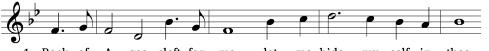
## May 12, 2024



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

## Hymn 839 v1-3

## "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my self in thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands can ful-fill thy law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim ply to thy cross I cling;



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, could my zeal no res-pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow, na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;



be of sin the dou-ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone. foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

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Stand

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

#### Kyrie

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



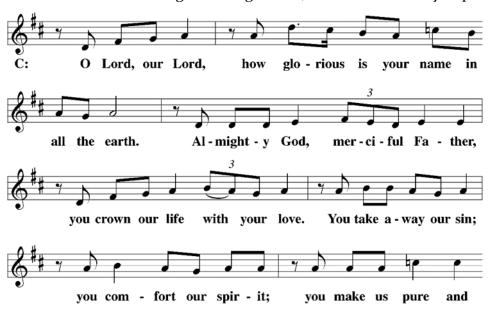
For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





## The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

## **First Reading**

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 EHV

In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

- <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word."
- <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch.

- <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- <sup>7</sup>The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.
- <sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Some men who were from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia) rose up and disputed with Stephen.

Stephen said, "Gentlemen, brothers and fathers, listen!

- <sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! You are doing just what your fathers did. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who prophesied the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers— <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as transmitted by angels, but did not keep it."
- <sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> He said, "Look, I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."
- <sup>57</sup> But they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him with one purpose in mind. <sup>58</sup> They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul.
- <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" <sup>60</sup> Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." After he said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Special Anthem** 

9:30 AM Salem-Lowell Sunday School "Jesus, I Want to Follow You"

Second Reading 1 John 5:1–6 EHV

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

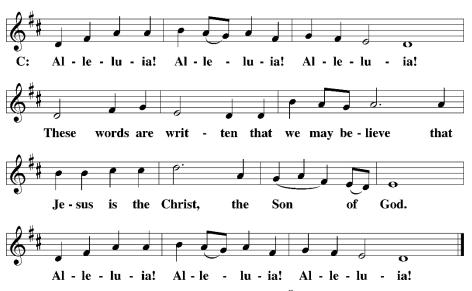
Thanks be to God.

Stand

## **Gospel Acclamation**

John 14:18 EHV

Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. Alleluia.



Gospel John 17:11b–19 EHV

Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

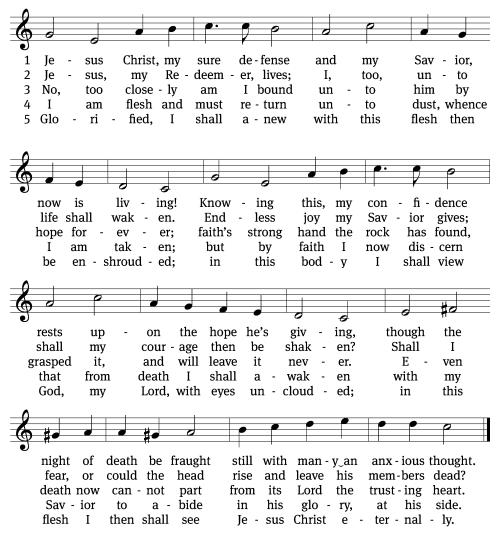
The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

## Hymn 446

## "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"



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Sermon

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-11

We Will Overcome This Broken World

#### 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

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Lord's Prayer

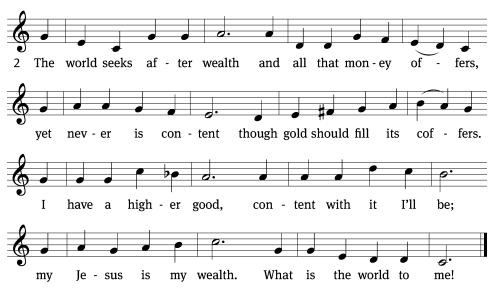
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Offering

Stand

## Offering Hymn 717 v.2

## "What Is the World to Me"



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## The Sacrament

## THE SACRAMENT

At St. John's we practice closed Communion, to which only congregational members are invited, in obedience to Scripture's teaching that the Lord's Supper is an expression of our complete unity in faith. This has been the historic practice of the Christian church for nearly 2,000 years. If you are our guest today, we respectfully ask that you speak with one of the pastors before approaching the altar for Communion.

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

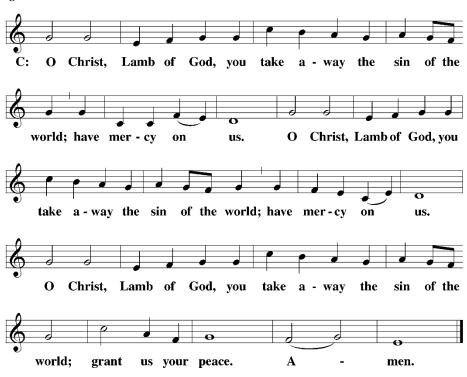
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

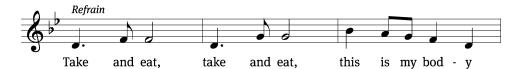
Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

## **DISTRIBUTION**







- I am the light that came into the world;
  I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
  I am the Morning Star that never sets;
  lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)
- I am the first and last, the Living One;
   I am the Lord who died that you might live;
   I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
   you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. (Refrain)

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#### THANKSGIVING

STAND

#### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.







Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

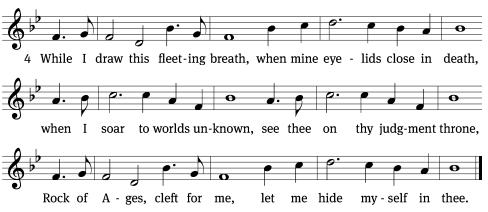
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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## "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

## Hymn 839 v.4



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#### **Announcements**

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.

#### **New Tuesday Bible Class and Outreach Opportunity:**

Angels and demons have been the subject of countless books, movies, and other creative works. They have been personified, dramatized, and even worshipped, but what does God really say about these beings?

In this Bible-based study, we'll be taking an in-depth look at their origins, purpose, and at related topics such as Witchcraft, Satanism, and the Occult. We'll learn why God's power and promises hold the ultimate message of comfort in a world preoccupied with these spiritual beings.



The new class will begin May  $28^{th}$  and is held every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month: 4:00-5:00 PM in Lowell and 6:30-7:30 PM in Juneau.

If you would like to purchase the book to enhance your study, there is a sign-up in the narthex at Juneau and Lowell. Books will be ordered by May 23<sup>rd</sup>!

<u>Outreach Opportunity</u>: Discussing this 'mainstream' topic provides the perfect opportunity to invite community members to learn more about God's word and promises. On May  $18^{th}$ , we are looking for a group of people to help spread information about this class in Reeseville and Lowell. If you are interested in helping, even if you cannot attend class, please contact Pastor Mount for more info!

**Refrigerator Needed:** Our Caroline house is in need of a refrigerator; the current ones are not working! If you have a lightly used fridge you are willing to donate or part with cost effectively, please speak to Scott Bilgrien: 920-362-0199.



**150**<sup>th</sup> **Planning Committee:** Next meeting will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Juneau fellowship hall. Please meet with the members of your sub-committee before this time. Thank you!

## **Call Updates:**

- Mr. Lober has returned his call to serve at 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 continue to keep them in your prayers!

<u>OWLS Helpers Needed:</u> Volunteers are needed to serve snacks and beverages after the OWLS meeting that will be held at the Salem-Lowell campus on Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. (See separate announcement for details of the meeting.). Contributions of cookies and bars are also needed!

<u>OWLS Gatherings!</u> 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.

## Thank you volunteers! (5/12)

#### **Greeters:**

8:00 AM Jim and Chris Holy, Deb Wolter

10:30AM Diane Pamperin, Geraldine Bischoff, Ginny Koch

#### **Communion Assistants:**

8:00 AM Rick Cody, Harold Zastrow, Dave Meister, Darris Wasmund

9:30 AM The Pastors and Paul Metzger

10:30 AM Ryan Kummerow, Jeff Greenwald, Kevin Schultz and Russ Ridge

## **Ushers:**

8:00 AM Bob Koch, Jay Panetti, Leo Panetti

9:30 AM Dennis Kohn, Isaiah Yuenger, Matt Smith, Paul Metzger

10:30AM Jerry Stolzman, Bob Henken, Dennis Lisko, Mike Schall

Lawn Mowing: (Week of May 13th)

Juneau: Team 1 Chuck Wolfram and Stan Smith

Lowell: Team 2 Jim Bublitz, Kris Heinzen

## UPCOMING SERVICES

## 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 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 (5/12)** 

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)

Monday (5/13)

Readings Class 6:30 PM - J

**Tuesday** (5/14)

End Times Study 4:00 PM (SL) & 6:30 PM (J)

## Wednesday (5/15) Mid-week Worship

Clearview: 10:00 AMJuneau: 11:00 AM

- Hillside: 2:00 PM

Confirmation 5:00 PM – J Church Council 6:30 PM- J

**Thursday (5/16)** 

No worship in Juneau

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

Saturday (5/17)

No worship in Horicon

**Sunday** (5/19)

United in Christ Sunday 9:00 AM- J

No worship in Lowell

Blood Pressure Checks 10:00 AM- J

## **Statistics**

## Offerings given to our Lord

	<u>4/25-28</u>
General	\$ 9,805.00
Debt	\$ 406.00
Improvement	\$ 175.00
Lakeside	\$ 30.00
Missions	\$ 800.00
Total	\$ 11,216.00

#### Attendance

Weekend of April 28th 361(45,27,160,55,74)

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 \$154,264.79. 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.

#### **Pastors & Assistant**

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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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