

St. John SHARING the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, May 1, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, May 2, 2021 (8:30 am)

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon	Georgene Lange
Ushers	John Fleming, Guy Gell, Steve Volkening
Altar Guild	Jan Drish
Pianist	Susan Fick

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 pm

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude (5:30)
(8:30)

“Let Everything that Has Breath”
“Präludium”

Redman, arr. Hayes
Rinck

***Welcome and Invocation**

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Loving God, You showed your followers that their salvation didn't depend upon culture or traditions, but on the grace freely offered by your Spirit. Show us the same open vision of mercy offered to all, regardless of background or practice, for the sake of the whole world.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(5:30)

(8:30)

“The Church's One Foundation”

“Four Pieces: No. 4 Postlude”

Wesley, arr. Pethel

Boellmann

Psalm 67

D A reading from the sixty-seventh Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Acts 15:1-18

D A reading from the book of Acts. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God

to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

‘After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;
from its ruins I will rebuild it,
and I will set it up,
so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—
even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called.
Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Celtic Alleluia”

O’Carroll & Walker

***Gospel**

Luke 2:28-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

Simeon took [the infant, Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

Musical Reflection

(5:30)

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Raney

(8:30)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Holden

*Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Prayers of the Church

P Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the
people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us
with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Please remained seated in your pew as you
share God’s peace by waving to one another.*

*Offertory

(5:30)

“You Are My All in All/My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Jernigan/Mason, arr. Tornquist

(8:30)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names/O How I Love Jesus”

Hearn, arr. Hayes

The offering will be received at the doors when we leave.

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

*Words of Institution

*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.

*Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this meal!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table. The assembly remains in the pews to receive communion as one, as the pastor says the following words:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Receptacles will be provided near the exits of the building
for disposal of your communion ware.*

Communion Music

(5:30)

“Blessed Assurance”

Knapp, arr. Pethel

(8:30)

“Trio”

Boyvin

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Benediction

*Sending

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

(5:30) “God of Grace/Grace Greater than our Sin”

Rea/Towner, arr. Fettke

(8:30)

“Ricercare per Organo”

Arresti

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