

St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School

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10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number . For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouth-piece/mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of the feedback and distract from our worship.. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

We are beginning to open up the church to worship in it. We will need to social distance as family units, wear masks, wash hands and enjoy fellowship together. Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program will allow you to fellowship with and be active together in worship. You are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays after the worship on zoom for those attending at church. Private communion is offered upon request. We will continue to utilize zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship today.

Pastor Hank & St. John's Congregation

St. John's Lutheran Church & CCDC
The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word / Communion after main service.

GREETINGS:

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Jesus Christ is Risen!

C: Jesus Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

C: and again a little while, and you will see Me.

LSB 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

INTROIT (Ps.145:1-2,8,10,21 Antiphon Jn.16:16)

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

C: and again a little while, and you will see Me.

P: I will extol You, my God and King,

C: and bless Your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless You

C: and praise Your name forever and ever.

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,

C: and all Your saints shall bless You!

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C: and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

**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.**

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

C: and again a little while, and you will see Me.

KYRIE: (sing)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is Risen!

C: Jesus Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE / “This Is the Feast of Victory for our God” (chanted)

Refrain : This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia

1. -- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.*
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a - tion. Stanza 4
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen *Refrain*
5. For the Lamb -- Who was slain has begun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION (chanted)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT of the Day:

P: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN. (Chanted)

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "God over and join the chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (adapt. from Matt.28:7; Heb.2:7; Ps.8:6)

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE READING: 1John 4:1-12

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved,

let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love, does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE: *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: death no longer has dominion over Him, Alleluia.

P: If anyone love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him,

C: and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.

P: Jesus Christ is Risen!

C: Jesus Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

Common Verse: *(chanted)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Jesus Christ is Risen!

C: Jesus Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

HYMN LSB 827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting Who will bear the sheaves away?” Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
2. Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon; Some are called in heat of midday, Other late in after noon; Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields, There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.

3. For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil, Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil; So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy
and peace—Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
4. Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end, When with His
angelic reapers He in glory shall descend. Soon the night the final harvest, Soon the time for
work shall cease. Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

SERMON: “ Bearing Much Fruit to the Glory of God ”

Nicene Creed *(the confession of Christ’s Universal Christian Church)*

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only -begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was
buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into
heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by
the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one
Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+)
of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn: LSB 803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around
Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain head of love divine:
joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Morning Prayer

P: *O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the
beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we
fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your
governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

Prayer Hymn LSB 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O Let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died
for me, Oh may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
3. While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness
turn to day, Wipe sorrow’s tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee a side.
4. When ends life’s transient dream, When death’s cold, sullen stream Shall o’er me roll, Blest
Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is):

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER:

**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.

Collect for Grace:

Offering Hymn LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1. Praise and thanks-giving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of
sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
3. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One
with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord’s ministry by sending your offering in support of
God’s ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)

*In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community
and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal
app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org*

OFFERTORY: (Sing)

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

BENEDICTION

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.*

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn LSB 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living, The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us, Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Rev. Ronald Saatkamp has gone on to be with the Lord. He served the congregation of St. Mark’s in Provo from 1989-2004.
2. Please keep in your prayers: Dru Gylten, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Barbara Clark, and Colleen & Ray Johnson.
3. Wednesday Bible Study is at 10 AM on zoom. Request a link from Susan. All are invited.
4. The church is open for at church worship. Please social distance and wear masks. Communion is offered 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month for our members and those visiting who are members in pulpit and altar fellowship with the Missouri Synod. If you have had your shots please consider returning to in-person worship at church. If you have your shots you can neither get the virus nor give it. So you are encouraged to get the shot and return to a normal life and worship. We will continue zoom for those who need it and/or on vacation or just visiting our website.
5. We are going ahead with the proposal for the roof repair and swamp cooler replacement. If you desire further info or would like to take lead on this project please say so now.
6. Start gathering your yard sale donation stuff together for a tentative yard sale the beginning of June. President Bob is beginning plans to have one for us. One person’s junk another person’s treasure.
7. I am looking for a CDL driver who can pass a background check and wants to work with kids. Let me know if you know of any candidates or would like the job.

Blessing on your week.
Joy & Peace in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Jesus Christ is risen!
Pastor Hank