



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

Victorious

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 offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
The Book of Daniel (Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)
A staffed nursery is available during Bible study

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21 & 22, 2022

Joy Marches Victorious Over Circumstance.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

In You Is Gladness

Christian Worship 513

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 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. *Refrain*
hon - or,___ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his___ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 14:8–22

Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 65



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.
plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:21–27

In the city of God, our joy will be made perfect and complete.

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 30:5

Alleluia, alleluia. Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 16:16–24

Jesus promises that all our grief will be turned to perfect and complete joy.

Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Grades 1 & 2

I Give You Peace
by Sarah Siegler

Jesus, my Savior, came to earth, a tiny child,
to redeem us with his own blood. He paid for our salvation.
He is the Prince of Peace and the light for all the world.
He brings comfort and joy to my heart through his Word:
"My peace I leave you, not like the world.
Do not be afraid or let your heart be troubled. I give you peace."

Jesus, my Savior, walks beside me ev'ry day.
He guides me, protects me, and keeps me safe from harm.
Cast all your cares on him. Jesus wipes away each tear.
He brings comfort and joy to my heart through his Word:
"My peace I leave you, not like the world.
Do not be afraid or let your heart be troubled. I give you peace."

Jesus, my Savior, gives me strength to live each day.
Through the darkness, he is my staff and stay.
I place my trust in him. He will lead me safely home.
He brings comfort and joy to all hearts through his Word:
"My peace I leave you, not like the world.
Do not be afraid or let your heart be troubled. I give you peace."

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Hymn of the Day

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice sts. 1–4, 10
Christian Worship 557

Sermon

Revelation 21:21–27
Radiance of Glory and Bliss Beyond Compare

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the only way to heaven by his death and resurrection.
Grant your blessing upon your people as we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins offered and sealed through Christ.

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.
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.

You make your Son known to us through your holy Word. We pray for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who preach and teach this Word to us and others.
Bless these called servants as they care for your Church. Give them every good gift that they may serve you to the fullest.

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.
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

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.

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

Be seated

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. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul
Christian Worship 850

Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ 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

Abide with Me sts. 1–2, 6–7

Christian Worship 783

Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musicians

Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday)
Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)

In Our Prayers

- Family and friends of Terry Paul, who went to be with his Lord on Thursday, May 12, and whose Christian victory service was held on Saturday at St. John's.
- Nick Maurer, who is recovering from a follow-up surgery related to the hemorrhagic stroke he suffered in early March.
- Zachary Todor, who remains hospitalized at Children's but who may be able to return home as soon as next week.

Parents' Preview for May 29

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Christian Worship 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

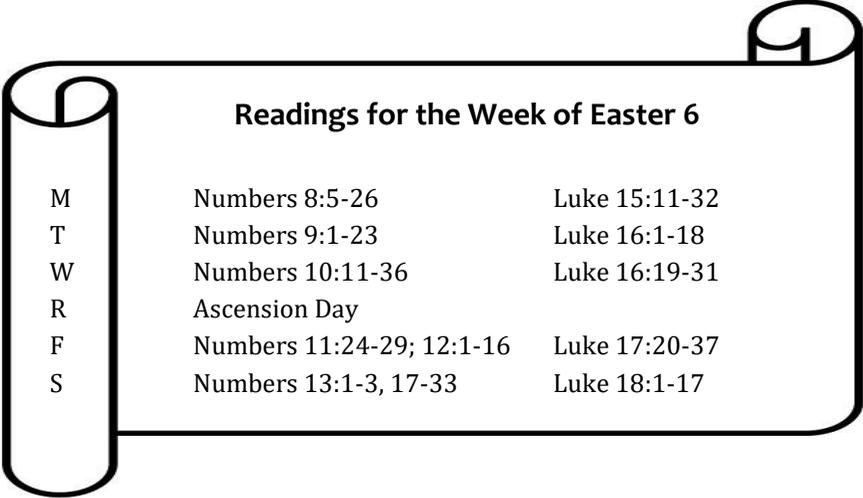


Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can - we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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Readings for the Week of Easter 6

M	Numbers 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
T	Numbers 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
W	Numbers 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
R	Ascension Day	
F	Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
S	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17

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 21st 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

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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