

The Ascension of Our Lord
ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
St. John Lutheran Preschool & Childcare
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

824 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin - 262-692-2734

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - 8 & 10:30 AM & Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - 7 PM

Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

- P** God has gone up with a shout,
C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**
P The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
C **until I make your enemies your footstool.”**
P The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
C **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**
P The Lord is at your right hand;
C **he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

- P** God has gone up with a shout,
C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

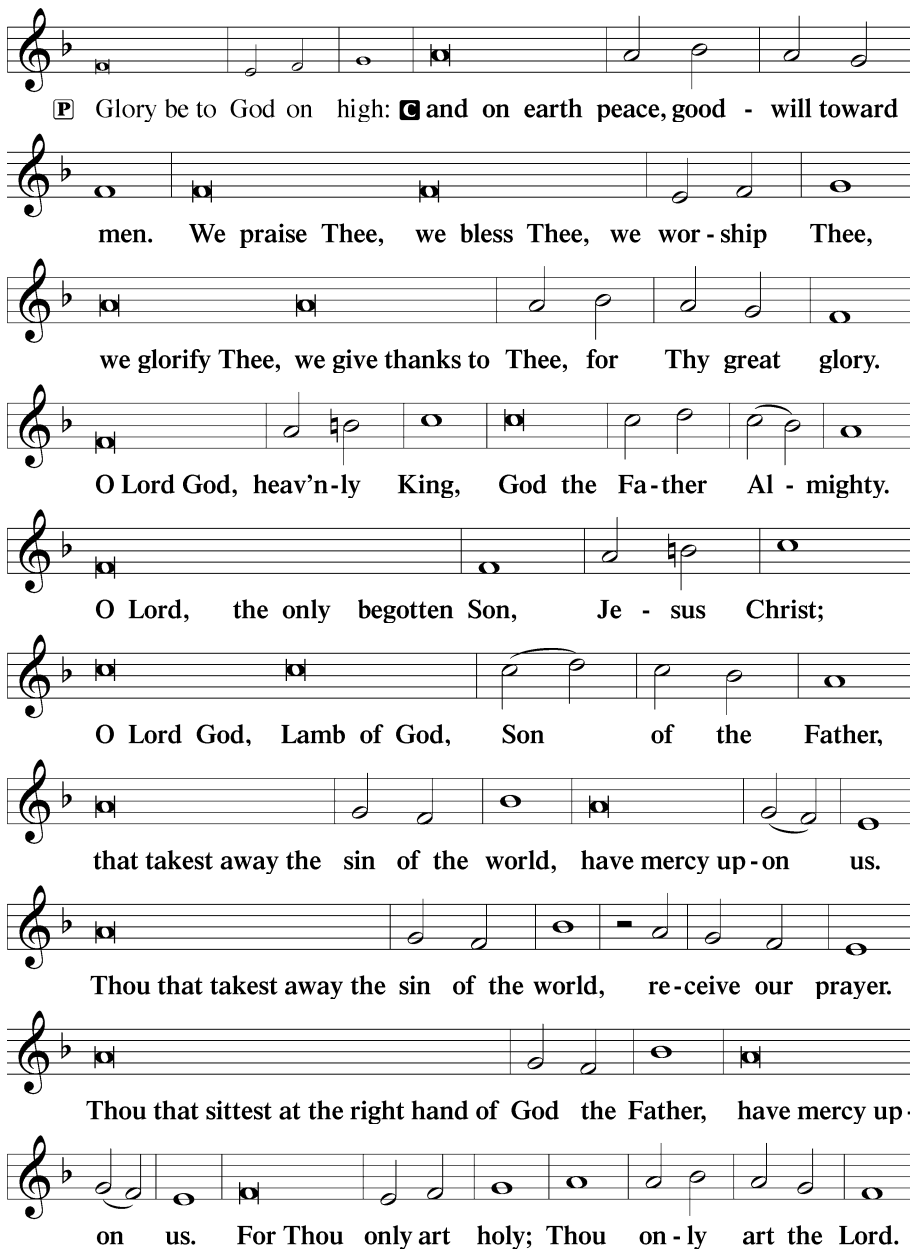
Kyrie

LSB 186

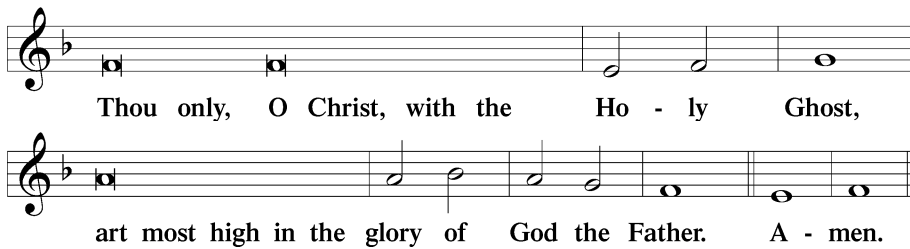
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you

heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



P Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

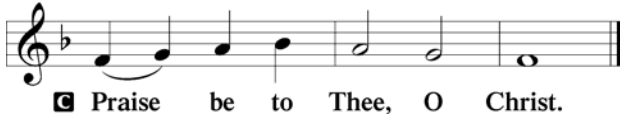
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN: "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"

LSB 491

Sermon

The Rev. Marshal Frisque

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering Statement

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of

the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

(Please place your offering into the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Sit

Reception of New Member: Matthew J. Caswell

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition:

P ... one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

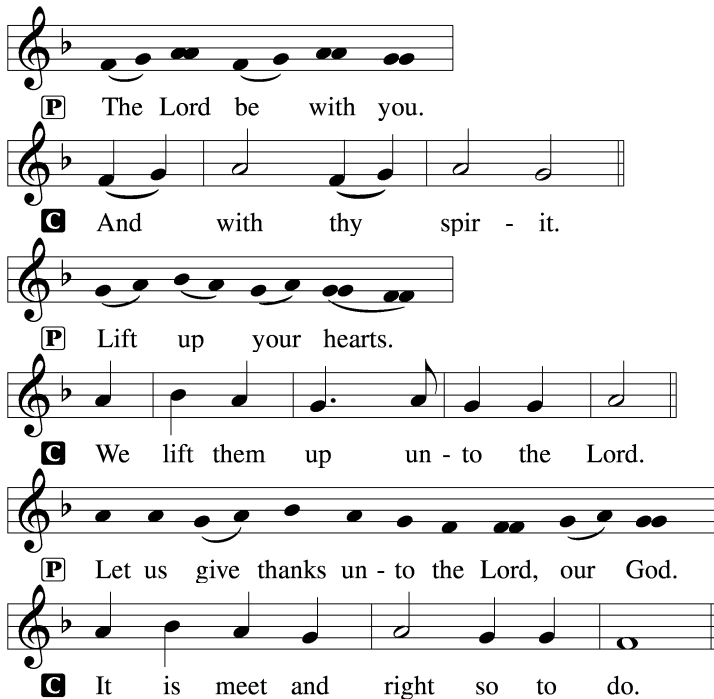
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Frisque. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

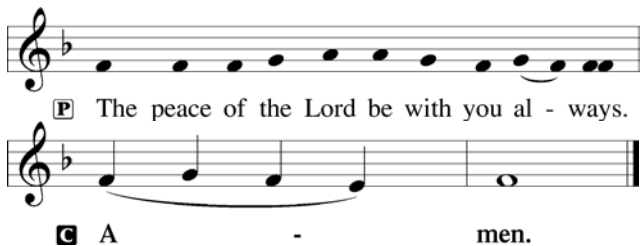
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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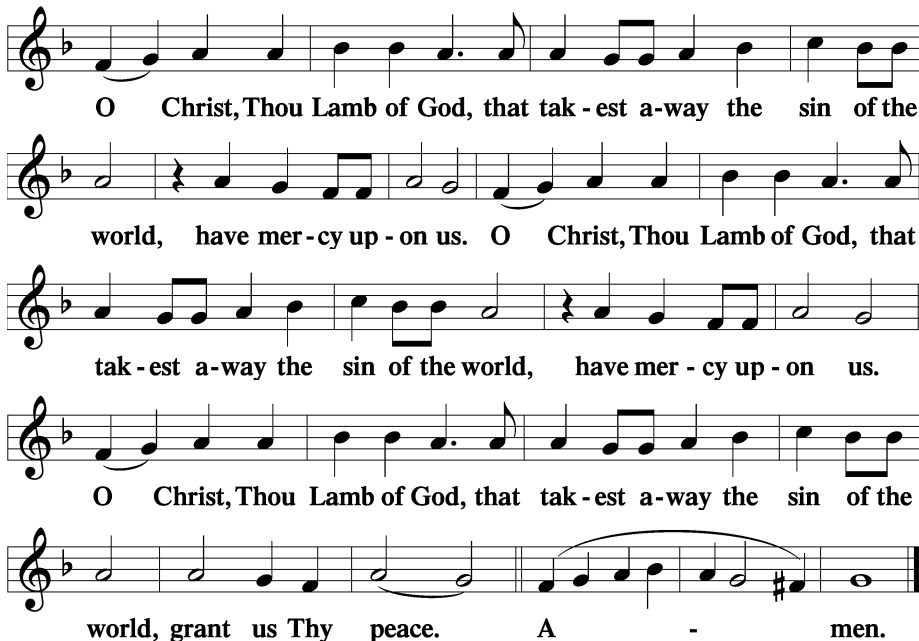


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

HYMN: "Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord"

LSB 771

Stand

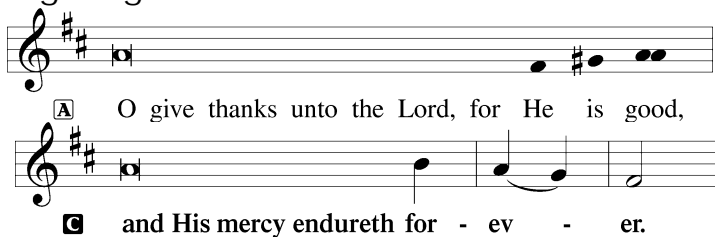
Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

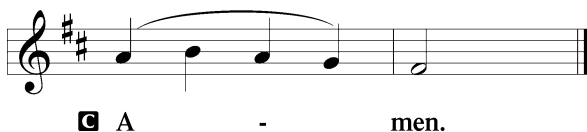
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

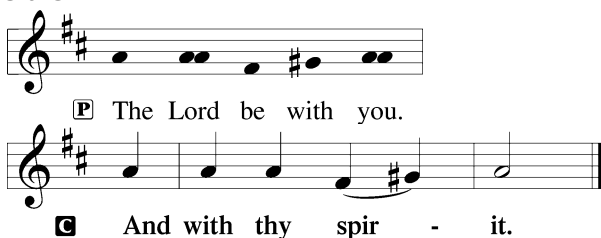
P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

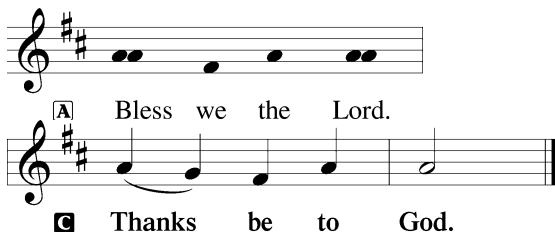
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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

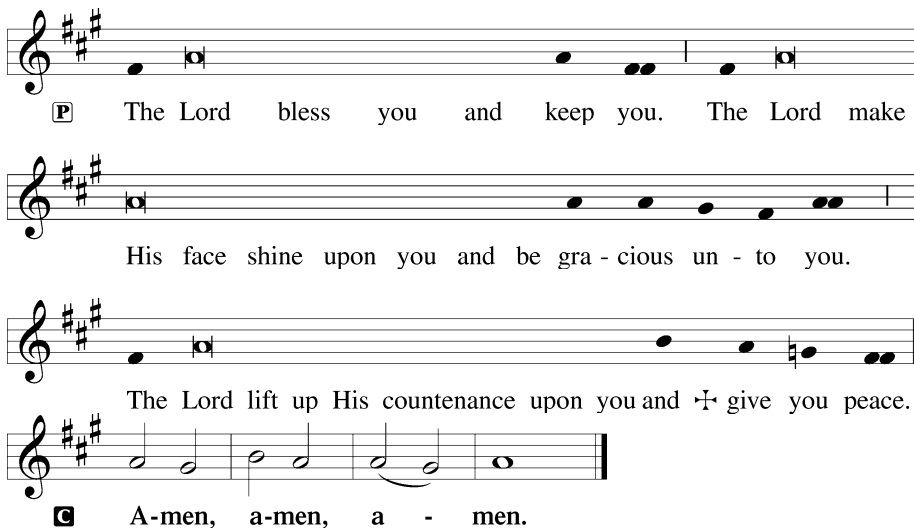
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A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821

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Elder:

Brandon Reel - 8:00 AM
Keith Johnson - 10:30 AM

Finance Team:

Parchim & Hempelman

Altar Committee:

Cindy Scheunemann & Alyssa Haas

Usher Team: #1

Al Eichstaedt, Captain

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SUNDAY (5/16)

The Ascension of Our Lord

Divine Services - 8 & 10 :30 AM

SS & Bible Study - 9:15 AM

TUESDAY (5/18)

Women's Bible Study - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY (5/19)

Spoken/Mask Divine Service - 10 AM

UGT - 11 AM - 3 PM

Youth Night / Confirmation - 5 - 6:30 PM

Divine Service - 7 PM

THURSDAY (5/20)

Men's Bkfst. / Bible Study - 6:15 - 7:15 AM

Next SUNDAY (5/23)

The Day of Pentecost

Divine Services - 8 & 10 :30 AM

SS & Bible Study - 9:15 AM

Board of Ed. Meets after the last service

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Please remember in your prayers✠:

Rose Bottesi, Dennis Bottesi, Tracey Leffin-Hedrick, Cheri Oberst (cousin of Melissa Kultgen), Guy Wenzel (Kathy Wenzel's brother-in-law), Sue Ahrens (sister of Carole Boehlke), Lorraine Lange, Erica Thiel (niece of Bob & Sandi Thiel), Marlene Morgan (Melissa Kultgen's Mother), Judy Ruppel, Charles Lapicola, Cheryl Krueger, Hunter Parker, Cindy Scheunemann, Keneth Maas, and Dennis Damerow.



Game Time: Monday, May 17th., 8:00 pm @
Community Park Belgium



For a listing of the full schedule (times and locations subject to change), visit

<http://odbcport.org/softball/schedule.htm>



WE'RE HIRING! We are looking for **nurturing, reliable individuals that love to work with children.** St. John Lutheran Preschool and Childcare has a school age teacher for summer only position available and some part time positions as well.

- Must Be A Team Player
- Flexible Hours
- Experience Preferred, but not necessary.
- Must Be At Least 18 Years of Age to Apply

For more information, contact **Cheryl** at **262-692-2734.**



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

We are in need of the following items and once a month items. **Evaporated and condensed Milk, Brown sugar, Dijon Mustard, Ground Cloves, Honey, Raisins, Pancake Mix, Pineapple slices, Rice, Popcorn, Ore Ida mashed potato pouches, Laundry Detergent, Men's Shampoo, Woman's deodorant, Dish Soap, Liquid Hand Soap.**

Final Adult Bible Class to Study the topic of Tithes and Offerings

Do you put a few dollars into the offering plate every time you come? Do you have a check made out once a month giving exactly 10% of your income? Do you prefer online/auto/recurring payments that you set and can then forget? There are many ways we approach giving back to God from the bounty He has given to us. On Sunday, May 23rd, the Adult Bible study will culminate the year with a discussion on the church's practice and purpose of collecting an offering from her members during a church service. We will discuss this communal gathering in a light-hearted manner as we dig into how and why we do what we do! Please join us at 9:15am!

Summer Schedule Brings an End to COVID-19 Precautions

Beginning on Sunday, May 30th (Memorial Day Weekend) we will be shifting into our Summer Schedule. The Church Council and Board of Elders unanimously agreed to use this switch to end all our remaining COVID-19 Precautions. We thank you for your patience during all the changes over the past year and a half and we lift up a prayer of thanksgiving to God that we are able to return to normal. Please note the following:

- 1). **Pew Pads and Communion Registration Cards will return** - please take the time to sign the pew pad so we know you were here as well as the communion registration cards so we can monitor the spiritual care of our confirmed members. Guests may also fill these out! Communion Registration cards can be placed in the registration box in the Narthex or in the offering plate.
- 2). **The offering will continue to be collected at the entrance to the sanctuary** and brought forth by the usher at the Offertory. Please make sure to place your offering in the basket on your way in.
- 3). **Services will now be on Sunday at 9am and Wednesday at 7pm.** There is no adult bible

class or Sunday School until the Sunday after Labor Day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Elder or email/text/talk to Pastor Frisque!



March with St. John in the Waubeka Flag Day Parade!

We are excited to be marching in the Flag Day Parade again this year! Please join our Church and Childcare families on Sunday, June 13th right after church at the Americanism Center (4200 Valleyview Dr, Waubeka, WI 53021) where we will line up. To Sign up, go to www.stjohnfredonia.org/flag-day More details will be emailed to you soon!

Bulletin Sentence from LCMS Foundation,

Twenty years ago, you put a plan together when your list of assets was much different than it is today. Your investment advisor is different. You do not own the same accounts. You may have rolled over 401ks into an IRA. An insurance policy disappeared; another has changed status. Do you understand the significance of all those changes? Have you properly filled out beneficiary designation change forms? You LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help connect the dots between current assets and past plans, identifying where there may have been some drift. For help with this journey in faith, contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to answer questions regarding your current gift plan, or how you can financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnf.org



Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

"Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour*



"Save the Dates!"

We have set the dates for our Summer/Fall events and want to get those to you right away to mark on your calendars. We'd love to enjoy the time of fellowship with you and your families!

1. Flag Day Parade - Walk with us on Sunday, June 13th
2. Men's Steak Fry and Shooting @ Keith Johnson's (18 and older) - Friday, July 30th
3. Ladies' Night Wine Tasting and Pairing - Date TBD
4. St. John's 160th Anniversary Church Picnic - Sunday, August 29th
5. Vacation Bible School - August 9-13
6. Men's Bible Study Classic Car Show Fundraiser - Saturday, August 21st
7. Reformation Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 30th
8. Board of Elder's Ham Dinner Fundraiser - Sunday, November 14th



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