

April 25-28, 2024



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 25-28, 2024

Hymn 595 v1-3

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.

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STAND

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



C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. It contains the melody for the word "A - men." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a double bar line at the end of the staff.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



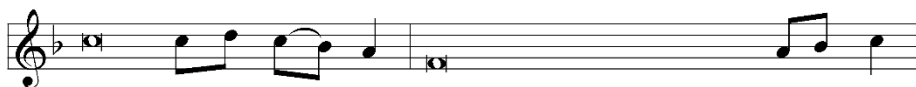
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32-37 EHV

³² The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. ³³ The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed.

³⁶ Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Anthems

8:00AM Junior Choir "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24 EHV

¹⁸ Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²² We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³ This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:5 EHV

Alleluia. "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 15:1–8 EHV

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³ "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 697

“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt. Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872 Text and tune: Public domain

The Living Lord Produces Active Faith

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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Stand

Offering Hymn 748 v.1

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth

Text and tune: Public domain

The Sacrament

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
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san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Be seated

Distribution

Hymn 668

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 whose own feast of love I savor,
 bidden by his gracious call.
 Wedding garments he provides me,
 with a robe of white he hides me,
 fits me for the royal hall.

- 6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: tr. David W. Rogner, b. 1960; Heinrich Puchta, 1808–1858 Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705
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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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 595 v.4

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”



4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Announcements

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

Meeting Minutes: If you would like to receive an email with a copy of the minutes from our Voters' and Church Council Meetings, please reach out to our Church Secretary, Keven Schultz at shotz1124@yahoo.com.

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

Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate the two calls they now hold.



We're Having a Baby Shower! St. John's Ladies Aid is hosting a shower for *New Beginnings* and *Blue Butterfly* and we need your help. We'll be collecting items for both of these WELS organizations during the month of April. There will be a drop box and gift card box in the narthexes of both our Juneau and Lowell locations. For a list of items see the tabletop displays at both locations. *Here's a great idea... purchase one of the wanted gift cards from our Scrip program! They carry all of them!*

April Voters' Meeting Items Approved: A number of action items were brought to a vote at the meeting on April 14th. The voters in attendance approved these items, including a change to our worship schedule. Beginning May 26th, there will be two services on Sundays: 8:00 AM at our Juneau Campus and 10:15 AM at our Lowell Campus. Additionally, Pastor Luetke will be pausing his ministry at St. Johns for the summer months; his Call will be re-visited at the July voters' meeting. Thank you to all who attended the meeting!

Soup for Souls at Lowell! Do you know someone who is ill, or a shut-in, or a family in need, a new baby in the family, or anyone who needs cheering up? We have LOTS of frozen food items: soups, casseroles, mac n cheese, fruit salads and desserts!!! These are all in convenient, individual single serving containers. So grab a container or two or three. **Now at Lowell** you can find Soup for Souls in the kitchen freezer (*look for the sign on the freezer*). Or in Juneau you can find it in the freezer in the room next to the kitchen (*look for the Soup for Souls signs on the door*). You'll also find a Prayer Book Basket near each of the freezers. Please be sure to take a Prayer Book to give to your intended recipient - it's a nice, comforting gift for them. FREE for the taking!

Thank you, Volunteers! (4/25-4/28)

Greeters:

- 6:30 PM Tim, Jill and Maddy Weisensel
- 8:00 AM Char Lober, Suzi Colantonio, Deanna McLain
- 10:30 AM Russ and Barb Ridge, Dan and Phyllis Wegener

Communion Assistants:

- 6:30 PM Pastor and Tim Weisensel
- 8:00 AM Dave Gerbitz, Chuck Wolfram, Luke Hirschfeld, Mike Schilling
- 9:30 AM The Pastors and Paul Metzger
- 10:30 AM Randy Mohr, Russ Ridge, Marty Weinheimer, Kevin Schultz

Ushers:

- 6:30 PM Bob Gerbitz and Ken Wolfram
- 8:00 AM Scott Bilgrien, Steve Weinheimer, Tony Colantonio, Bob McLain, Wesley McLain
- 9:30 AM Harold Lenz and William Borth
- 10:30AM Mark Saeger, Keith Weinheimer, Andy Gentz, Brandon Saeger



New Sunday Bible Class starting April 28th!
8:15 AM- Lowell & 9:30 AM- Juneau

They seemed to follow Jesus almost as closely as his disciples did, but their motive was often very different. In so many gospel accounts about the life of Jesus, they were visible—sometimes in the background, often in his face. They weren't there to learn in humility. Rather, they listened intently, hoping they could catch him speaking false doctrine or saying something they could use to discredit him before his followers. Of course, we are talking about the Pharisees. The Pharisees are the bad guys in the gospel accounts. They imagined they were the spiritual models for the Jewish nation, but they were forever clashing with the very Son of God. Though some have suggested that Jesus' message bore a resemblance to the message of the Pharisees, a closer look reveals that they were irreconcilable.

In our Bible study, *Irreconcilable!*, we will take an in-depth look at the Pharisees and the teachings that brought them in conflict with Jesus. We do that, not simply as an academic study, but to fortify ourselves against the leaven of the Pharisees that often lurks within our own hearts and to show even more clearly how the message of salvation is superior through Jesus.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (4/28)

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 (4/29)

Readings Class 6:30 PM – J

Tuesday (4/30)

End Times Study 4 PM (SL) &

6:30 PM (J)

Wednesday (5/1)

Confirmation 5:00 PM – J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

Thursday (5/2)

Examination Worship 6:30 PM – J

Ladies Aid 6:45 PM- J

Sunday School

Teacher's Mtg. 7:30 PM- J

Saturday (5/4)

Worship 5:00 PM - H

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)

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

	<u>4/11-4/14</u>
General	\$ 20,810.25
Debt	\$ 213.55
Improvement	\$ 25.00
Lakeside	\$ 129.55
Missions	\$ 489.90
Total	\$ 21,668.25

Attendance

Weekend of April 14th 382(40,20,98,98,126)

*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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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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