


Sixth Sunday of Easter



Greater love has no
one than this, THAT
SOMEONE LAY
DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR
HIS FRIENDS.

JOHN 15:13

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Oak Creek, WI

May 2 & 5, 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: *Dear Jesus, you are my one and only Savior. You loved me. You laid down your life on the cross to rescue me from the guilt, punishment, and power of my sins. I pray for you to strengthen and guide me by your Holy Spirit so that I may love others as you have first loved me. In your name I pray. AMEN,*

THURSDAY OPENING HYMN

581 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

CW 581



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thrall - ed me,
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing
of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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SUNDAY OPENING HYMN

684 Father Welcomes

CW 684



Fa - ther wel - comes all his chil - dren to his fam - 'ly through his Son.



Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



- 1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.
- 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:
- 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,



Life and__ love I have to give, mer - cy__ for your sin.
those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be__ born a - gain.
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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Sunday Service

The Affirmation of the Baptism of Yuriy Dmitriyevich Hachikyan

After the affirmation of Baptism the Sunday service continues with the Confession and Absolution

Confession and Absolution

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.

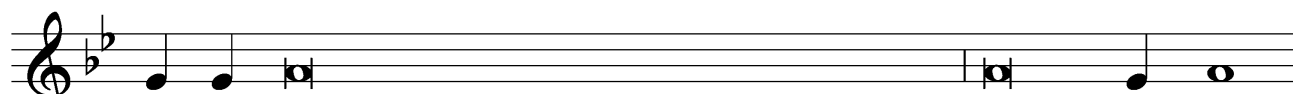
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy


CW 174



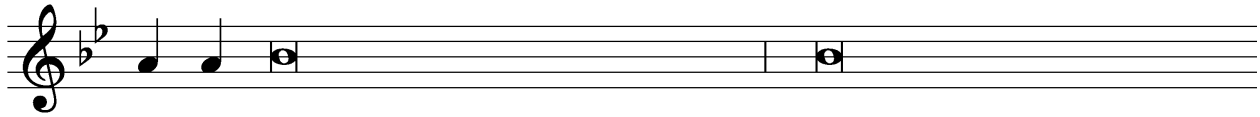
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



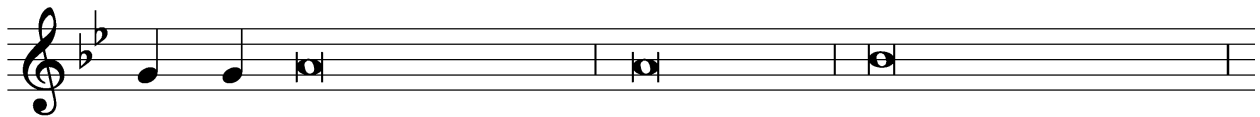
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



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

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



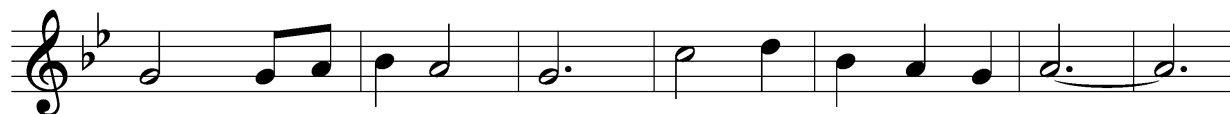
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



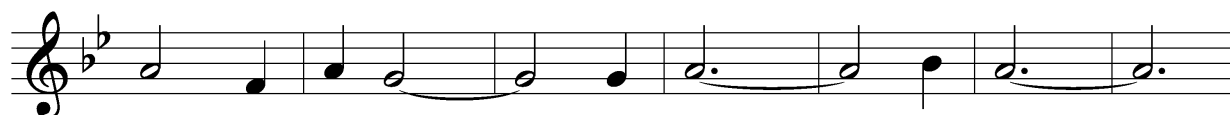
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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. 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 are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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 9:36–42

Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, “Come to us without delay!”

Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

89A Forever I Will Sing

Psalm 89A

Refrain

For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the
LORD, the good - ness of the LORD.

Tone

I will sing of the LORD's great love for- / ever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all gener- / ations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,
that you have established your faithfulness in / heav'n itself.**

The heavens praise your / wonders, LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy ones. **REFRAIN**

Who is like you, LORD God Al- / mighty?

You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds you.
Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim you,
who walk in the light of your / presence, LORD.

**They rejoice in your name / all day long;
they celebrate your / righteousness.**

**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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“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

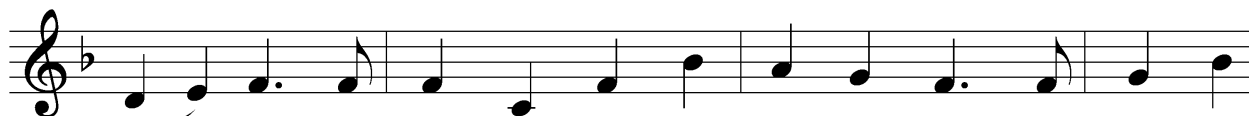
Be seated

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
 tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
 da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:

“It’s time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
and bring to all salvation.

From sin and sorrow set them free;
slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever.”

6 The Son obeyed his Father’s will,
was born of virgin mother,
and, God’s good pleasure to fulfill,
he came to be my brother.

No garb of pomp or pow’r he wore;
a servant’s form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.

- 8 “The foe will shed my precious blood,
me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good;
be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to my Father I depart,
the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;
this final word I leave you.”

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Sermon. YOU HAVE A FRIEND IN JESUS

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.**

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.**

Be seated

Offertory

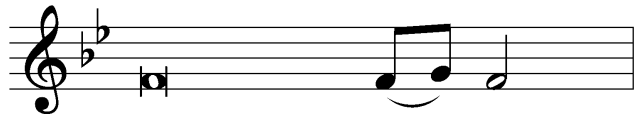
*The offertory serves as a 'hinge' between the service of the Word and the service of the sacrament. It is a time to reflect on what you have heard and to prepare for the reception of Holy Communion (See page 295 in the hymnal for **Christian Questions** to prepare for Holy Communion.)*

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183



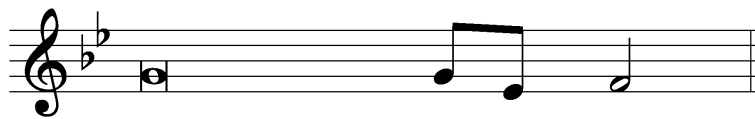
The Lord be with you.



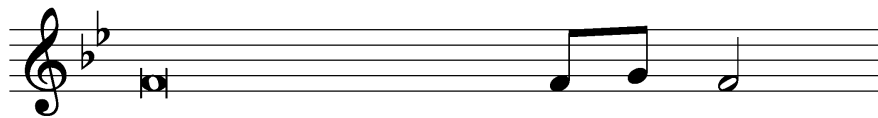
And al - so with you.



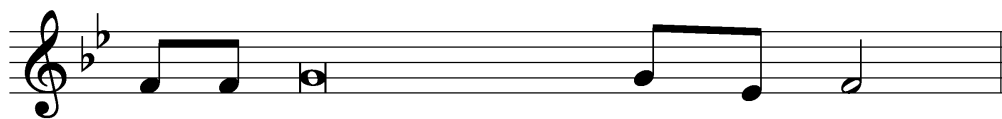
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



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
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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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.**

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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

659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you
4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,
you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
and with the wine the blood he shed.
judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
you need not him who died and rose.

- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
 and your mouth your sin confesses,
 surely you will be his guest
 and at his banquet ever blest.

669 In This Holy, Blest Communion

CW 669

1 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion plain and
 2 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion Christ and
 3 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion saints are

pre - cious gifts com - bine: bread is tru - ly
 sin - ners join as one— they, the Fa - ther's
 gath - ered side by side, joined to - geth - er,

Je - sus' bod - y, blood of Je - sus joins with wine.
 ran - somed chil - dren, he, the Fa - ther's right - ful Son.
 broth - ers, sis - ters, in one bod - y u - ni - fied,

What a bless - ing Christ is giv - ing; what a
 Here the loft - y feeds the low - ly, each his
 faith in Je - sus, hope of heav - en, love for

lov - ing, gra - cious host, in his sup - per
 high - ly cher - ished guest; here the guilt - y
 oth - ers all in - creased by the full - ness

well pro - vid - ing what his peo - ple need the most!
 taste for - give - ness, here the wea - ry find their rest.
 of the ban - quet, by the rich - ness of the feast.

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.

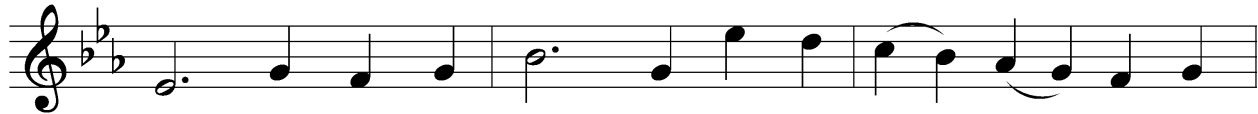
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
 2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
 3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows
 4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
 5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwel a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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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 5 - 11

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 5

Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48

What is the importance of the firstborn belonging to God? (v 11-13)

Luke 14:25-15:10

Based on Jesus' illustrations in this passage, what are the characteristics of a true disciple of Jesus?

Mon May 6

Numbers 8:5-26

Why must the Levites be purified before beginning their service in the tent of meeting?

Luke 15:11-32

What does the father's response to his angry older son tell us about God's grace?

Tue May 7

Numbers 9:1-23

How does God direct the people of Israel to stay encamped or to set out? What can we learn from this?

Luke 16:1-18

Why is the dishonest manager commended by his master?

Wed May 8

Numbers 10:11-36

What is noteworthy about Moses' prayer?

Luke 16:19-31

In the story of the rich man and poor Lazarus, what is the true treasure?

Thur May 9

Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35

Why is it a sin for the people to save and share the quail God provides for them?

Luke 17:1-19

What kind of attitude do true believers in Christ adopt?

Fri May 10

Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16

What claim to Miriam and Aaron make against Moses? Why does this anger God?

Luke 17:20-37

What kind of coming is Jesus describing here? How did the Pharisees misunderstand it?

Sat May 11

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

The promised land is just as God had described it, yet most of the spies are unwilling to take it. How does this show a lack of trust in God?

Luke 18:1-17

What does this passage tell us about how we should approach God in prayer?

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)

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: On Sat Apr 27, numerous volunteers put in hard outdoor work around our property. Thank you for maintaining and beautifying the Lord's house!

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 remain 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

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>.

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:

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:

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

Coming Up at St. John's

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
	Council Meeting	11:30 AM
Tue (May 7)	Bible Class	10:30 AM
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