Welcome!

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8:00 am Sun. 10:30 am

Proclaim the Christ.

Grow the Family.

Love the Neighbor.

Pastor Mike Burdick

April 28, 2024 5th Sun of Easter



We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!
- Share prayer requests using the <u>yellow</u> cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us Each Member of St. John's The Body of Christ Rev. Mike Burdick Pastor Rev. Gary Fortkamp.......Visitation Pastor Mrs. Ruth Bray Organist Mrs. Holly Adams......Song Leader Josie Fritch, Alexa Westjohn, & Tenley Sams Acolytes Mr. Fred Bray......5:30pm Elder on Duty Mr. Ray Hartman 8:00am Elder on Duty Mr. Jim Schroeder (217-821-1426) Elder on Duty for April 28 – May 4 Chatelain School & Baja School Our Schools for feeding in Haiti Mrs. Julie Scott(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator State, National & International Missionsthrough our District and Synod

Altar Flowers are given by Pat Milleville in loving memory of her beloved Aunt and Godmother, Irene Esch.

Holy Communion



Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you

are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"The God I Know" Preservice #1

If it was all about religion
What to do, what to say, what to wear on a Sunday
All about perfection
Black and white, wrong or right, by my way
Well I'd never make it
I'd never be good enough

I tried to walk the line, pray that I'd find Somethin' that I knew was real Began to realize, the harder I tried The colder I'd start to feel Until the moment The second I met your love

And then I threw my hands up
Worries down
I remember when He showed me how
To break up with my doubt
Once I was lost but now I'm found
No strings attached when He saved my soul
I want you to know the God I know
Oh, you gotta know
Oh, you gotta know

He is more than just a rescue
That's where it starts, not where it ends
Let freedom in
More than just a story
In the sky, wearing white, He's alive
In every moment
And now that I know this love

(continued)

I can throw my hands up
Worries down
I remember when He showed me how
To break up with my doubt
Once I was lost but now I'm found
No strings attached when He saved my soul
I want you to know the God I know
Oh, you gotta know
Oh, you gotta know

You're the words I'm waiting for I came alive when I let go
All I had was a broken heart
Then He held me in His arms

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[&]quot;The God I Know" written by Chris Rademake, Jodi King, Seth Mosley 2015 Word Music, LLCScripture Reference: Deuteronomy 31:6CCLI Song: 7054028CCLI License # 51072

"Victory In Jesus" Preservice #2

I heard an old old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then Jesus died upon the cross
And won the victory

O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and He bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus

Come and heal my broken spirit
And then my Jesus came and brought
To me the victory

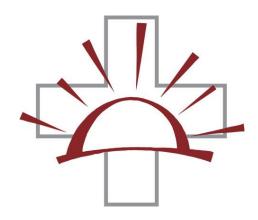
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"Victory In Jesus" written by Eugene M. Bartlett Words: 1939 Mrs. E.M. BartlettScripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:57CCLI Song: 1259CCLI License: 51072



DIVINE SERVICE ONE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome



Sacrament of Holy Baptism for John "Jack" Bryant Roderick

Son of Kolin and Merideth Roderick

(10:30 Service + page 268)

Hymn #540

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

"Song of Blessing"

(10:30) **Opening Song**

Come dear Lord, be our guest, as we gather together. May our hearts glow with love, keep us close to you ever. Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever, Bless our homes, bless our friends, Bless our common endeavors.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

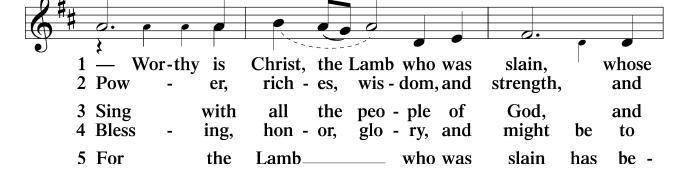
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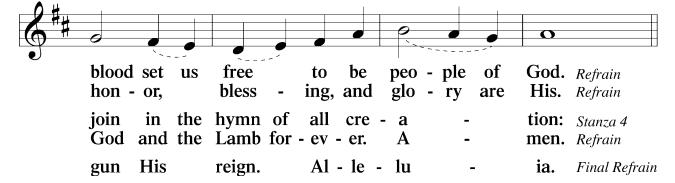
Kyrie Mark 10:47

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.













Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 150

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! **Praise the LORD!**

Epistle 1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon (8:00)

Alleluia and Verse (5:30)

John 6:68 LSB 156



Holy Gospel John 15:1–8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Catechism Review: Close of the Commandments (p. 322)

Hymn #474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

"Christ And Christ Crucified"

(10:30) **Sermon Song**

The wages of my sin was death You knew I couldn't pay the debt You paid it with your final breath Hallelujah hallelujah

You took the wrath that I deserved Your holy blood broke every curse Your mercy had the final word Hallelujah hallelujah

We sing Christ and Christ crucified In You we're raised from death to life We sing Christ and Christ crucified Hallelujah hallelujah

No sin is bigger than Your blood No shame is stronger than Your love You said it's finished it is done Hallelujah hallelujah

Death couldn't keep You in the ground You rose in power and took hell down That power's living in us now Hallelujah hallelujah

We sing Christ and Christ crucified In You we're raised from death to life We sing Christ and Christ crucified Hallelujah hallelujah

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Death couldn't hold You down
Hell couldn't steal Your crown
There's resurrection power
In Your Name in Your Name
Let all the earth cry out
Lift up a holy sound
Give all the glory now
To Jesus' Name Jesus' Name

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"Christ and Christ Crucified" written by Dustin Smith, Lindy Cofer, Mitch Wong 2022 Circuit Rider Music CollectiveScripture Reference: Romans 3:21-31CCLI Song: 7194763CCLI License: 51072

Sermon

"Every One His Witness" Acts 8:26-40

Prayer of the Church

Recognition and Prayer For Graduates

Presentation of Offering / Collection of Cards

Service of the Sacrament



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

(10:30 continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

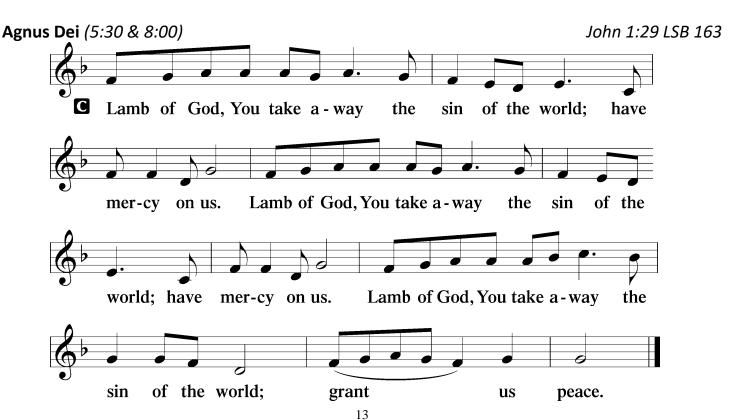
Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

Hymn #637 Hymn #700 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(10:30) Communion Song

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary As of old on earth He stood Lord of lords in human vesture In the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

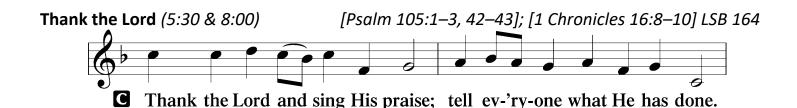
Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending
From the realms of endless day
Comes the powers of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph Cherubim with sleepless eye Veil their faces to the Presence As with ceaseless voice they cry Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Lord Most High Alleluia Lord Most High

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.: tr. Gerard MoultriePublic DomainScripture Reference: Acts 1:10-11, Luke 2:8-15CCLI Song: 154773CCLI License: 51072

Stand

Blessing





Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

Hymn #691

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Postlude

(10:30) **Closing Song**

"We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

We want to see, we want to see We want to see Jesus lifted high We want to see, we want to see We want to see Jesus lifted high

Step by step, we're moving forward
Little by little, taking ground
Every prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come tumbling down and down and down

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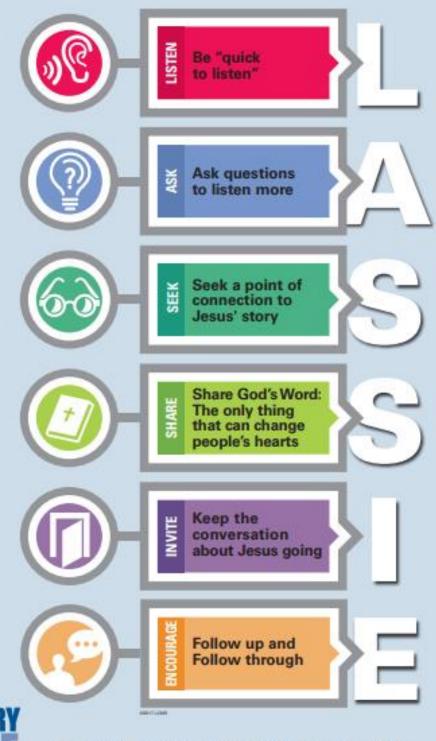
We're gonna see, we're gonna see We're gonna see Jesus lifted high We're gonna see, we're gonna see We're gonna see Jesus lifted high

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RELATIONAL, CONTEXTUAL WITNESSING



"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

(1 Peter 29 ESV)



HES WITNESS



Celebrate the Savior

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

June 10-13 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jesus Gives Us Joy

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- Advertising Spread the Good News. Reach out to others. Social media can play a big part!
- **Donation of needed items:** We can save \$\$ by borrowing decorations, etc. Watch for our "Wish List!"

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GET SET FOR FUN AT VBS...

GET READY...

- Crafts Assemble items and help students make their craft, clean up.
- Snacks Help students create their snacks each day. Clean up and set up for next day.
- **Recreation** Lead games and activities during recreation session for each class level.
- **Guides:** You are assigned an age group and will lead the students to their rotation sites and help them complete the various activities. Circle below which age group/grade you would prefer to have fun with! Each group will have multiple guides, depending on the age of the student.

 3 year olds 4 year olds kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
- Set up and Clean up Most important of all!

GO, TELL THE GOOD NEWS! Please prayerfully consider how you could best use your talents to share God's Word with the children.

Call or Text the Coordinators or drop by the church office Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300					
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