Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023



St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!) (Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE This Is my Father's World Jason W. Krug

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

(Water may be poured into the font)

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

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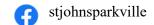
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The Pastors are off on Fridays



Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.





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This week's schedule				
Today	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room) Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship Live & Online Worship		
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)		
Tues.				
Wed.		Busy Bees (Smith Building) Adult Choir Rehearsal		
Thurs.				
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building) Newsletter Articles Due		
Sat.		Men-in-Mission Breakfast (Jerry D's) Member Function (Fellowship Hall)		

Counting our Blessings				
Sunday 5/7	Attendance: 98 Offering: \$7,076 Homebound: 19	February Offering Income February Other Income February Total Income February Expenses YTD Offering Income YTD Other Income YTD Total Income YTD Total Income YTD Expenses	\$18,755 \$ 8,124 \$26,879 \$28,213 \$39,755 \$14,209 \$53,964 \$62,704	

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631 (vv. 1-3)

(Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887)

GREETING

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.

KYRIE (Bulletin Page 13)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167(Bulletin Page 14) (Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps reach out for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said.

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses.) Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the net;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

13I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Betty Creutzer, Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Mardi Nickel, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Gary Jones, Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, Donna Boblooch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Ruth Skarda, Thomas McDonough and Bill Spink

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Betty Creutzer, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz



Join us for our upcoming Community Meals. The dates are: June 7th, July 5th, & August 2nd. The meal runs from 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the 1st floor Fellowship Hall FFaith& from 9:00 am-9:45 am. We have finished up one topic and are moving on to a new one. The new topic is Bible Study of Upcoming Scripture lellowship **Readings.** We will read and share about one of the upcoming readings which will be used in worship. In May this will include 1st Peter and in June we will move into Romans. Join us as we share with one another and deepen our faith together. We'd love to have you with us! Upcoming scripture texts: 1st Peter 2: 19-25, 1 Peter 2: 2-10



CONGREGATIONAL A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the Youth-Led worship next Sunday, May 21st in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be a celebration of the ways God has been at work through the ministries of St. John's over the past year. Additionally, our Treasurer, Chris Hills, is up for

re-election, so we will be voting on the Treasurer position as well. We hope you will join us!

Mark vour calendars for St. John's Spirit Fest! Sunday, June 4th after worship. This is a fundraiser for the new Fire Alarm System. We will have hot dogs, games, a fire truck offering rides, snow cones, prizes and more. More details to come.





Let us know if someone in your family is graduating... We will recognize them and offer a blessing on Sunday, June 11th.

St. John's night at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game is Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 and there will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at 410-802-2268 or ravenfan79@yahoo.com or see him before or after worship.



Registration is open for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10th -14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on the website. As always, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at

haackefamily@comcast.net.

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

19but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

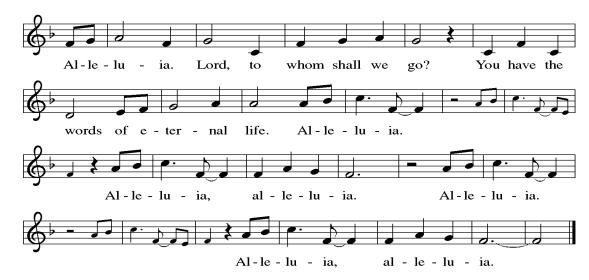
¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated. ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

(Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1983 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, May 21st—Ascension of Our Lord/Youth led service
† 9 am—Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
10 am—Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
Visit stjohnsparkville.org
Congregational Meeting following worship



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Mildred F. Insley by Betty Ehm and given in memory of our mothers by the Jasinski family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: July 2nd, 16th and 30th, August 27th, September 3rd, 10th and 17th, October 1st, 8th and 15th, November 5th, December 3rd, 10th and 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.





Food for Thought Program is in great need of: Chef Boyardee single serving meals, tuna & chicken salad kits, applesauce pouches, cookies, snack crackers, pudding cups and cereal bars. We are packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted

quickly. Please help if you can!

Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti.



BIRL F Bible Study....A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to Study learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.

Searching for Multilingual Readers for Pentecost! On Pentecost Sunday (May 28th), we will break up the Acts 2 reading about the coming of the Holy Spirit and invite people to read it in various languages. Do you speak a language other than English? Would you like to take part in this special Pentecost reading? If so, please reach out to the Pastors!



Now the Feast and Celebration



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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 THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ Beside Me

Adult Choir

(Text: adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate; Music: Tom Fettke; Music © 2004 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

(Text and music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957; Text and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC)

OFFERING PRAYER

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.
Amen.

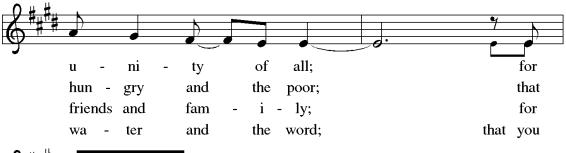
GREAT THANKSGIVING







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace, life and for love, for our work and our play, nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

(Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE With Trumpets and Horns G. F. Handel, arr. Todd Kendall (© 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Tony Jasinski
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Olivia S.
Lector	Michelle Alkire
Communion Assistant	Michelle Alkire
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

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DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

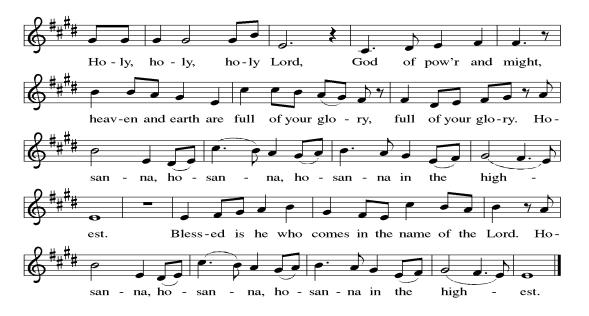
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed... Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

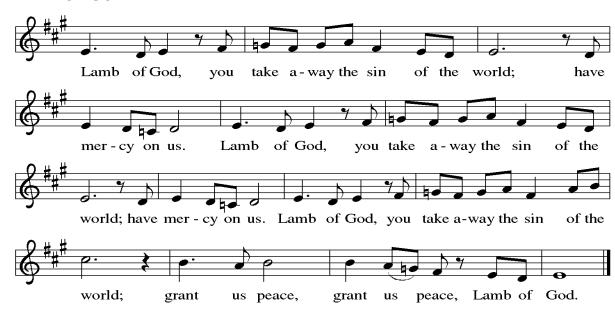
Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

(Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

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