

**May 5, 2024**



**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

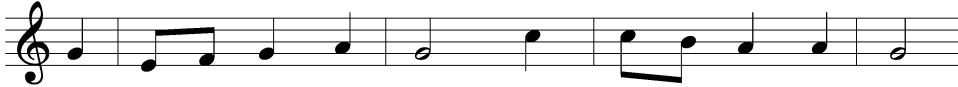
**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Juneau                  Salem-Lowell                  Horicon**

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Hymn 730

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Confession**

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**A - men.**

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## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



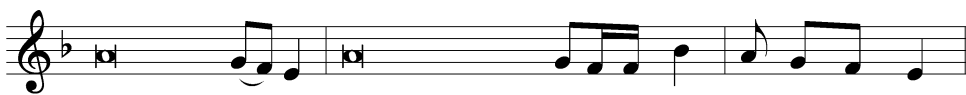
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



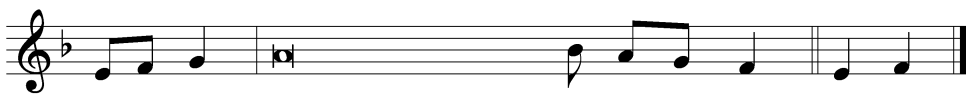
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **First Reading**

*Acts 9:36–42 EHV*

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, “Come to us without delay!”

<sup>39</sup> Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 John 4:7–11,19–21 EHV*

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God’s love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his

Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another...

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*1 Corinthians 13:13 EHV*

Alleluia. So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

*John 15:9–17 EHV*

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. <sup>12</sup> "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

## Hymn 728

## “This Is My Will”



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should  
2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to  
3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows  
4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should  
5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwelt a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should  
die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -  
all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I  
go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in  
sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.  
beyond what I com - mand that you should do.  
hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.  
me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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## Sermon

John 15:9-17

*Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours*

Stand



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated*

## Offering

*Stand*

### Offering Hymn 749 v.1

### “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

*8:00 and 9:30 AM Services resume on page 12 with the Prayer of the Church.  
10:30 AM Service continues with the Confirmation of our students.*

Be seated

## Confirmation

*Eleven of our youth will participate in the Rite of Confirmation today. Confirmation gives these young adults the opportunity to make their own public profession of faith in Christ. Through this rite, our congregation also affirms that they have been instructed in the true teachings of the Scriptures and have been properly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

## Vows

### Confirmation Verse / Blessing

**Ayden Jason Amend**

**Matthew 28:20 NIV**

*I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

**Brody Herbert Behring**

**Joshua 24:14 NIV**

*Fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness.*

**Brooklyn Marie Borchardt**

**Psalms 46:5 NIV**

*God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.*

**Paige Madison Guasta**

**1 John 2:24-25 NIV**

*See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you.*

*If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.*

*And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.*

**Noah Michael Kohn**

**1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV**

*Be self-controlled and alert.*

*Your enemy the devil prowls around him like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering.*

**Madysen Elizabeth Kuehn**

**Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

**Makayla Grace Kuehn**

**Psalms 139:14 NIV**

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

**Leonardo Jay Panetti**

**Psalms 40:8 ESV**

*I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.*

**London Michael Dale Rennhack**

**Matthew 7:24-27 EHV**

*“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”*

**Annaliese Grace Tolkinen**

**Jeremiah 29:11 NIV**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**Lailynn Jolee White**

**Revelations 2:10 NIV**

*Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Stand

## Prayer of the Church & 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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn 762

## “Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young”



1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth pos-  
2 When faced with pres-sure, grief or pain, when Sa - tan comes al -



sess - ing, de - clare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in  
lur - ing, may their bap - tis - mal grace re - main a ref - uge



Christ con - fess - ing. From birth your firm em-brace has held them  
re - as - sur - ing. God's prom - is - es are sure; his mer - cy



in your grace. Bap-tized in - to your name, re-deemed and  
will en - dure. They shall not be un - done who trust in



free from blame, as your dear chil - dren keep them.  
Christ a - lone; God is their might - y Fa - ther!

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## Announcements

**Sunday Bible Class May 5<sup>th</sup>:** There will be no bible class in Juneau on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Class will still be held at 8:15 AM in Lowell as usual.

**Save the Date for Vacation Bible School:** St. John’s will be hosting our annual VBS with the theme “Splash Canyon” from June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 12:15-3:30 PM each day. Save the date for this fun-filled and faith-building week for ages 3K-6<sup>th</sup> grade! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or prepping food, please see the sign-up in the narthex at Juneau or Lowell. There is a meeting planned for volunteers on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Juneau Fellowship Hall.

**OWLS Gatherings!** OWLS meetings are handicapped accessible, last about two hours, with refreshments and time to socialize. WELS and ELS seniors who are retired and/or 55+ years are encouraged to become members and guests are always welcome.



- Our area Seniors (OWLS) Dinner is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's in Beaver Dam. We start with a potluck at noon in the church basement. After a devotion, retired Professor John Brenner will give a presentation on "Our Seminary through the Years."
- Fellowship and Games at Salem-Lowell! The Rock River Area OWLS will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 pm at our Lowell Campus. Mrs. Linda Redfield will lead the fellowship games. On the meeting agenda will be election of officers, president and secretary are up for election.
- Save the date for the OWLS Picnic at Aero Park in Watertown on Tuesday, July 16 at 12 pm NOON.

**Call Updates:**

- Mr. Lober has received a call to St. Paul's in Tomah, WI
- Mr. Cody has received a call to Eastside Lutheran in Madison, WI
- Staff Minister Ryan Kummerow received a new one-year call from our church to service as a bible class instructor July '24-June '25.

Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate how they can best serve their Savior!

**Thank you, Volunteers!** (5/2-5/5)

**Greeters:**

6:30 PM The Pastors, Nick and Rachel Tolkinen  
8:00 AM Becky Zimmerman, Luke and Jenifer Hirschfeld and family  
10:30 AM Ruth Ockerlander and Family Bella, Hailey, and Caleb

**Ushers:**

6:30 PM Neil Foch and Paul Schmidt  
8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Shawn Affeld  
9:30 AM Don Gibson and Dan Becker  
10:30AM Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer, Mark Ockerlander, Mason Ockerlander, Logan Ockerlander

**Lawn Mowing:** (Week of May 6<sup>th</sup>)

Juneau: Team 2 Rick Leissring and Tony Colantonio  
Lowell: Team 3 Darris and Jill Wasmund

# UPCOMING SERVICES

## ASCENSION SERVICE

St. John's will again be participating in a special Ascension Service on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM held at Zion Lutheran Church of Columbus. Please join us as we praise our Ascended Lord together with our brothers and sisters of Zion, Columbus. *(Due to this, there will be no service held in Juneau on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>)*



## UNITED IN CHRIST SUNDAY

For one special Sunday, all our campuses are invited to worship together in one service. This special service will take place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at our Juneau Campus. This service will have a special message, choirs, and music. Whether you attend the Horicon Campus, our Salem-Lowell Campus, or our Juneau Campus, please join us for this one service where we will praise our Lord together! There is no brunch planned after the service, however, you are welcome to stay and visit with other members for as long as you'd like! *(There are no services on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Horicon Campus, Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at Salem-Lowell Campus, and no additional Sunday service in Juneau.)*



## GRADUATIONS

- Our St. John's eighth grade class will conclude their St. John's School education on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at our Juneau Campus with a Graduation Service. All are invited to come and wish them God's blessings as they enter the next chapter in their lives! *(There will be a regular Thursday evening worship service on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.)*
- Lakeside graduation will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Luther Prep's graduation service will be celebrated on May 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. Dodgeland's graduation will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM.
- Graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, including Duane Backhaus, Jacob Klug, and Joshua Schroeder will receive their assignments on May 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM. The graduation ceremony will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.



## **This Week at St. John's**

### **Sunday (5/5)**

**Worship 8:00 AM- J**

**Confirmation Service 10:30 AM – J**

**Worship 9:30 AM – SL**

Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL);

*(No Bible Class in Juneau)*

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J)

### **Monday (5/6)**

Readings Class 6:30 PM – J

### **Tuesday (5/7)**

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM- Clearview

### **Wednesday (5/8)**

Confirmation 5:00 PM – J

Elders 6:00 PM-J

Trustees 6:00 PM- J

*No Adult Choir*

### **Thursday (5/9)**

**Joint Ascension**

**Service 6:30 PM- Zion, Columbus**

*No worship in Juneau*

### **Saturday (5/11)**

**Worship 5:00 PM - H**

### **Sunday (5/12)**

**Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J**

**Worship 9:30 AM – SL**

Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL); 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J)

## **Statistics**

### ***Offerings given to our Lord***

**4/18-4/21**

General	\$ 16,361.19
Debt	\$ 183.55
Improvement	\$ 10.00
Lakeside	\$ 54.90
Missions	\$ 436.90
Total	\$ 17,046.54

### ***Attendance***

Weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup> 438(55,34,172,85,92)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$158,513.40 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*



# Welcome to St. John's

## WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

## PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Richard Cody 920-386-4644

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Ryan Kummerow 608-345-1900

### Worship Services

#### Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

### Bible Classes

#### Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

#### Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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