

Welcome to Worship

at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

a reconciling in Christ congregation

He Showed  
His Hands,  
Peace be  
with you . . .

John 20:19



Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

10:30 am

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## Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. — Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

## Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome, and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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**Communion** is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

**Nursery** – A staffed nursery person is available in the nursery following Children's Chat . . .

**Service Notes** – \* (asterisk) indicates, please stand as you are able.

- Page # indicates the front of the hymnal is used . . .
- Hymn # indicates the back of the Hymnal is used . . .

### **Hymn Book Abbreviations:**

ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book  
WOV – With One Voice  
ACS – All Creation Sing

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Announcements

**Prelude** “*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*” by Mary Kay Parrish  
Sung by the Wittenberg Choir

## \* Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

ELW #582 *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”*

*Please follow along in your hymnals as the service continues with Setting 4 on page 147.*

## **\*Greeting**

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## **\*Kyrie**

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## **\*Canticle of Praise**

*“This is the Feast . . .”*

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## **\*Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsive Reading:**

**Psalm 104:24-34**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with

Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**      *“Alleluia . . .”*      - page 151

**\* Gospel**      **John 20:19-23**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Chat**



**Sermon:** Vicar Vanessa Storlie

**\*Hymn of the Day –**

ACS #944 *“O Spirit, All-Embracing”*

**\*Nicene Creed**

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

A: Let us pray. Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work to preserve and protect your creation. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Help us to embrace one another as you do. Bring healing where it is needed, affirmation where it is lacking, and relief to the weary. We pray for all who seek your comfort, including *those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or in our hearts . . .* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through the ministries of the church and the community. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: (Please hold the “*All Creation Sings*” hymnals as they are dedicated.) People of God we have sung songs from the beginning of time. We sing in times of ceremony and because our God is so great and so good. We sing in times of celebration and we sing because it pleases God. We sing as an expression of our joy and thanksgiving and in times of uncertainty and distress. We sing because it is part of our life in Christ. Today we present these hymnals “*All Creation Sings*” to the glory of God and for service in the life of this congregation. We dedicate them in honor and

loving memory of family, friends, and others for whom we now offer thanks.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Bless all who lift voices of praise to you as we use these new hymnals.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\* The Sharing of the Peace**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*(Ushers now proceed to the Altar to receive the offering plates...)*

**Offertory** ACS #943 "*As the Wind Song*"

Sung by the Wittenberg Choir & the Congregation

### **\*Presentation of Gifts**

*(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)*

## **\*Offertory Hymn**

ELW #184 “*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*”

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

**\*Great Thanksgiving** - page 152

**\*Preface** (*Leader continues . . .*)

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** - page 153

**\*Communion Form** (*Leader continues . . .*)

**\*Lord's Prayer** - page 154

**\*Lamb of God** - page 154

**Holy Communion** - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table.*

*\*At the invitation of the usher, please proceed to the front to receive communion.*

*Please remain at the front until you are dismissed.*

*Communion is also available in your pew, please let an usher know.*

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*

## **Communion Hymns**

ELW #464 ***“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”***

ELW #479 ***“We Come to the Hungry Feast”***

ELW #482 ***“I Come with Joy”***

**\*Post Communion Canticle**     *“Now Lord . . .” - page 113*

## **\*Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **\*Blessing**

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

## **\*Sending Hymn**

ELW #400 *“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

## **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .

**Worship Assistant**– Jim Heck

**Ushers** – Helen & John Border

**Reader** – Mike Thompson

**Altar Guild** – Barbara Horinko / Sylvia Orem

**This Week at St. John's: May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Today** (5/28/23) – Day of Pentecost Worship, 10:30 am

**Today** (5/28/23) –Sunday School @ Kline Farm, after worship.

**Today** (5/28/23) –Art Gallery Open, 12-2:00 pm

**Monday** (5/29/23) – Church Office Closed (Memorial Day)

**Tuesday** (5/30/23) – Bible Study, 1:30 pm – Hospitality Room

**Sunday** (6/4/23) – Holy Trinity Sunday, Worship, 9:30 am

**Sunday** (6/4/23) – Meetings following worship:  
Finance – Office  
Internship - Chapel

**Attendance: 62**

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering	\$1,864.00
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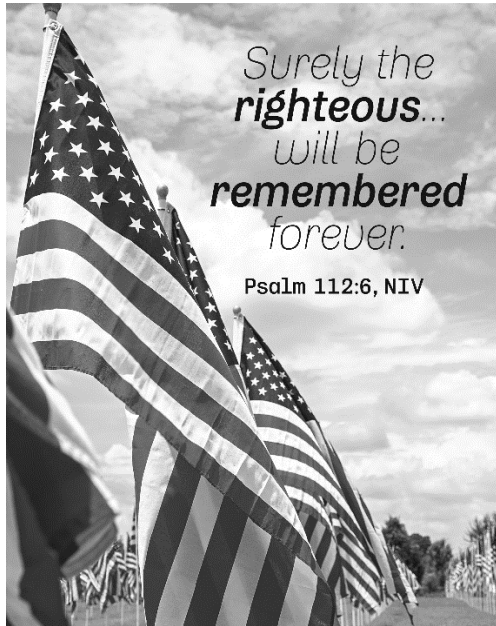
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Join Us Next Week at 9:30 am

*Altar Flowers today are dedicated in loving memory of  
Spc. William C. Brace, US Army  
by Connie Garr*

Remember and Honor -  
Memorial Day



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