

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

*Come and Listen,
All You Who
Fear God; Let
Me Tell You
What He Has
Done For Me.
Psalm 66:16*

Easter 6

May 14 & 16, 2023

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

Easter: After forty days of repentance and prayer, the Church bursts forth in jubilant praise at the Resurrection of our Lord. The alleluias which were muted for Lent ring out again as the Bride of Christ welcomes her Bridegroom back from the dead. For 49 days the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ on the Sundays of Easter which culminate on the 50th day, Pentecost.

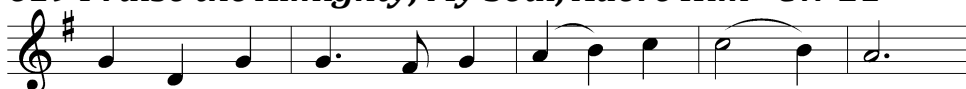
Today is Easter 6. Our focus today: Love for our risen Lord leads to obedience to His commands.

We are Here

The church year begins here 2022

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619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him CW 21



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.; Johann D. Herrmschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.

Tune: New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf, Ansbach, 1665

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Divine Service I CW Supplement

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (☩) and of the Holy Spirit.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



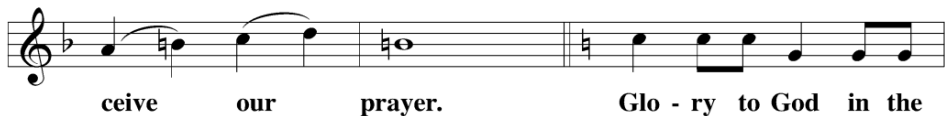
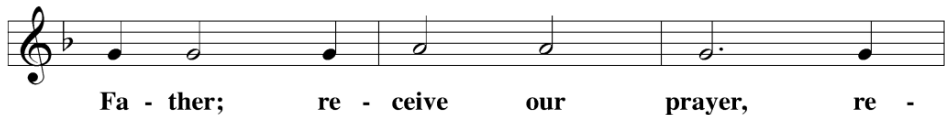
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands.

²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have.

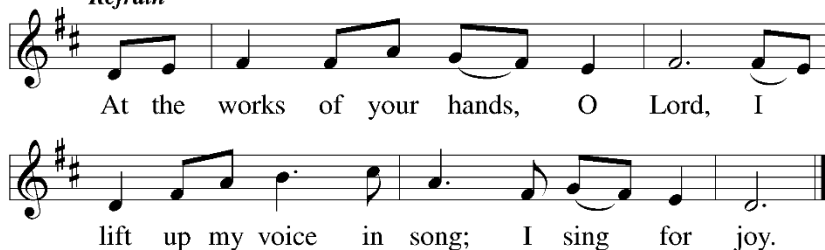
²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

Psalm 66

CW 93

Refrain



Psalm tone



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*

and kept our feet from slipping. **Refrain**

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*

and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain**

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Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:15-22

¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Verse of the Day: John 14:23

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁵"If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

476 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who
 3 Oh, keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Do
 4 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee



will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I
 art my best and tru - est friend. Thee will I
 not al - low my steps to stray. Up - hold me
 will I love, my God and Lord, A - mid the



love with all my pow - er, With ar - dor time shall
 love and praise for - ev - er, For nev - er shall thy
 when my feet would stum - ble, And keep me on the
 dark - est depths of sad - ness, And not for hope of



ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I love, O Light di -
 kind - ness end. Thee will I love with all my
 nar - row way. Fill all my na - ture with thy
 high re - ward, For thine own sake, O Light di -



vine, So long as life is mine.
 heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
 light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
 vine, So long as life is mine.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3–4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2.

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 66
"I OWE GOD AN APOLOGY"

- I. I will defend God's actions toward the earth.**
- II. I will defend God's actions toward His Church.**
- III. I will defend God's actions toward me.**

¹Shout praise to God, all the earth!

²Make music to the glory of his name!

Make his praise glorious!

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Because of your great power your enemies must cower before you.

⁴All the earth bows down to you.

They make music to you.

They make music to your name.

⁵Come and see the works of God.

How awesome are his deeds for all people!

⁶He turned the sea into dry land.

They crossed through the river on foot.

Let us rejoice in him there.

⁷He rules by his power forever.

His eyes watch the nations.

Do not let the rebellious rise up against him.

⁸Bless our God, you peoples.

Let the sound of his praise be heard.

⁹He is the one who has preserved our lives.

He did not let our feet slip.

¹⁰Indeed, you tested us, God.

You refined us as silver is refined.

¹¹You led us into a trap.

You laid a burden on our backs.

¹²You let men ride over our heads.

*We went through fire and through water,
but you brought us out to a well-watered place*

¹³I will come to your house with whole burnt offerings.

I will fulfill my vows to you,

¹⁴which my lips uttered,

which my mouth spoke during my trouble.

*¹⁵I will offer fat animals to you as whole burnt offerings,
along with the smoke from rams.*

I will offer cattle with goats.

*¹⁶Come, listen, all you who fear God,
and let me tell what he has done to save my life.*

¹⁷To him I cried out with my mouth.

High praise was on my tongue.

*¹⁸If I had contemplated evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened,*

¹⁹but God has surely listened.

He has paid attention to the sound of my prayer.

*²⁰Blessed be God, who has not turned aside my prayer
or turned aside his mercy from me!*



Cre - ate in me a

pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -

in me. Do not cast me a - way from your

pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from

me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



OFFERING--*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.*

Visitors may also sign the guest register by the drinking fountain.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.
Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ∇ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ∇ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C *(spoken)* Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 557

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 21



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring-ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
 tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
 da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
 moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
 me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left
 my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
 my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

5 He spoke to his belovèd Son:

"It's time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
 and bring to all salvation.

From sin and sorrow set them free;
 slay bitter death for them that they
 may live with you forever."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,

was born of virgin mother,
 and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.

No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
 a servant's form like mine he bore
 to lead the devil captive.

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- 7 To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.
- 8 “The foe will shed my precious blood,
me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good;
be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to my Father I depart,
the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;
this final word I leave you.”

Text: tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, Wittenberg, 1524

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SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C **his mercy endures forever.**

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

M 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.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

759 *When Training Up a Child* CW 21



1 When train-ing up a child to go a cer-tain way,
 2 When Tim-o-thy was young, his moth-er drew him near—
 3 When God in all his grace puts chil-dren in our care,



long af-ter youth that child-hood truth will still hold sway;
 what she'd been taught was al-so what her son must hear:
 our leg-a-cy of love will be the words we share



and so, in in-fant hearts, the gos-pel seed is sown
 how we had all the sin, but Christ took all the blame,
 in tell-ing them of Christ and teach-ing them his love,



that chil-dren thus might learn to trust in Christ a-lone.
 how we've been dressed in right-eous-ness in Je-sus' name.
 till we and they are home to stay in heav'n a-bove.

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This Week at St. John's: May 14, 2023

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Bob & Bernice Cords

Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Linda Biebert & Megan Allard

Donating Bulletins: Tim Shaw

May Website: Bob & Bernice Cords in thankfulness

SERVING US THURSDAY (ASCENSION)

Greeters: Jean Goetz & Virginia Marg

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Charlene Siebert

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Judith Quicker & Nancy Hagedorn

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Pat Strangfeld

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY	9:00 AM Communion Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
MONDAY	9:00 AM Shut-In Visits 2:00 PM Shut-In Visits 6:00 PM LIGHTS
TUESDAY	1:15 PM Shut-In Visits 4:30 PM Church Band 6:00 PM Communion Service
WEDNESDAY	8:20 AM Chapel 4:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Pioneers
THURSDAY	6:00 PM Altar Guild serves supper 7:00 PM Joint Ascension Worship-Choir Sings
FRIDAY	10:00 AM Gr. 5-8 Hoops for Heart 6:00 PM Awards Banquet
SATURDAY	LPS Graduation
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 AM Graduation Recognition 9:00 AM Worship/8 th Grade Graduation Service (Gr. K-8 sing) 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

CHURCH NEWS

Communion: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today using the continuous method of distribution.

Sunday School & Bible Class: Sunday School and Bible Class will both be held today after the worship service. For Bible Class we will be continuing our study on "10 Lies About God."

Wednesday Bible Study: We will be continuing our Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Romans this week. Please join us at 4:00 p.m. in the school conference room.

Ascension Worship: We will be having a joint Ascension Day worship service with our fellow Christians from Globe and Christie this Thursday, May 18th. The service will be held here at 7:00 p.m. A joint choir will be singing for the service.

Pastor Wilke put the order of service and the bulletins together and will be doing the liturgy, and Pastor Biebert will be preaching the sermon.

The celebration of Ascension has everything in it – Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, the Ascension itself, and the anticipation of Pentecost. Jesus has triumphed and entered into his glory by keeping all of his Word! His triumphant ascension assures us that he will always keep his Word.

Jesus' ascension also guarantees that he will be with us always. Jesus did it all for us. His triumph therefore is our triumph. How can we help but rejoice and be glad! Join us for this special service!

The Altar Guild will be serving supper in the school gym, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.

(Offerings given in your special Ascension Day envelopes will be split evenly between home and missions.)

8th Grade Graduation: 8th Grade Graduation will take place during our worship service on May 21st.

Preschool Graduation: Grades 3K and 4K will be having a special graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 24th, at 6:00 p.m.

Last Day of School: Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 25. That is a half-day only. We will have a closing chapel

service that morning at 8:20, to which all are invited. We will have a picnic lunch at 11:00, to which all parents are invited, and school will dismiss after lunch.

Pioneers: Pioneers will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:00.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: We at St. John's Lutheran School and Early Learning Center are very blessed to have such a wonderful, caring staff teaching our children truths they will need for life, and especially God's truth for eternal life! In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week and to show them our appreciation and offer encouragement, please consider giving a personal thank you or card to any teacher or staff member.



Student of the Week: The "Student of the Week" this week is Chesni Brown. Chesni is in 2nd Grade. She is quiet, respectful, and polite, works hard, and always gets her work done on time. Congratulations Chesni!

LIGHTS: Our LIGHTS group will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00.

Wheelchair: There has been some discussion on having another wheelchair here at church, in case we have more than one person attending church who would like to use it. Does anyone have a wheelchair they are not using any more and wouldn't mind donating it to church, or do you know of someone who may have one they don't need? Talk to Pastor if you can help. Thanks!

Congratulations: We congratulate our two student teachers from last fall, Miss Sydney Stobb and Miss Lisa Hoffer, who graduated from Martin Luther College yesterday. At the printing of this bulletin, we didn't know yet where Miss Stobb would be assigned to teach. Miss Hoffer has deferred a call for one year as she has one more year left of softball eligibility and will be working on her master's degree. We pray that the Lord will bless Miss Stobb as she begins her teaching ministry and Miss Hoffer as she continues her studies.

Meditations: The new "Meditations," which start on May 28, are available in the entryway. Please consider a \$3.50 donation to help our GPS group cover the cost.

WELS Weekly Prayer: *WELS ministerial education schools – Dear Lord, we praise you for helping us finish another year of training students for your kingdom at our ministerial education schools. As you poured out your Spirit on that first Pentecost, we ask you to pour out your Spirit on our graduates so that they may be equipped to serve you. Wherever you place them, move them to proclaim your life-giving gospel. Help them to trust your guidance and direction as they use the knowledge and gifts you have given to them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Great Teacher. Amen.*

WELS Night at the Brewers: *Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. Seating will be along the field outfield box, and cost is \$21/ticket.*

*A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway. **Deadline to order tickets at the reduced rate is June 9.** If we have a group of more than 20 people, we will order the tickets as a group to be seated together and save on service fees. If there are less than 20 people interested in going, individuals can order on their own. If you would like to go, please sign up by **Sunday, June 4th** so we know how many are interested.*

Don't forget to order your WELS Night at the Brewers t-shirt, with an all-new design for 2023, at welsstore.net!

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Sunday: 107; Tuesday: 7

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given last week:

\$6,813.35 (Home); \$880.00 (Missions)

Owed on Line of Credit: -0-

To assist you in worship:

- ✚ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✚ Large-print bulletins available upon request.
- ✚ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✚ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✚ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round)

Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)