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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3/4, 2025

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ~ Almighty God, who reigns on high: Hear our prayer for the sake of the Lamb of God Jesus Christ, who lived and died to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil. By your Holy Spirit working through the Word and Sacraments, strengthen our faith, and cause us to be the people you created us to be. Embracing with joy what you have done for us, cause us to live for you now, and finally to attain the blessings of heaven where we will join our voices with saints and angels to sing the new and everlasting song of praise to you forever and ever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *There is a Higher Throne* CW 885

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Be seated

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1–22

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the

Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more

powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 30

You Have Turned My Wailing into Dancing

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:11–14

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:
“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, or ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Timothy 1:10



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

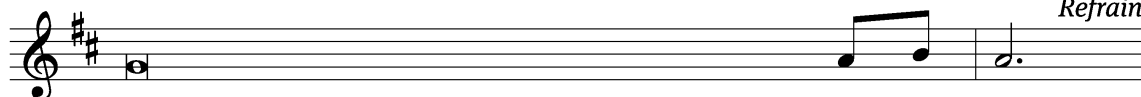


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Christ Jesus has de - stroyed death



and has brought life and immortality to light through the gos - pel.

GOSPEL

John 21:1–14

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing a New Song to the Lord

CW93 245

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with four lines of text. The chords are indicated by letters above the notes.

System 1: Chords: G, F, G, Dm, G. Lyrics: 1 Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom; 2 Now to the ends of the earth, See, his sal-; 3 Sing a new song and re-joice! Pub-lish his; 4 Join with the hills and the sea Thun-ders of

System 2: Chords: G, F, G, Dm, C, G. Lyrics: won-ders be-long! Re-joice in his; va-tion is shown, And still he re-; prais-es a-broad! Let voic-es in; praise to pro-long! In judg-ment and

System 3: Chords: Am, C, D, C, G, Am, D. Lyrics: tri-umph and tell of his pow'r! Oh,; mem-bers his mer-cy and truth, Un-; cho-rus, with trum-pet and horn, Re-; jus-tice he comes to the earth. Oh,

System 4: Chords: G, Em, Am, D, G, Am, G. Lyrics: sing to the Lord a new song!; chang-ing in love to his own.; sound for the joy of the Lord!; sing to the Lord a new song!

Stand

NICENE CREED

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

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CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Are They* CW 886

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Samuel w/ Prof. Dolan
Monday	1 pm	Stewardship Meeting @ MLC
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	7 pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Proverbs
	5:30 pm	Board of Discipleship
	7 pm	Bible Class: Ruth
Friday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Philemon
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, May. 11	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Samuel w/ Prof. Dolan
Monday, May. 12	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Wednesday, May. 14	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
Thursday, May. 15	10 am	Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm	Bible Class: Ruth
Friday, May. 16	9:30 am	No More Women's Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 693

Fruits of Faith:

\$13,485 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$284,766 / YTD: \$292,574
\$1,950 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$30,779 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$995 MVL ~ YTD: \$18,623 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$10 K-12 Education Assistance
\$100 Building Fund
\$100 Undesignated Memorials
\$200 Iris Boxes

Christians Forward Southeast Asia ~ All are invited to join the Women of St. John's on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Anne Press, Founder & President/CEO of CFSA. CFSA is a non-profit organization providing spiritual and humanitarian aid around the world. Please join us and bring a friend!

Church Cleaning ~ An indoor/outdoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 9-11 a.m. It is a come and go event. Men, women and children are needed. Many hands make light work! All cleaning supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact Sarah Logston (507-766-6455) or Mikal Schwark (507-304-3121).

St. John's Cancer Group ~ will meet on Sunday, June 1, at 3:00pm in the fellowship area. Anyone living with a history of cancer (whether the diagnosis was recent or longer ago) as well as adult family members and friends who support someone with cancer are encouraged to attend. We will be previewing *When Cancer Comes*, a series of three books published recently by Northwestern Publishing House. This series uses the Biblical accounts of Job, Jeremiah, and Paul along with personal cancer stories to encourage and provide Gospel comfort to persons with cancer and to those who care about them. We will also discuss a possible project to extend spiritual comfort and support to others who are diagnosed with cancer.

Thank You ~ Thank you to everyone who provided food for the Lenten and Easter morning meals. Thank you also to all the individuals who volunteered to help serve and cleanup for those meals. Many hands made light work! And pleasant company made the work a joy!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWMS Voting ~ The annual ballot for LWMS board positions and Home/World mission projects can be found in the new narthex. Any confirmed women of St. John's are welcome to cast their vote. Information about the individuals/mission projects can be found with the ballot. Please complete the ballot by Sunday, 5/18/25 and leave it in the basket on the table. Thank you.

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, May 12 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm for a noon Papa Murphy's pizza meal. The costs will be covered with Thrivent Action Team moneys. If you have not signed up and plan to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or phone 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, May 7, 2025, for a meal count. Following the meal and a devotion, Coral Cady-Metcalf will present, "Bringing Christianity to Indonesia." Hope you can make it.

Dig In Gala Exciting Change! ~ Each year the students of St. Paul's School collaborate to create items that go up for auction at the Dig In Gala. This year those items will be part of a NEW Online auction! The auction will be available for bidding on Monday, May 5 until the night of the Gala, Friday, May 9. In addition, we will have a Green Bay Packers item and a Minnesota Vikings item up for the online auction. Which item will draw larger bids for the School Building Campaign? Only time will tell! You can access the online auction here starting midnight on Monday morning, May 5: <https://ourschool.auction/digingala2025>

Soccer Camp ~ Join John and Paul Ministries June 9-12, 2025, from 9-11:30 am at the MLC Soccer Fields as experienced leaders and coaches help children ages 4 - 4th grade improve their soccer skills through skill practice and scrimmages and learn the love of Jesus through daily devotions! \$30/child (\$20 additional children of the same family.) Register now at johnandpaulministries.com! *Registration deadline is May 18.* Questions? Reach out to camp coordinator Nick Schmoller at nick.schmoller@gmail.com.

Soccer Camp Help ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp, please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministires.com! Questions? Reach out to Laura Martens (JPM event coordinator) at lmartens@splnewulm.org.

CLE ~ The Christian Leadership Experience (CLE), hosted by The Antioch Foundation since 2015, is about building the next generation of leaders for the Church. From training our children to living our faith at work, from volunteering for a committee to participating musically at church, God places opportunities in front of each of us to lead in unique ways. With a broad range of keynotes and breakouts, the CLE has something for everyone, including an in-depth leadership track available on Friday. Networking opportunities abound, with a relaxing social event on Friday evening. We hope you will join us for this two-day event and experience Christian fellowship and opportunities to follow, serve, and lead!
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Visit www.christlead.com for more information and registration details.

Martin Luther College ~ is accepting applications for a part-time Men's Assistant Soccer Coach and a part-time Men's Assistant Basketball Coach. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/. Thank you.

LMSG ~ Celebrate 10 years of Christ-centered military ministry with Lutheran Military Support Group! From now through May 17, 2025, your gift will go twice as far—thanks to a \$10,000 matching challenge. Your support helps provide spiritual care, mental health resources, scholarships, and more for WELS and ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Give today at www.lutheranmilitary.org or use the QR code to double your impact!

About the Cover ~ Revelation 5 gives us a description of the scene before the throne of God, where twenty-four Elders, four winged creatures, and an innumerable choir of saints and angels worship God and the Lamb who was slain, that is, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. John tells us they sang a "new song" to the Lord. We, dear Christian friends, are a part of that great choir. The new song we sing is the gospel chorus which echoes the great message that we have been saved eternally by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.