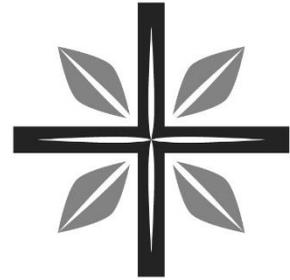


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.
Paul's Missionary Journeys: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11 & 12, 2019

A New Day Dawns: From trouble to triumph

Call to Worship (8:00 a.m.)

Grade K4 & Congregation

She Will Be Called Blessed

by Elizabeth deGravelles & Joseph Barlow

Refrain: She will be called blessed by her sons and her daughters;
Precious to the Father are those who seek his ways.
She will be called blessed, help above ev'ry other;
Blessed is the mother who turns to God in praise.

C: Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;
(spoken) In works of her hands she excels.
A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;
In service to others, she gives of herself.

Refrain

C: She rises each morning to see her household;
(spoken) She looks toward the future with joy.
She teaches her children true lessons of kindness
And shares with them wisdom the world can't destroy.

Refrain

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

I Walk in Danger All the Way

Christian Worship 431

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

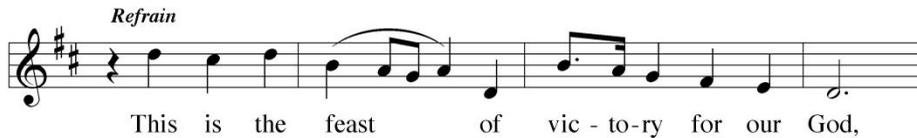
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *to Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *to Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. *to Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *to Refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the good shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:25-31

The good shepherd promises permanent protection and triumph over trouble.

“I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

We will triumph over trouble because the LORD, our shepherd, leads us.

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

Revelation 7:9-17⁺

The Lamb—our shepherd—will bring us out of the trouble of this world to triumph in heaven.

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks
and honor and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

he will lead them to springs of living water.

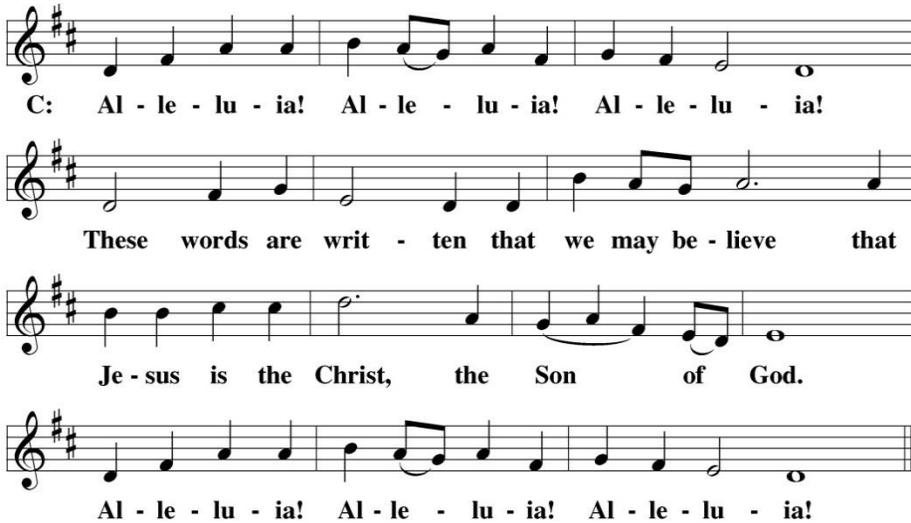
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

† Revelation: The author of this letter identifies himself as John, almost certainly the apostle John. It was written at the beginning of a time of persecution for Christians. There are two possible dates for the book: during the reign of Nero (A.D. 54-68) or of Domitian (A.D. 81-96). Most scholars favor a later date of writing, likely A.D. 95.

Revelation is *apocalyptic* in nature: writing that includes dreams or visions, unusual symbolic imagery, number symbolism, and a focus on events of the end times. It is a series of seven visions, each depicting the period of time from Jesus’ ascension to his return on Judgment Day. The figurative language in Revelation is open to interpretation, but its central message is clear: God is in control and will ultimately triumph over Satan and the powers of evil. Revelation tells of God’s glory, wisdom, power, authority, righteous wrath and return to judge the world and to receive all who believe through God’s grace into eternal bliss – into a new heaven, a new Jerusalem with the angelic hosts.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

Gospel

John 10:22-30

Jesus promises that his sheep will overcome trouble and will triumph in eternal life.

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my 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."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir

Fantasy on Hyfrydol

arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion, boundless mercy from above.
Visit us with benediction; comfort us with heav'nly love.

Sanctify your new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us trust your great salvation, won for us on Calvary,
Till we lay our crowns before you, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till in glory we adore you, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Hymn of the Day

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Christian Worship 374

Sermon

Ezekiel 34:25-31

The Shepherd and His Flock

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

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. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- M:** Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the only way to heaven by his death and resurrection.
- C:** **Grant your blessing upon your people as we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins offered and sealed through Christ.**
- M:** Your Son honored you and became obedient even to death on the cross. We pray for the youth among us, that they might follow your Son's example of willing obedience.
- C:** **Provide them good and godly homes where they might be trained in your ways. Give them thankful hearts that honor their fathers and mothers as your servants.**
- M:** You make your Son known to us through your holy Word. We pray for pastors and teachers who preach and teach this Word to us and others.
- C:** **Bless these called servants as they care for your Church. Give them every good gift that they may serve you to the fullest.**
- M:** You called the apostles to spread the news of your Son's resurrection to those around them. We pray that you would also equip us to share the good news of Christ's resurrection.
- C:** **Give us the words to speak and the courage to proclaim your truth. Remind us that your Word will not return to you empty but will accomplish what you desire.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: You received your Son into your presence and gave him a place of honor at your right hand. Fill us with a longing to worship him with all the saints and angels in heaven.

C: **Strengthen us in our earthly walk until that glorious day when we too will join in that everlasting song of praise. 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.**

Be seated

Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd (see pg. 14)
Christian Worship Supplement 766

Please stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
Christian Worship 432

WELS Connection

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Announcements

Postlude

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Readings for the Week of Easter 4

M	Ephesians 2:4-10	John 10:1-11
T	Matthew 26:31-35	Matthew 14:23-33
W	John 21:15-19	Matthew 18:10-14
R	1 Peter 5:1-4	Ezekiel 34:23-31
F	John 18:1-9	Hebrews 13:12-21
S	Acts 20:28-32	John 19:27-30

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Musicians	Lisa Eggebrecht, piano (Saturday) Dr. William Braun, organ (Sunday)
Greeters	Kathryn Hendee, Paul Katzer, Tim & Katie Lesperance (8:00 a.m.) Jes & Susan Mariscal, Matt & Renee Pastorek (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Kerry Kuehn (Saturday) Tom Wessel (8:00 a.m.) Doug Knuth (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.) Paul Puglisi (10:30 a.m.)

In Our Prayers

- Drexel Hansen, who was released from the hospital last week and is now convalescing at home.
- Lynn Kozlowski, recovering at home from successful hip replacement surgery this past Monday.

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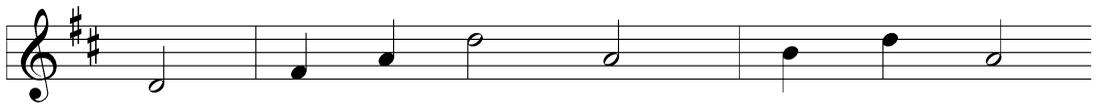
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie
 And me to walk doth make
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 In pre - sence of my foes;
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.
 E'en for his own name's sake.
 And staff me com - fort still.
 And my cup o - ver - flows.
 My dwell - ing place shall be.

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The well-known themes of Psalm 23 are set to the popular tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR.

Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR (86 86 86) J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925, adapt.

