; filled with his



min - ion fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, we are his wit - ness - es.
ser - vants, still in faith con - fess - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.
ci - ples out of ev - 'ry na - tion, we are his wit - ness - es.
a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly reign - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.
Spir - it, love and pow'r re - ceiv - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.

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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 + May 12 - 18

Let your faith flourish with these daily readings! Use the questions as prompts to meditate more deeply on passages from the Word of God. Please contact Deacon Lambrecht if you would like to receive these readings by email each week.

Sun May 12

Numbers 14:1-25

On what basis does God pardon his people after they rebel?

Luke 18:18-34

What does Jesus mean when he says it is difficult for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God?

Mon May 13

Numbers 14:26-45

What was the problem with the Israelites' repentant act? What is the consequence?

Luke 18:35-19:10

How are the blind man and Zacchaeus similar in their encounters with Jesus?

Tue May 14

Numbers 16:1-22

What is Korah's charge against Moses? Is it a legitimate complaint?

Luke 19:11-28

How can you be faithful and active with what God has entrusted to you?

Wed May 15

Numbers 16:23-30

Why is it significant that Korah is a Levite?

Luke 19:29-48

Why does Jesus weep for the city of Jerusalem?

Thur May 16

Numbers 16:41-17:13

How does God reinforce Aaron's role as high priest?

Luke 20:1-18

How can the church today avoid being wicked tenants with the Word of God?

Fri May 17

Numbers 20:1-21

In what way did Moses and Aaron fail to uphold the glory of the LORD when bringing water from the rock?

Luke 20:19-44

How is it a comfort to us that our God is the God of the living, not the dead?

Sat May 18

Numbers 20:22-21:9

How do the people of Israel demonstrate the fickleness of their trust in the LORD?

Luke 20:45-21:19

How does God cause his kingdom to flourish, even in the midst of great trouble?

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)
- Please note that recorded versions will not be available on May 19 or 26. Previous sermons are posted at stjohnsoakwood.org, and there is an archive of all videos at our YouTube channel (@st.johnslutheran2392)

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

- Family and friends of **Janis Willms**, who was called home 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** 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.



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: Signup times remain available for lawn care, both in the narthex and online at stjohnsoakwood.org/connect. If you have questions, please speak with Mike Havey or Deacon Lambrecht.

Church Picnic: Our annual picnic is coming up on **Sunday June 9**, following Bible class. Meat and beverages will be provided, but members are invited to bring a dish to pass. You are also welcome to invite a friend! Hope to see you there.

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.

Area Lutheran High School News

Free Estate & Will Planning: WLHS Foundation provides a service of will and estate planning to our school families, alumni, and friends. Learn more about this free professional consulting service at <https://www.wlhs.org/support-wlhs/foundation/create-a-will>.

Spring Art Show: All are invited to the Spring Art Show opening on Friday, May 17, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the atrium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Celebrate the successful artwork created by our graduating seniors as well as other talented artists from the 2023-24 school year. Admission is free. Artwork will be on display the weekend of Prism (May 17-19). Come and support the arts at Wisco!

Serving St. John's in May

Chancel:

Erika Bahr (Thurs Setup)
Roni Block (Thurs Takedown)
Sharen Demski (Sun Setup)
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Organists:

Daniel Baker (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 Lueneburg (Sun)

Counters:

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

Sunday School Teachers:

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

Lawn Care:

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

Coming Up at St. John's

Thur (May 9)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sat (May 11)	Quilting Group	10:00 AM
Sun (May 12)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:15 AM
Tue (May 14)	Bible Class	10:30 AM
Thur (May 16)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sun (May 19)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	<i>Confirmation of Rilynn Dropik</i>	
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:15 AM