

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

Organist: Lana Strike



They shall
soar on ●

wings
like
eagles.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #8

"Father, Who the Light this Day"

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P 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 un-failing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*


P 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!

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to 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.



John 16:16-25

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said

to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.



1 Peter 2:11-20

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***These words are written that we may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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.

Hymn: TLH #205

"The Day of Resurrection"


Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift

up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The LORD is the Creator of *Life*



The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

- G** ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #123

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #204

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Special Voters' Meeting – Next Sunday, May 18th, the voters are asked to meet immediately after the church service for the purpose of calling a part-time teacher.

Mowing Volunteers? If anyone would be willing to join a rotation for mowing the church property, please speak with Nathan or Duane Voit. There are a few individuals who are currently mowing or planning to mow, but it would be very helpful if a few more able bodies were able to help. Thanks!

St. John's Musical – The congregation is invited to the musical "Snow White and Friends" being put on by the students of St. John's. The musical will be held in the Okabena High School cafeteria on May 21st at 6:00 pm with refreshments to follow.

Graduation Invitation – The congregation is invited to Caleb Eigenberg's graduation reception on May 25th from 12 – 3 pm at 37168 State Highway 62, Heron Lake, MN.

Bible Class Next Weekend – If you have any questions about last week's funeral, we will be discussing those questions in Bible Class next weekend.

Ladies' Day Out – Thursday, May 15th at 11:30 am at SOJOs in Lakefield. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the entryway.

Delegates Needed – If you are a voter and are willing to volunteer to serve as a delegate for St. John's for the 2025 Minnesota Delegates Conference in Mankato on June 7th, please speak with Pastor or one of the Elders.

Thank you! – Emily Mueller and Jess Rodebaugh both would like to express their thanks for the baby/diaper shower that was thrown for them a few weekends ago. Thank you all for your love and support!

Mission Helper Trip Fund – If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Larry Boernsen to travel to Nepal this summer as part of the 2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such on your offering envelope. (Using blanks on the left side.)

CLC Call News – Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has **returned** the call to Mesiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Ushers	5/11	Kendall B, Larry B.
	5/18	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	5/25	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning		This Week – Ling, Sumey, Rovere (wk. 2)
		Up Next – The Albrechts

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 12th – 17th, 2025

Mon John 17:1-5 We remember how Jesus prayed on the night before His crucifixion. He asked His Father to glorify Him, not for His own benefit, but “so that He may give eternal life” (v2) to His own.

Tues John 17:6-8 As He faces suffering and death, Jesus is praying for the disciples whom His Father has given Him. While they might not understand many things, they know that He has been sent to them by God.

Wed 1 John 2:12-14 With poetic repetition, the apostle John reminds his hearers of the forgiveness of sins which they have in the name of their living Lord. His word continues to triumph over the Evil One.

Thurs 1 John 2:15-17 If the world and its things become our greatest treasure – our love – then we will be poor indeed! For the world and its desires pass away, but our heavenly Father wants us to remain forever.

Fri Exodus 16:1-15 When food begins to run out, the people begin to act as though their daily bread comes from Egypt. But through quail and manna they will learn to know and thank the Lord their God (v12).

Sat Hosea 2:18-23 To be God’s own child is to have all things work together for our good, whether wild animals, or any other enemy. “I will” do everything for “my people,” for I am their God (v23).

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