

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 3, 2026

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LISTEN ON 92.3 FM

who you are
and whose
you are who
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whose you are
who you are


REMEMBER who you are
and whose you are

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uniquely created by God

made as one in the body of Christ

fully known in your baptism



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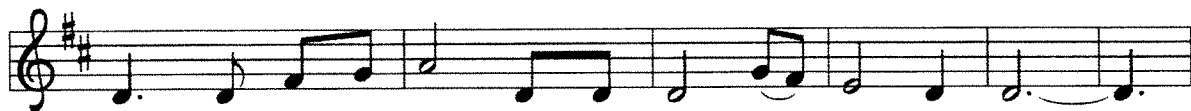
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bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

L: A Reading from Psalms, Please read responsively

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN’S SERMONAmanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 171

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel According to John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON Pastor Kim Kyllo

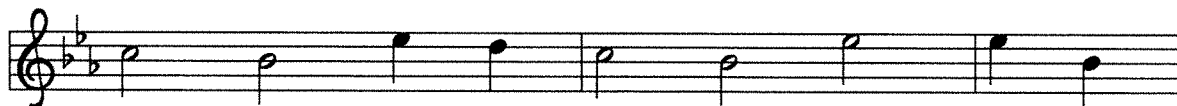
HYMN OF THE DAY: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367



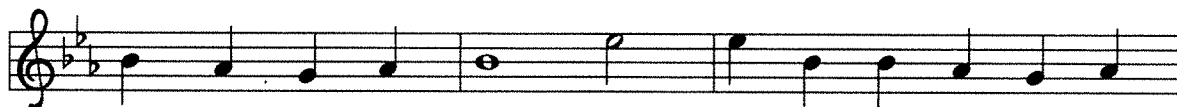
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



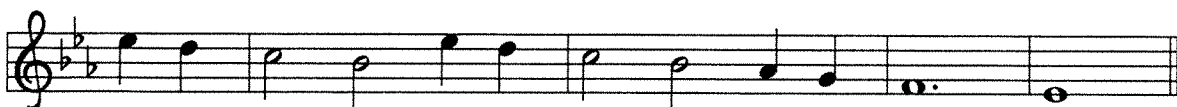
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC: (8:30) "*Brother James Air*".....arr. David Cherwien

(10:30) "*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*"..... Roberts
Chancel choir

Anthem Text

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need
thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us for our use thy
folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy
will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our
bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link



OFFERTORY: "Be Present at Our Table, Lord"..... Traditional

Be pres-ent at our ta - ble, Lord; be here and ev-ery-
where a-dored; thy crea-tures bless, and grant that we
may Strength - en for thy serv - ice be. A - men.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER..... ELW p. 173

**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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

P: Come to this table: you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have come here often, and you who are here for the very first time. You have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. This is Christ's table, and it is Christ who invites us here. These gifts of God are for the people of God. All are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" ELW 195

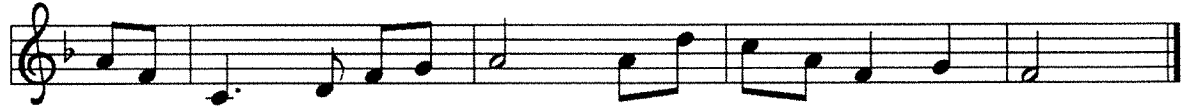
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "I Received the Living God"ELW 477



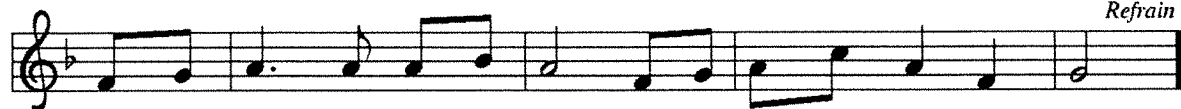
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



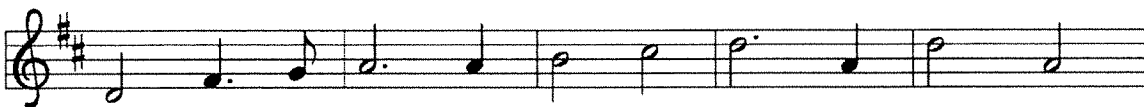
you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

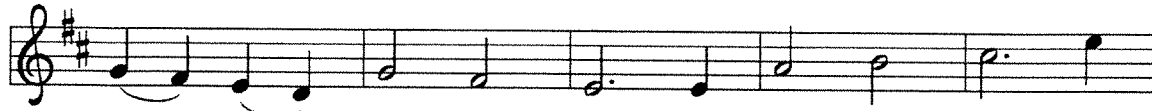
COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing"ELW 389



- 1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
- 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
- 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
- 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
- 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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 Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789
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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P. We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Financial Information 2026

General Fund Results

	Month	Year to date
Budget	\$60,358	\$156,123
Revenue	\$56,267	\$147,454
Expenses	<u>\$48,534</u>	<u>\$165,544</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ 7,733	\$(18,090)

Mortgage Fund is on track for the year

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Announcements:

1. Altar Flowers today are given by Duane and Sandy Meyer in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations.
2. **ACE (Adult Christian Education) Sundays | 9:35–10:15am | Sanctuary and on YouTube LIVE or Watch Later.**
ACE today: **May 3:** (rescheduled from March 15): Planning Ahead with Hope: Preparing your Funeral as a Gift to Loved Ones.
3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next May 5**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets next May 6. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
6. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**
Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome! The final session of Coffee and Conversation **meets on May 28 at 11:00am.**
7. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on May 14**
Where: Highview Hills
8. **Used glasses needed!** Donate your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses, to the Lions club collection box here at St. John's today!
9. **Prayer chain**
If you would like to be part of St. John's Prayer Chain, new members to this team are welcome. You can participate on an email team or on a phone team. If interested, please contact Candy in the church office at 952-469-4916.

10. **Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Volunteers Needed!** See the sign up on pg. 14. We also need help with decorating and set up so contact Elisa if you can help. There are more "adopt-a-prop" bags to take home out in the Narthex too! (If you picked up an adopt-a-prop bag last week and it didn't have the paper plates included, let Elisa know, we have them available for you here).
11. Please review these **sign up links** for worship helpers which have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

Readers



Worship
Coordinators



Clickers



12. **St. Paul Area Synod Assembly: May 15-16, 2026**
Our synod will gather May 15-16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi for the 2026 Synod Assembly under the theme, "God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever." This year's business includes election of a new bishop and a celebration on the successful completion of The Planting Hope Campaign. Due to the bishop election, this year's assembly has an extended timeline to allow for multiple ballots, worship, reports and other synod business. Interested in attending as a voting delegate? St. John's may send 5 voting delegates, plus pastors. Contact Pastor Kim about attending as a voting delegate.
13. Save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 19 from noon to 6:00pm. One blood donation can help 3 people.
14. **Last Day of Sunday School Celebration May.** We have so much to celebrate! We plan to be outside and have some bouncy fun planned! VBS pop up and information table. We will have a special gratitude card making station for kids to write thank you notes for teachers.
15. Looking for a time of beauty and joy? You are invited to a Piano Recital of musicians from the studio of Roxanne Litchfield.
Please join us on Sunday, May 17 at 2pm right here at St. John's. The students play from a wide variety of music that will be a delight to hear.
Refreshments to follow!

Save the Date!



RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

This summer, explore the nature of God
at Rainforest Falls VBS!

What: St. John's Rainforest Falls VBS

When: June 8-11, 2026

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church 20165 Heath Ave. Lakeville

Register at: _____



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2026
BLESSINGS OF THE HOUSEHOLDS SUNDAY**

PRELUDE: *"We Know that Christ is Raised"* arr. Robert Hobby

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *"God, We Gather As Your People"* ACS 1038
Stanza 1 (8:30) Cantor, (10:30) Choir



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

St. John's High School Senior Sunday

St. John's will be honoring our Senior High School Families on May 31 at the 10:00am service.

The entire congregation is invited to a special breakfast at 9:15am

Menu: Belgian Waffles, berries, whip cream, bacon, coffee and juice served by our Children, Youth and Family Team.

Our Senior Scholarship Recipients will be honored at the 10:00am service as well as seniors who have shown extraordinary service during their high school years to St. John's.



Senior Scholarship Important information

The Care and Compassion Team will be awarding at least three \$500 Scholarships to active St. John's Youth who will be pursuing a post-secondary education. If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please submit the following by **Wednesday, May 13th**:

1. A **one-page, 500-word, essay** entitled **"My Faith Journey"**. In your essay, describe your early experiences with your faith at church and in your family (Sunday School, VBS, holiday traditions, etc.). Your later, middle school and high school experiences with your faith. Include youth group experiences, mission trips, bible camp, clubs at church, activities outside of church etc. Think about any special moments of faith you may have had, any "AHa" moments or stories of how you felt God in your life and include your ideas about how you will continue your faith journey as you move on to this next life chapter

The essay should be submitted as a Word or Google document to elisa@sjlcl.org

2. Submit a copy of an original file of your graduation photo. If you didn't have graduation photos taken, please submit a clear copy of a recent photo of yourself. **Please submit either type of photo as a .jpg.**
3. Your contact information including: **your email address; phone number; parent's email and phone number; your college's name and the mailing address for the college.**

*The Compassion Team will review all submitted essays and select the scholarship recipients. The winners will be notified by email at the end of May.

****The recipients of the scholarships will be celebrated on Senior Sunday, May 31st.****

****Students' essays and senior pictures will be shared with the congregation in the summer newsletter.****

****Scholarship money for the winning essays will be distributed in Summer/early Fall 2026.****

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Marce Spies-Johnson (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Lowell Grimm (10:30)
Crucifer..... Brody Fitzke (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Laurie Barth
Communion Servers..... Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson, Kristie Winkels (8:30)
Carolyn Metcalf, Wendy Wells, Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Katie Henning (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:30), Bellah Tange (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Paul Johnson (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Chad and Kristina Jacobsen

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector (8:30), (10:30)
Usher team leaders..... John Hartwig (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig, Jenni Tange (8:30)
Amanda Boe, Jim Buckley, Charlotte Wolfgram (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Randy Franzen (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:30), Bellah Tange (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Steve & Laurie Simonsen

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