



# 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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders 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.
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# Confirmation

## April 27, 2019

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

**My Maker, Be with Me**

*Christian Worship 598*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### PRAAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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.

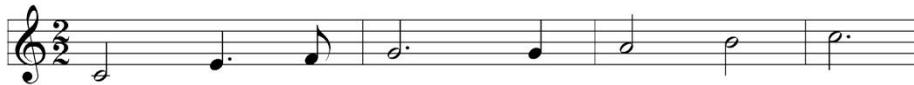
**C:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C:** **Amen.**



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.

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson**

**Joshua 1:1-9**

*God's Word helps us continue in the faith.*

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates – all the Hittite country – to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

*The Good Shepherd protects his children and helps them continue in the faith.*

*Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

*Psalm tone*



The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;  
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ***Refrain***

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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. ***Refrain*****

## Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:10-17

*Paul calls upon Timothy to continue in the faith he has learned.*

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings – what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-15, 27-30

*Jesus protects those who continue in the faith.*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Anthem**

*Faculty Choir*

**Continue in the Things That You Have Learned**

*by Barry L. Bobb*

Continue in the things that you have learned, convinced by those who taught the sacred text;  
The Holy Scriptures you have known since youth have brought you saving faith in Jesus Christ:  
Guard well that treasure given to you – the Word of God’s pure truth!

Fan into flame the Spirit’s gift from God bestowed in you through teaching pure and true.  
Be bold, not timid – God will make you strong. Self-disciplined, empow’red with holy love.  
Guard well that treasure given to you – the Word of God’s pure truth!

Be not ashamed, proclaim the living Lord, and join with those who suffer for his sake;  
For God’s great mercy saved you by his grace: his love in Christ before the world began.  
Guard well that treasure given to you – the Word of God’s pure truth!

Christ Jesus has destroyed the reign of death, brought life and immortality to light;  
Now trust that he in whom you have believed will keep your faith secure until that day.  
Guard well that treasure given to you – the Word of God’s pure truth!

**Hymn of the Day**

**How Firm a Foundation (see pg. 14)**

*Christian Worship Supplement 768*

**Sermon**

**Psalm 62:1, 2**

**My Friend Dave**

My soul finds rest in God alone;  
my salvation comes from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

**Response to the Word**

**Lord of Our Growing Years**

*Christian Worship 507*

## Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/giving](http://www.sjtosa.org/giving). If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



*Please stand*

### **Prayer for the Youth of the Church**

- M:** Heavenly Father, you have gathered people of all ages into the communion of saints. Today we thank you especially for these confirmands.
- C:** **We come before you today and ask that you keep them in your care.**
- M:** Strengthen and preserve their faith during the trying years of adolescence and throughout their lives. Keep them from forgetting or despising the Christian training and instruction which they receive at home and through the Church.
- C:** **When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds. When they fail, restore them according to your mercy.**
- M:** Bless these confirmands with good friends, competent teachers, faithful ministers, caring parents, supportive homes, and life-enriching experiences.
- C:** **Guide them with your counsel, place them under your protection, and graciously shower them with your blessings.**
- M:** Be with our children as they continue to mature. Teach them the value of honest labor and faithful stewardship, and direct them as they prepare for their life's vocations.
- C:** **Remind them that their highest joy is found in using their talents and abilities in service to you.**
- M:** Most of all, dear Lord, we ask you to keep this and every generation faithful to your truth. Preserve the true faith in all of us that you might ever count us as your dear children.
- C:** **Open our mouths to share your Word with those around us, that each new generation might know your praiseworthy deeds. Amen.**

*Be seated. Confirmands will remain standing.*

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**M:** 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?

**R:** I do.

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

**R:** I do.

**M:** 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.”

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

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

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

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

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

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R:** I do.

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther’s Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R:** I do.

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

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

**M:** 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?

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

**M:** 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.*

**M:** 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.

**M:** Let us stand and pray for the newly confirmed.

*Please stand*

**M:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C:** **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.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**May God the Father of Our Lord**  
*Christian Worship 597*

**Announcements**

## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Lector</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Musician</b>	Lisa Eggebrecht, organ
<b>Head Usher</b>	Doug Knuth
<b>AV Operator</b>	Lyle Haferman

## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are given by Kurt & Julie Handeland and family in honor of Chloe Campbell's and John Handeland's confirmations

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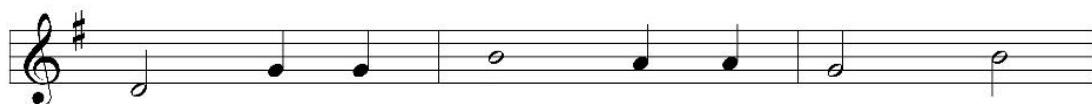
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



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 not dis - mayed; For I am your  
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 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



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 will not, de - sert to his foes. That  
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The  
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



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 soul, though all hell should en - deav -  
 flames will not hurt you; I on -  
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -



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or to shake, I'll nev - er, no  
ly de - sign Your dross to con -  
ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!  
sume and your gold to re - fine.  
still on my shoul - ders be borne.”

*The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.*

