



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Second Sunday after Easter**  
**April 27, 2025**  
**8 a.m. Worship**



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# Preparation for Worship and Welcome

## Hymn

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

LSB 464

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor’s triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!

The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

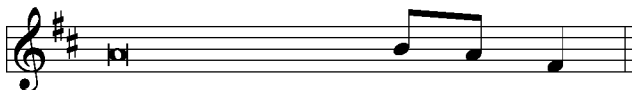
He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

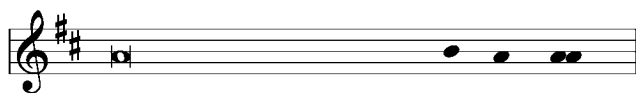
## Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to you, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Antiphon

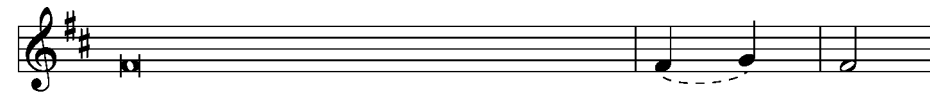


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



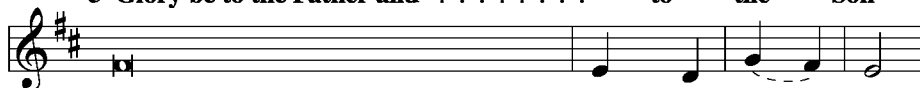
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Venite

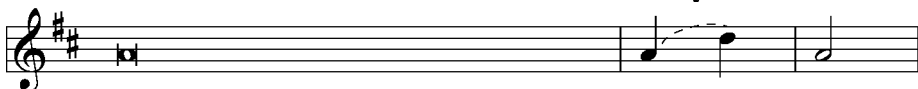


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| <b>C</b> 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . | to the Lord, |
| 2 For the Lord is a . . . . .            | great God    |
| 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . .       | made it,     |

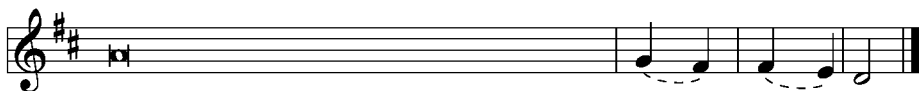
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry — land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow — down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His — al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Antiphon



☐ Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



☐ O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Introit

*Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
 make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
 tell of all his wondrous works!

**Glory in his holy name;**

**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
 seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,**

**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

## **First Reading**

*Acts 5:12-32*

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Revelation 1:4-18*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when

they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children’s Message

Anna Kruger

### Hymn

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470

O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
 Among them came their master dear  
 And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard  
 That they had seen the risen Lord,  
 He doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 And look upon My hands, My feet;  
 Not faithless but believing be."  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

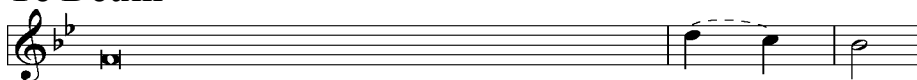
No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

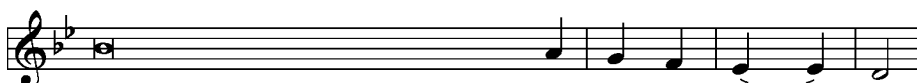
On this most holy day of days  
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Sermon

### Te Deum

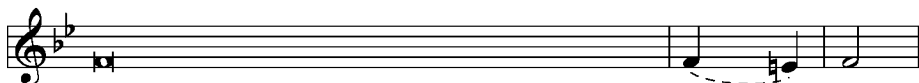


- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.

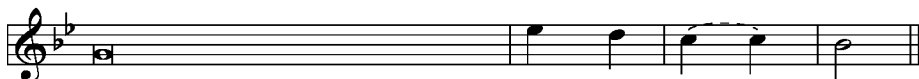


- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

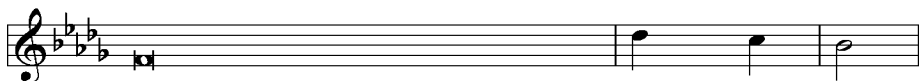




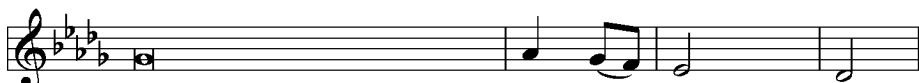
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise— You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O— Christ;



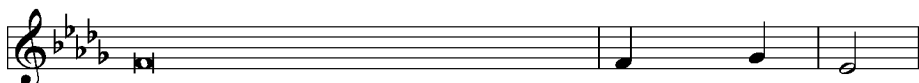
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph - ets praise— You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



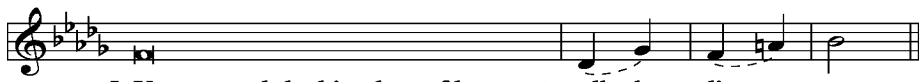
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er of man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



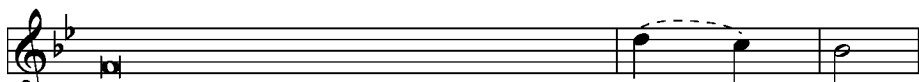
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



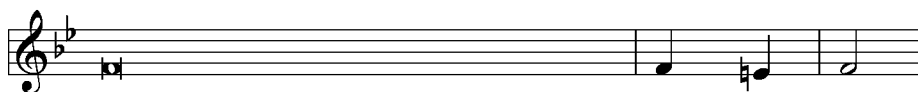
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be— our— judge.



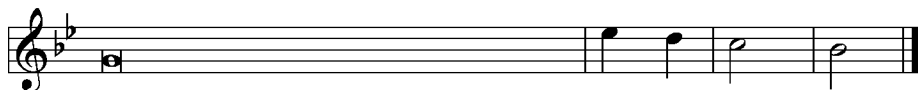
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage,  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.



- 7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on— us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## Offering

### Kyrie



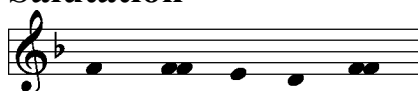
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's

resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

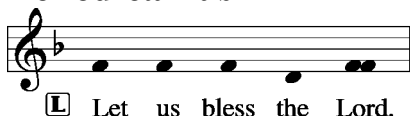
**C** Amen.

## Collect for Grace

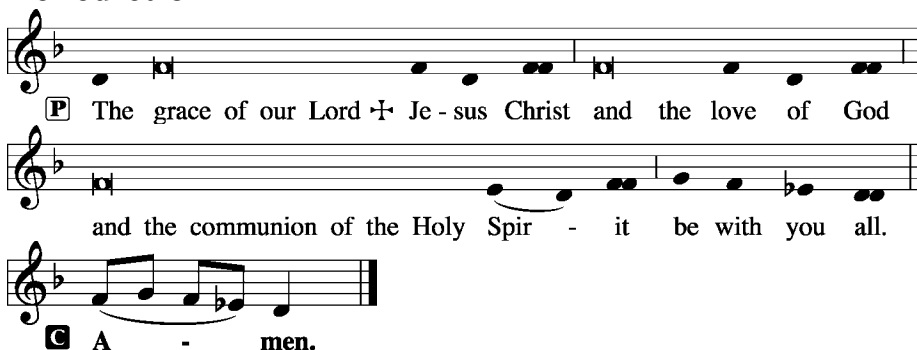
**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benedicamus



## Benediction



## Announcements (see pg. 14)

## Blessing and Dismissal

P As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

**C Amen.**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

*LSB 564*

Christ sits at God’s right hand,  
His saving work complete,  
To reign till ev’ry foe will lie  
Beneath His feet—  
All that the Father planned,  
The Son sought to fulfill,  
When first He said, “Lord, here am I  
To do Your will.”

Christ was that priest God swore,  
Uniquely First and Last,  
Who would in righteousness and love  
Be unsurpassed:  
“A priest forevermore,”  
An oath God would not break,  
“A priest within the order of  
Melchizedek.”

Christ’s altar was the tree,  
Where on the world’s behalf  
He shed a blood, unlike the blood  
Of goat or calf,  
To seal God’s guarantee  
Of grace that cannot fail;  
With blood He entered for our good  
Behind the veil.

What costly sacrifice  
    To cover human sin!  
Who but Christ Jesus had the right  
    To enter in?  
His blood, that sprinkled price,  
    So we might be assured  
That our inheritance in light  
    Has been secured.

Then let us now draw near,  
    Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
    By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
    Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
    That we confess.

All praise to Christ we bring,  
    Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
    Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
    Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
    For endless days.

## General Announcements

### 1. Lydia Guild Meeting

- a. **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**
- b. Carol Sweebe will present “*Threads of My Tapestry*” in the Lounge.
- c. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

### 2. Vacation Bible School

- a. "Magnified!" is coming to St. John's **Monday, June 9-Thursday, June 12.**
- b. Interested in volunteering? Join us for a meeting on **Tuesday, April 29 at 6pm.**

### 3. Birthday Party for Ruth Morey

- a. Everyone is invited to help celebrate Ruth's **90<sup>th</sup>** birthday at Venue 63 on **May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm.**
- b. Say hello and get a hug! Sponsored by her children.

### 4. National Day of Prayer

- a. **May 1st** from **12-1pm** in front of the **Midland County Courthouse.**
- b. Please join us on Main St. in Midland as we PRAY for our nation. Everyone is welcome!

### 5. LifeClinic Fundraiser

- a. Currently the St. John's table at The LifeClinic on **May 1st** is full. However, this doesn't mean that you can't attend!.
- b. You can still register and select "I don't have a table host" from the drop-down menu and you will be assigned to a table.
- c. The same event is being held on 2 other dates as well- April 30th at noon and May 15th at 7 pm.
- d. Questions, contact Beth Smith at (989) 941-8104.

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