

St. John's Lutheran Church

ELCA



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Meditation

During the prelude, we invite you into a time of reflection. The main doors of the sanctuary will remain closed prior to worship so those who wish may have a time of centering and reflection of the past week, our community, our world, and God's sacrificial and redeeming love for us all.

Church Year Information~ Season: Easter • Color: White

ORDER OF WORSHIP: GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—

*for Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Little Suamico River,
Oconto River, Fox River, Peshtigo River,*

the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water. **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—

a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water. **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We remember the waters of Jesus—

baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water. **We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for this font,

for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism. **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

GATHERING HYMN: (See insert)

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: (See insert)

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (ELW 172)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: (See insert)

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS- *The noisy offering today will be donated to a local school to help cover breakfast & lunch expenses for children in need.*

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: (See insert)

THE NICENE CREED: (ELW [Page](#) 104)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP TIME

As the well-known hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe." Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, it is only right that we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, our skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts to God.

STEWARDSHIP OF GENEROSITY

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of St. John's Ministries.

Offerings may be given in the following ways:

- Use the QR code to the right to make a gift.
- Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.
- Enroll in Simply Giving for automatic giving from a bank account or credit card.
(See Karie for more information.)



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686, vs. 1&2)

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blestest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

PRAYER OF FAITHFUL RESPONSE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful...

...Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! **Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal...

...life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW [Page 112](#))

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: (*See insert*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: (*See insert*)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Reverend Stacy Malzhan

Office Manager & Family/Youth Ministry Director— Karie Peters

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm

Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy

Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING HYMN:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Have No Fear, Little Flock (ELW 764)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW 789)

SENDING HYMN:

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)

Emily Cassel: *Daughter-in-law of Doug & Jenn Cassel, Master of Arts, Music Education, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota.*

Grace Wagner: *Daughter of Tim & Karie Peters, West De Pere High School, attending NWTC with a major in Radiography and/or Nursing.*

Lila Walkowiak: *Daughter of Sam & Brenda Walkowiak, Oconto High School, attending UW-Stevens Point with a major in Psychology.*

Claire Miller: *Niece of Fran Miller, Masters in Counseling, Western Michigan University*





Please remember these people in your prayers.

There are **PRAYER CARDS** in the Narthex beneath the name tags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and will remain there for 3 weeks. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact Karie in the church office.

Those who mourn:

The family of Terri O'Hearn
 The family of Betty Couillard (Sister of Doug Malueg)
 The family of Randy Denneau (Brother of Lorna Koch)

Those who are home bound:


Arlene Matuszewski Fran Koski Arlene Giese Ron and Diana Sefcik
 Edwin Kazik (Father of Karie Peters) Donna Ward (Sister of Lorna Koch)
 Bud & Ann Wardecki (Parents of Barb Dorn)

Those who are ill/recovering/ have special needs or concerns:

Ron Koch Earl & Shirley Habeck Doris Fleck
 Wayne Wentworth Joe Kozlovsky
 Marie Zirbel Meyer (Aunt of Janet Francies) Mark Heisel (Friend of Greg & Tammy Yager)
 Mike Killian (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters) Peggy Foltz (Sister of Beth Wentz)
 Kerry Franica (Friend of Doris Fleck) Jason Heider (Son of Janet Heider)
 Helen Mohan (Daughter of Tess Smith) Al Reimer (Friend of Pam Giese)
 Kay Koch (Friend of Lorna Koch) Ashley Rogers (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters)
 Erin Culbertson (Friend of Doris Fleck) Yvonne Virtues (Mother of Pat Virtues)
 Carol Barker (Mother of Beth Wentz) Mike & Carmen Peters (Parents of Tim Peters)
 Eli Marchand (Son of Michelle Marchand) Bob Bastian (Brother-in-law of Pat Bastian)
 Kelly Havlik Lacera (Friend of Desiree Kozlovsky)
 Nick Carter (Friend of Duayne & Pat Rosenberg)
 Brenton Severson (Grandson of Janet Francies)
 Jill Willner (Niece & Cousin of Ann, Rob & Nikky Urbaniak)
 Sharon Hanson (Sister/Sister-in-law of Doug & Helen Malueg)
 Sophia Franda (Granddaughter of Dawn Demeny)
 John and Shirley Tramontin (Parents of Tess Smith)
 Dave Hansen (Nephew of Doug & Helen Malueg)
 Chris Johnson (Brother-in-law of Tammy Yager)

Those who are serving in the Military:

Josh & Cheyenne Perrault- Air Force
 Gage Boyd- Air Force (Grandson of Tracey & Pamela Krumrei)
 Alex Culbertson-Wisconsin National Guard (Grandson of Dave & Ginny Burkart)
 Sam Cooper-Captain, Army Reserves (Son of Jerry & Michelle Cooper)

<i>This Week at St. John's</i>			
Sun, April 26	Mon, April 27	Tues, April 28	Wed, April 29
Baccalaureate Sunday 9:00am, Worship 10:15am, BOOYAH!!! Fellowship Faith Finders!		5:30pm, Y&E Team	5:45pm, Club 9 
Thurs, April 30	Fri, May 1	Sat, May 2	Sun, May 3
11:30am, Brown Bag Bible Study	<i>Office Closed</i>	6:00pm, AA Mtg	7:30am, Auction Team 9:00am, Worship 10:15am, Fellowship Faith Finders! Stewardship Team WELCA Meeting