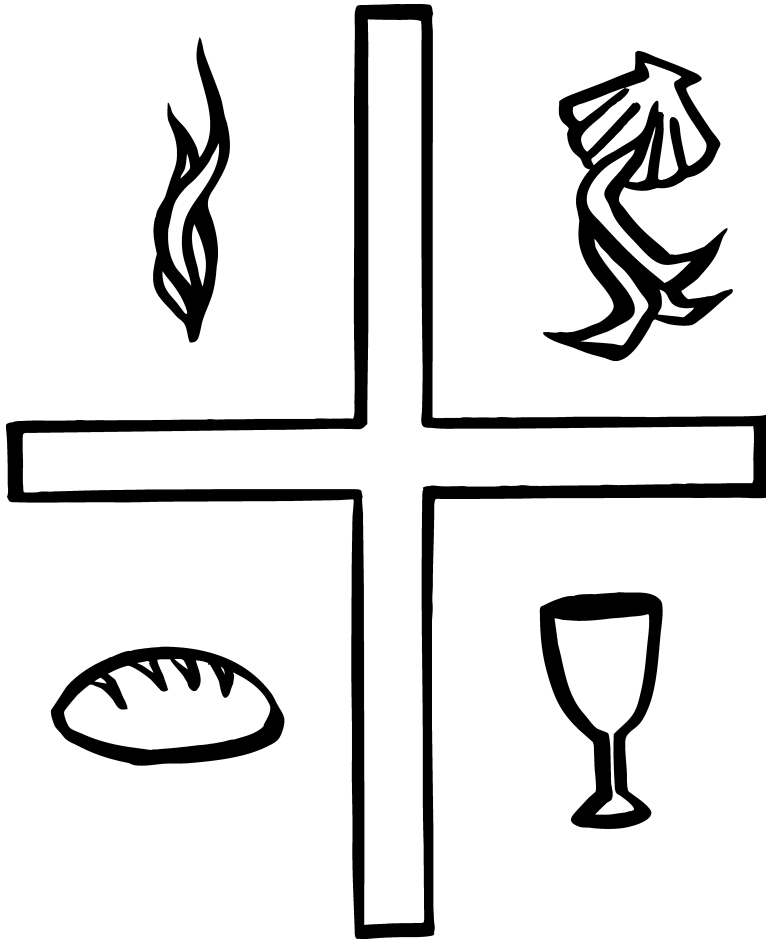


**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 10:15 AM
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TEN**



**ORDER OF SERVICE
The Rev. Richard Whitesel
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**God's purpose for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church: Live by His Word and spread His Word.**

PRELUDE:

INTRODUCTION

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

C **Amen.**

P God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

A The first reading is from the book of Acts, chapter 16. *Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."

And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

A Please pray together Psalm 97 responsively. The congregation will read the bold faced verses.

- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the ¹ earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the ¹ isles be glad.
- ² **Clouds and darkness sur- ¹ round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations ¹ of God's
throne.
- ³ Fire goes be- ¹ fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on ¹ every side.
- ⁴ **Lightnings light ¹ up the world;**
the earth ¹ sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains ¹ melt like wax
before the Lord of ¹ all the earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- ¹ ness, O LORD,**
and all the peoples ¹ see your glory.
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in
false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, ¹ all you gods.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- ¹ dah rejoice,**
because of your judg- ¹ ments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth;
you are exalted far a- ¹ bove all gods.
- ¹⁰ **You who love the ¹ LORD, hate evil!**
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from
the hand ¹ of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns ¹ for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- ¹ est of heart.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the ¹ LORD, you righteous,**
and give thanks to God's ¹ holy name.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A The second reading is from the book of Revelation chapter 22. *The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken on Wednesday, sung on Sunday.)

C ***Alleluia.*** I will not leave you orphaned, ¹ says the Lord.* I am com- ¹ ing to you. ***Alleluia. (John 14:18)***



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW

NICENE CREED

A We confess our faith together with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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 INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in
 prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter
 your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to
 embrace all who seek your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence.
 Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease
 them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado
 destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O
 God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, especially True North VBS at St. John's. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace.

OFFERING-*Please be seated as the Usher's collect today's offering. Stand when the first verse of the Canticle begins.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE—

This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen

MEAL

DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

- P** 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 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and 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 -

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

COMMUNION– *Please move forward for *communion forming 2 lines down the center isle. Receive the host, then move left or right accordingly to receive the wine. (A grape juice option is on the table, not in the trays).*

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

After all have communed, please stand.

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

C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself
known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your
glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary
world.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with
resurrection dawn, now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE:

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WE WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS who have come to worship with us! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized persons are invited to the Lord's table. As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives us, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, be assured that in a single element you receive the Real Presence of Christ and the gifts of the sacrament.

You may come forward with your hands crossing your chest for a blessing in lieu of the Eucharist. Children receive when parents make that decision.

Sunday Worship is streamed live on Facebook

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You can donate electronically by clicking on "GIVE". See what's new AND view a live schedule of events by clicking on the "Calendar" tab!!

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NURSERY

Everyone is welcome in Worship at St. John's! We do not have a staffed nursery, but we understand you sometimes need a break. The nursery is clean and available as needed. It also has a speaker to hear the service. The Nursery is located right inside the hallway before entering the Narthex (lobby).

JUST FOR KIDS—There are children's activity bags in the narthex on the pew at the glass windows. Inside the bags are a children's bulletin, crayons and other activities. Please feel free to pick one up for your child to use during the worship service!

2025 Graduates! Do you have a graduate in your family? We at St. John's would love to honor them and pray for them in June. Contact the church office 717-684-2763 or saintjohnscol@gmail.com so we can add their names to the list!

THE COLUMBIA FOOD BANK

In addition to other non perishables here is a list of items currently needed: **Baked beans, canned fruit, canned pasta and canned stews.** Please place your items in the food bank box located in the back of the church.



THANKS
to

**Pastor
Dione
Klepetka!**

Pastor Whitesel will return from his vacation on Tuesday, June 2.

We give thanks to Pastor Dione Klepetka for leading us in worship today!

Thank you for being such a blessing to St. John's. Your presence and ministry make a real difference in the lives of many.



TRUE NORTH-VBS 2025

Something really great is coming!! At True North, kids will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. This will be a fun high energy environment for kids ages 4-12.

Together we will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world!

Monday, June 23, to Thursday, June 26, from 6pm to 8pm!

A program by ***"Critter Connections"*** will be the Grand Finale on the last day for the whole family!

For more information, to register your children **OR** to volunteer check out the VBS Website! Be sure to click on the **"DETAILS"** button lower left of the page!

<https://vbspro.events/p/saintjohnscol>



Volunteers are needed! I hope you will consider joining the volunteer team for TRUE NORTH! It takes a team of at least 25-30 volunteers to make this a successful event.

VBS WORK NIGHT JUNE 2, FROM 6-8 PM.

The food donation list is on the bulletin board inside the Locust Street Ramp doors.

Thank you! Theresa Divet—717-449-1772

Serving in worship:**June 1****Greeter**

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Lector

Doug Halter

Ushers

Latisha Murray

Bill Colin

Assisting Minister

Tiffany Nell

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Lector

Theresa Whitesel

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