



Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

11:00 am

RED LETTER

CHALLENGE

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”

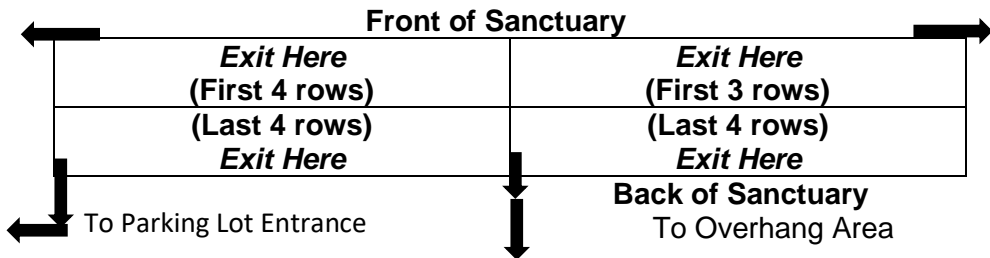
We accomplish this by:

RELY(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;
RESPOND (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

Welcome to St. John! During these challenging times we have tried to create a worship experience that helps us worship in a safe manner and is considerate and loving of our fellow believers in Christ. We do ask that you adhere to a few guidelines that are in place for your safety as well as the safety of others around you. We ask, regardless of your opinion on these difficult issues, to follow the guidelines listed below:

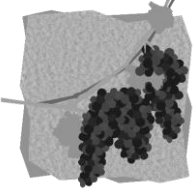
- **Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building.**
- **Please wear a mask for your safety and others.**
- **Please stay socially distanced in your selection of seating and please allow room for others who arrive later, by moving toward the middle section of the pew.**
- **We ask that you don’t sing, but hum or mouth the words as they are sung by our music leaders. If you do want to sing, please wear your mask in consideration of others.**
- **For Holy Communion make sure your used all-in-one communion cup and any other trash is placed in your baggies and discarded in the trash can when you exit the building.**
- **Please adhere to our exit strategy below:**



Thank you for following these simple guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and your consideration of others as we navigate through these trying and difficult times.

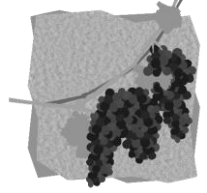
If You Are a Visitor:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily distribution of devotions and prayers from our Elders, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, we do have some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at pstrcosgrove@comcast.net.



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**
- P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(words on screen)

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Congregation is seated

FIRST READING

Psalm 103:8-13

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 2:1-6

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³" Therefore the kingdom



of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

WORSHIP AND PRAISE "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" *(words on screen)*

SERMON

Forgiving

WORSHIP AND PRAISE "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" *(words on screen)*

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE LORD ✠

PREFACE

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

(words on screen)

LORD'S PRAYER

(words on screen)

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

As the Pastor leads you, reveal each portion of the communion cup and partake of God's grace and forgiveness to you.

✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

Congregation stands

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Nothing But The Blood"

(words on screen)

DISMISSAL

(words on screen)

POSTLUDE

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St John Lives the
W.I.T.
Principle

“Whatever It Takes” for the sake of God’s Kingdom!

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