



**St. John's Lutheran Church † Seventh Sunday in Easter**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Facebook Live 8:15a.m.**  
**In-Person Worship 10:00a.m.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to our worship service this morning. Thank you for you shared ministry to the Gospel as we continue to be a "Fountain of Life flowing into a River of Compassion for the world." Thank you for your financial support of our General Operations. You may give online at [www.stjohns-ec.org](http://www.stjohns-ec.org) , through the GIVEPLUS+ app, or by mail, 1804 Highland Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701. You are welcome to Christ's table here and at home today. Prepare for this gift of grace by having enough bread and wine/juice on your table at the start of worship.

**Prelude String Quartet** - Chippewa Falls High School Auditioned Quartet

### **Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*)

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### **Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

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

Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Psalm 1** please read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** ACS #1088



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,  
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**Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them

your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Message:** “*Bloom Where you are Planted*” Pastor Christine Emerson

**Song of the Day ELW - # 496 One Bread, One Body**

*Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

**Apostles Creed**

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, rooted forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need (*especially*). Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

**8:15AM First Communion** – *(Those children celebrating their first communion will be called by name to come to the altar.)*

**Distribution** *(All those at home may partake of Christ's gift of grace with the words "The Body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you". Those attending the worship service in person may commune with individual cups given at the start of worship. Please remove your mask for as little time as possible to take communion.)*

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### Blessing & Post Communion Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, **through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Benediction

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Song ACS - # 1068 The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe vs. 1, 3

1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es  
2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its  
3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's

up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant  
song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -  
glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your

flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine  
verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and  
word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is

bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -  
joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -  
grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -

der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.  
tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.  
er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

## **Sending**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Peace be with you. If you are online, share a sign of peace in the comments.)*

## **Postlude String Quartet - Chippewa Falls High School Auditioned Quartet**

*(Please remain seated until the Postlude is over. Then the ushers will dismiss you.)*

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## **First Communion Celebration Today at 8:15AM**

Today! We welcome these 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to Christ's table of grace this week at our 8:15AM Facebook Live worship service:

**Makenna Lund**

**Hadley Wolfe**



We welcome all to partake of Christ's holy supper while worshipping with us online this Sunday by preparing your table at home with bread and wine/juice.

Today we are singing a hymn from our new hymnbook, All Creation Sings. *"The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe"* is the hymn of the month.

**Serving at worship today:** Rev. Julie Brenden and Rev. Christine Emerson, String Quartet - Chippewa Falls High School Auditioned Quartet (Isaiah Sanchez, Alison Hysell, Maleah Wittman, Rachel Gering), Hayden Lund – Acolyte (8:15), Kathy Freitag & Patti Sontag – Lectors, Scott Olsen-Camera, Brett Isaacson – Computer/Power Point, Dick Freitag (8:15), Norbert Kirk, Mark Sontag, Lynn Yolitz-Ushers, Nancy Hanson & Cloris Seng- Communion Servers, Linda Ranney – Piano.  
Thank you!

## **This Week at St. John's:**

**Today, Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am Worship Facebook Live

8:30am Radio Worship (WAYY)

10:00am In Person Worship

10:30am TV Worship (ABC) Cable WQOW

10:30am-12:30pm Pop Up Vaccination Clinic

11:00am Community & World Ministry

6:00-8:00pm Rooted Bonfire

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation Sunday & Pentecost Sunday**

8:15am Worship Facebook Live

10:00am In Person Worship (Confirmation Families)