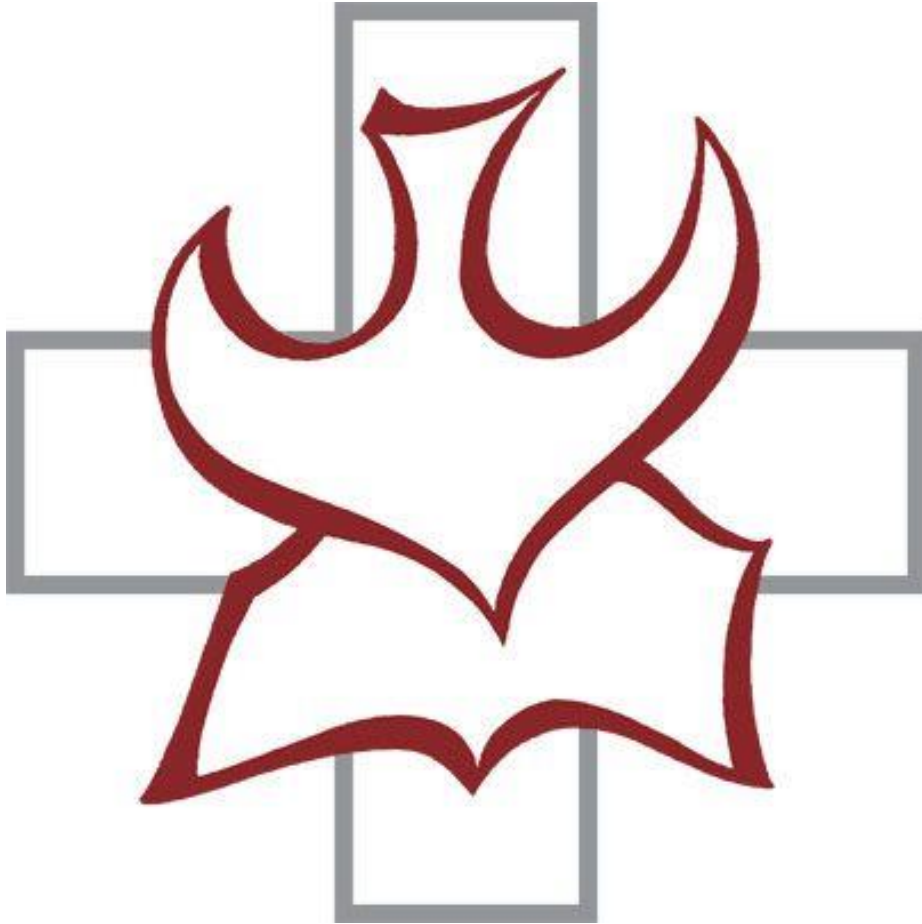




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offertory, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

# Confirmation

## April 23, 2022

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

How Firm a Foundation

*Christian Worship 800*

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

**Amen.**

### Confession

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 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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

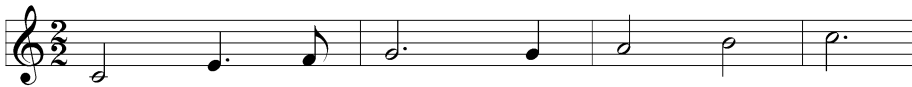
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your church to grow, and with your light and grace, you strengthen the hearts of those to whom you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Let all who have been instructed in your truth continue to increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

*As we grow in our faith, we strive to always trust in the LORD.*


Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119

## Refrain



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

The musical notation for the Refrain is a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major. It consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter). A triplet bracket is placed over the notes B4, C5, and B4.

## Tone



The musical notation for the Tone consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major. The treble staff contains a sequence of chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter). The bass staff contains a sequence of chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (quarter).

Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees,  
that I may follow it / to the end.  
Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law  
and obey it with / all my heart.  
Direct me in the path of / your commands,  
for there I / find delight. *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;  
preserve my life according / to your word.  
Fulfill your promise to your / servant,  
so that you / may be feared.  
How I long for your / precepts!  
In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

**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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## Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10–18

*As we grow in our faith, we strive to be strong in the Lord.*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Be faithful, even to the point of death,  
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia.

## Gospel

John 8:31-32

*As we grow in our faith, we strive to hold on to Jesus' teaching*

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Anthem**

*Faculty Choir*

The Shepherd Psalm  
*by Mary Kay Beall and John Carter*

The Lord is my shepherd,  
there's nothing more I'll ever need;  
I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green,  
I'll follow wherever he leads me.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
beside the still waters I go;  
my soul is restored when I walk with my Lord,  
his righteousness 'round me will flow.

And if I should walk in the shadow of death,  
I will not be afraid;  
my shepherd, the Lord, goes wherever I go,  
his rod and his staff are my comfort.

I know that the Lord is my shepherd,  
I'll sit at his table to dine;  
his goodness and mercy will follow my days,  
and heaven will surely be mine.

Text: Mary Kay Beall and John Carter

## **Hymn of the Day**

O Church, Arise  
*Christian Worship 870*

## **Sermon**

Proverbs 3:5-6

*The One You Can Trust*

## **Hymn**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
*Christian Worship 862*



## Offering

*Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



Please stand

## Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer. Amen.**

*Be seated; confirmands will remain standing*

## **Rite of Confirmation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said, “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**I do.**

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty? If so, then answer, “Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son? If so, then answer, “Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.”

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? If so, then answer, “Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit.”

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

**I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther’s Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

**I do.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God’s Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live?

**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, upon your confession, I now invite you to come forward to receive the blessing.

*Confirmands will, in turn, come forward to receive the blessing*

Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord’s table as a precious privilege given to you by God through his Church. Receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless and keep you.

Let us stand and pray for the newly confirmed.

*Please stand*

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these sons and daughters of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess his saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
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.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

Let Me Be Yours Forever

*Christian Worship 715*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Lector**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Musician**

Mandy Treder, organ



# The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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## Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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