

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission:

*-to share the love of Christ,
grow in faith,
and come together for worship, fellowship, and service.*

**PLEASE SILENCE OR TURN OFF ALL
CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
THANK YOU.**



PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS



MORNING PRAYER

Suggestions for Personal Ceremonies during Worship

* = Please stand as you are able.

✠ = The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

✧ = The head may be bowed in reverence to Christ throughout the *italicized portion of text.*

INVOCATION

The Sign of the Cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

**In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124.8)

I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32.5)

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection and examination of conscience

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**The almighty and merciful ✠ Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.*

Amen.

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HYMN

I Must Tell Jesus

GHF 344 Stanzas 1, 3, 4



1. I must tell Je - sus all of my tri - als, I can - not
3. Tempt - ed and tried, I need a great Sav - ior, One who can
4. O how the world to e - vil al - lures me! O how my



bear these bur - dens a - lone. In my dis - tress He kind - ly will
help by bur - dens to bear; I must tell Je - sus, I must tell
heart is tempt - ed to sin! I must tell Je - sus, and He will



help me, He ev - er loves and cares for His own.
Je - sus, He all my cares and sor - rows will share.
help me O - ver the world the vic - t'ry to win.

Refrain



I must tell Je - sus! I must tell Je - sus! I can - not



bear my bur - dens a - lone. I must tell Je - sus! I must tell



Je - sus! Je - sus can help me, Je - sus a lone.

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*GREETINGS

*Please take the opportunity
to greet your fellow-worshippers as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(II Corinthians 13.14)

And also with you.

*EASTER ACCLAMATION & OPENING VERSES

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

Prayer

Address

Gift of Roses

FIRST READING

I Peter 3.10-22

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts

honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (ESV)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34.11-19

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is there who desires life

and loves many days, that he may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all. (ESV)

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

CATECHISM

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The First Article

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects

me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. John 14.15-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

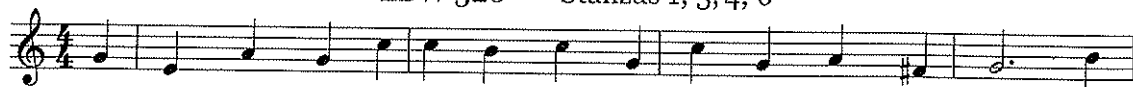
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(ESV)

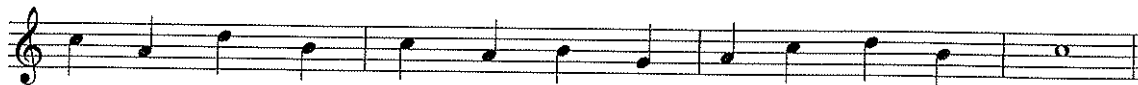
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
LBW 320 Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, Our
3. Be-fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame, From
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone, Short
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, Still



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
ev - er - last - ing, Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
be our guard while trou - bles last and our e - ter - nal home!

OFFERING

Tithes, offerings, and designated gifts to the Lord may be made using the small box on the table by the entrance, or by giving electronically at St. John's website, www.stjohnrichland.org, or by using the Easy Tithe Giving app, available for download from both the App Store and Google Play. Thank you for your faithful partnership and support of the ministry of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

***❖DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
AMEN.**



***PRAYER**

Anthem

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

St. John Vocal Choir

Following the Anthem, please join the Choir in Silent Prayer
until the *Kyrie* begins.

**Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Prayer of the Day*

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to you.

Let us pray.

. . . ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

**Prayers of the Church*

Each petition ends:

. . . let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The final petition ends:

. . . ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Prayer for the Word*

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

**Morning Prayer*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself; my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

✧The Lord's Prayer

Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray:

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

***BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Brothers and sisters, bow your hearts.

**The LORD bless you and keep you.*

The LORD make his fact to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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

Amen.

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

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PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PARTING HYMN
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
LBW 439



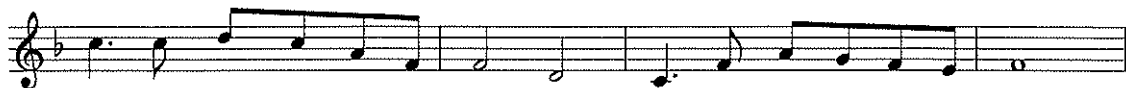
1. What a friend we have in Je-sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la-den, Cum-b-ered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our re - fuge: Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear:
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness: Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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***EASTER ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

***❖DISMISSAL**
Go in peace, loved by the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GIFTING OF FLOWERS

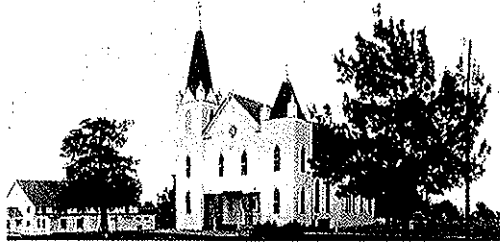
On this Mother's Day we celebrate the faithfulness and love of all Christian women. As you leave the Church today, please accept our gift of a carnation as an expression of our love and appreciation for you.



POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN



TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting us today, please introduce yourself before you leave. We would greatly appreciate it if you would either fill out a visitor card and give it to Pastor Weise or an usher before leaving, or sign our guest book. If you have any need at all, please let an usher or the Pastor know and we will do everything we can to help you. Again, welcome, and God bless you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR YOUR SAFETY



For your safety, please consider using either the North exit (near Parish Hall) or the South exit (near the Parsonage) when exiting the church grounds. The middle exit (near the church sign) is severly limited in its visibility in both directions, and increased traffic makes it dangerous for us to exit, and for others driving on Cameron Road. Thank you.



There are currently three adult Bible Study opportunities! Please prayerfully consider joining a Bible Study if have not already.

Sunday	9.00 AM	Parish Hall Office
Thursday	7.00 PM	Parish Hall
Friday	10.00 AM	Parish Hall (Women's Bible Study)



SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
I'm A Lutheran—What Does This Mean?
Sundays—June 25 ~ July 30.
9:00-10:00 AM
Parish Hall

Pastor Weise will Host and Lead this study over the course of six weeks. We will discuss our Lutheran Identity, the distinctiveness of Lutheran theology, practice, and piety, and the traditions and history of St. John that form our identity as faithful Christians. Please join us as we grow in our faith and in our fellowship with God and one another. All ages are welcome.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR SERVERS
Are you interested in assisting in leading worship at St. John? Please consider serving in any of these positions.

Scripture Reader
Greeter
Announcements
Children's Message
Communion Assistant

If you would like to serve, or have any questions, please contact Sandy Brunton in the Church Office, or Pastor Weise.

Also prayerfully consider
Assisting with assembly and distribution of the monthly newsletter
Providing altar flowers for worship
Sponsoring bulletins for a Sunday

If there are other ways you would like to serve at St. John, please feel free to speak with Pastor Weise or John Mark Thane. We welcome your talents and service.

THANK YOU.

LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING
July 28 & 29
St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Braunfels



"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



Please consider attending the LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Weise for details and registration information. St. John will cover the registration cost for members who would like to attend.



LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING

October 1-4, 2023

**Saint Charles Convention Center
St. Charles, Missouri**



The Annual Gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is a four-day event featuring keynote speakers, worship and Bible study, breakout sessions, vendors and plenty of opportunities for fellowship and networking. Whether you are new to LCMC, just checking us out for the first time, or a long-time member looking to make new friends and reunite with old ones, the Annual Gathering is the place to be if you are looking to get inspired, get informed, get trained & equipped and get connected with other believers in the LCMC.

St. John will sponsor one member to attend as a *Voting Delegate* along with Pastor Weise. Please prayerfully consider attending. If you are interested or have questions about the Gathering, please contact Pastor Weise.

Ladies Tea

HIGH TEA

LADIES, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 20. Noon. Parish Hall.

Ladies, you are all invited to *High Tea*. Guests are also welcome to join us. Please bring your daughter, granddaughter, a neighbor or friend, your aunt or grandma, etc.

The tea will consist of tea, finger sandwiches, fruit and dessert. We are asking each person to bring their own China teacup if you have one. We will have some if you do not have any. If you still have your wedding gown, a bridesmaid dress or flower girl dress and would like to show them off, bring them. If you have photos or other wedding memorabilia and would like to share, bring them too. Let's have some fun!

RSVP to Helen Roithner, please.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Ushers: Hank Horak & Rodney Gebert

Announcements: Sandy Brunton

Greeter: Hank Horak

Scripture Reader: Janette Horak

Children's Message: Gary Pemberton

Organist & Choir Director: Louise Duncan

Choir: St. John Vocal Choir

Pastor: Rev. Keith Weise

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