



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 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7 & 8, 2022

Fulfilled Works March Victorious Over Empty Words.

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

Early Learning Center

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

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Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

The Lord's My Shepherd

Christian Worship 553

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. **Refrain (stanza 1)**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. **Refrain (stanza 2)**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood. **Refrain (stanza 3)**

Refrain



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
 2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
 Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
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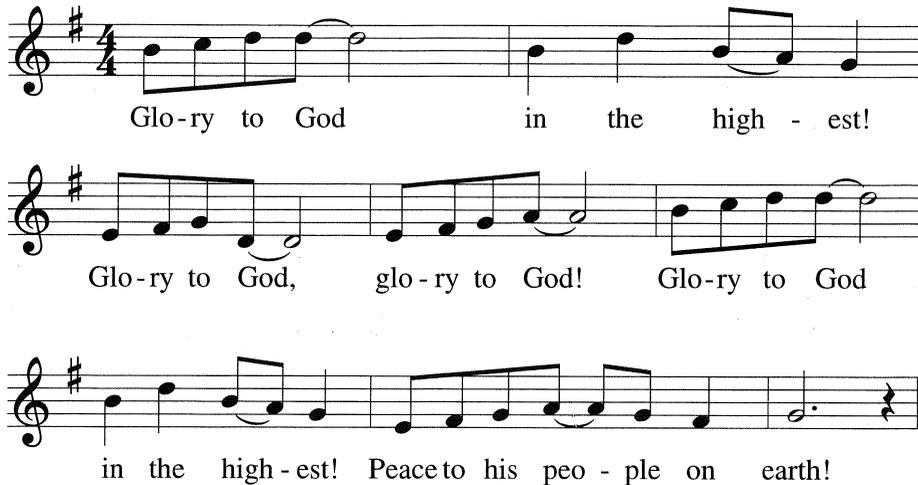
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain (sung twice)**

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 13:15,16a,26–39

Jesus' works—his death and resurrection—fulfilled the Scriptures.

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son;
today I have become your father.'

God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

So it is also stated elsewhere:

" 'You will not let your holy one see decay.'

"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

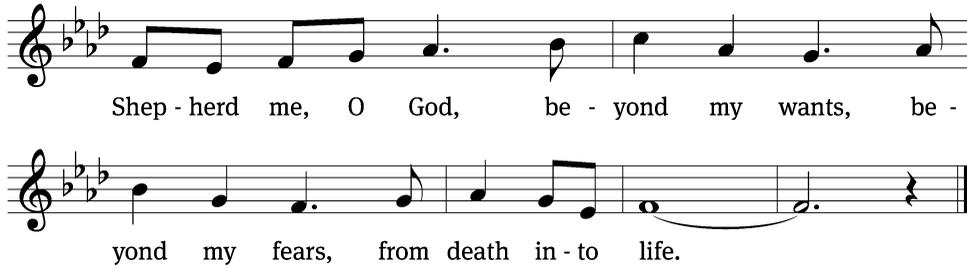
"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

Refrain



Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

John sees the fulfillment of God's promise to rescue all believers from the tribulation of this world.

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 before 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 shelter them with his presence.

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

The sun will not beat down on 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.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:22–30

Both Jesus' words and works demonstrate the protecting hand of our Good Shepherd.

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

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about 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 will 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Junior Handbell Choir

He Leadeth Me
arranged by Nancy Tipton

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

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Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Christian Worship 552

Sermon

Revelation 7:9–17

The Lamb Effect

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

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. 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.sitosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep
Christian Worship 551

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

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
Christian Worship 804

Announcements

WELS Connection

Christian Aid and Relief

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Minister

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Musicians

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Hannah Braun, violin

Junior Handbell Choir Director

Julie Handeland

In Our Prayers

- Terry Paul, who remains hospitalized at Froedtert for multiple health issues but is scheduled to enter a care facility for continued convalescence soon.
- Chuck Wrucke, who is hospitalizd at Froedtert and under assessment for the next steps in his health care.
- Zachary Todor, who remains hospitalized at Children's for pneumonia and general respiratory distress.
- Lois Gleason, who underwent cancer surgery this week and is waiting for the determination of the next steps in her course of treatment.

Parents' Preview for May 15

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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Christian Worship 730

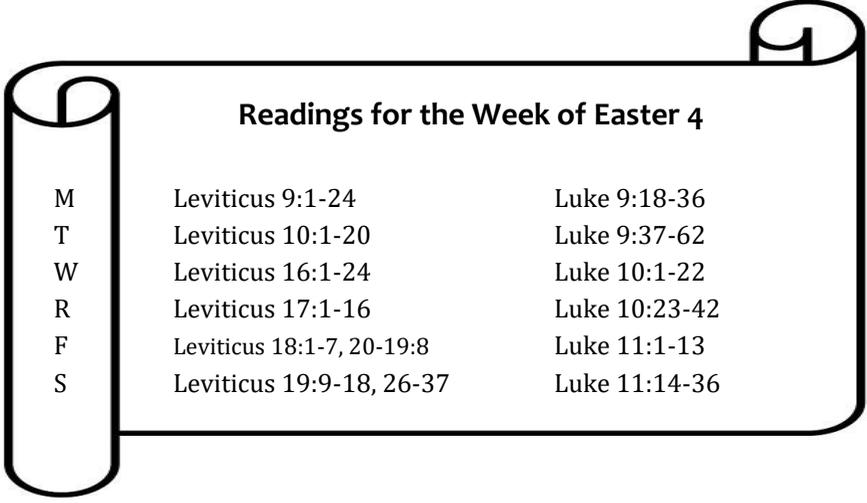


1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Readings for the Week of Easter 4

M	Leviticus 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
T	Leviticus 10:1-20	Luke 9:37-62
W	Leviticus 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
R	Leviticus 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
F	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13
S	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36

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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