

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 30, 2021
Memorial Day Service**

Introduction to the day

Today we come to worship to reflect on the ways we have seen the hand of God at work in our nation and world. While we honor those who have fallen and those who have sacrificed and served our country so faithfully, we honor in this service as well the faithfulness of our God and the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross to save us in our battles against sin, death and the devil. Let the powerful words of Scripture, an original sermon and the rousing hymns for a national holiday in this service remind us that we have a God who stands guard over us.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONG: *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Vs 1*

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P Give glory to God, whose strong hand and mighty arm have gained the victory.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P In every circumstance, we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

C Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

P In Christ Jesus, God had fashioned us to do those good things which will glorify the Father in heaven.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P "Continue in my Word," the Savior said, "and you will know the truth, the truth that makes you free."

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"Vs 2

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Heavenly Father, we are blessed to live in a nation that celebrates and defends liberty for its citizens. Still, like the saints of old, we “desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.” Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, you have set us free from sin and death. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might live now as faithful servants of Jesus, our King, until we enjoy the eternal liberty of that better country where we will live forever in your presence. Hear our prayer for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"Vs 3

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-8

L: A reading from Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: sung to the tune Regent Square 87 87 87

(Angels from the Realms of Glory)

**In the past our God did guide us
Pilgrims in a new-found land.
In his shelter God did hide us
With a strong and saving hand.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Firm upon his grace we stand!**

**Thank the Lord, his praises voicing
For his promised faithfulness.
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Walk in paths of righteousness.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Shout his praise, his name confess.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:15-18

L: A reading from 1 John.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: sung by the congregation to the tune My Country, 'Tis of Thee:

**Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
Come, thou incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness On us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

GOSPEL: John 17:24-26

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The **Gospel Response** is sung by the congregation to the tune My Country, 'Tis of Thee:

**To thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.**

The **Homily for Memorial Day** is delivered by the pastor:

Silence for meditation

The Prayers :

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings you provide in this most favored land.

Glory be to you for those who have gone before us, for those who worked and strove, who fought and died, that we might live in peace and liberty. Oh, make us worthy of our heritage, great God; help us to remember.

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings that continue to surround us. Make us responsible stewards of your bounty, that all may have a share in your goodness and come to know your love.

Let your blessing rest upon those among us who are in need or want of any kind. [*Specific names and causes may be named here.*] In your great mercy, bless them with your grace and power, that they may come to join in singing, “Hallelujah!”

Glory be to you, O God, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message of his labor in our behalf, his death for our redemption, his resurrection and rule. Let that glorious message be proclaimed freely through this land of liberty, that we may joyfully acknowledge your lordship and faithfully live according to your will.

Glory be to you, O God! So continue to bless us on our pilgrim way that, when you call us hence at last, we may join the heavenly chorus—there where we have our true citizenship—and sing forever, “Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!”

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Our Offerings

This is our response to God's grace.

This ministry is funded by those who call St. John home and are excited about what God is doing through this ministry. If you are new to church, please don't feel any obligation to give. As much as we welcome your gifts for the Lord's work in this place, we care a whole lot more about you than money. We're just thrilled you're here.

CHOIR ANTHEM - *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Offertory Hymn: Create in Me

(ELW 186)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



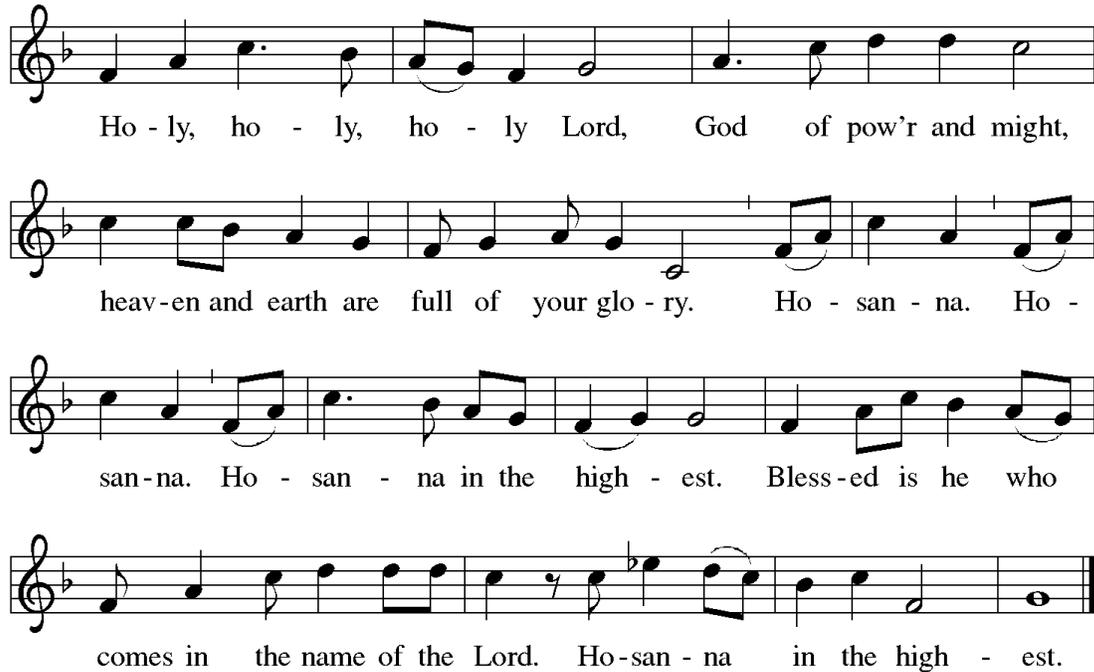
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

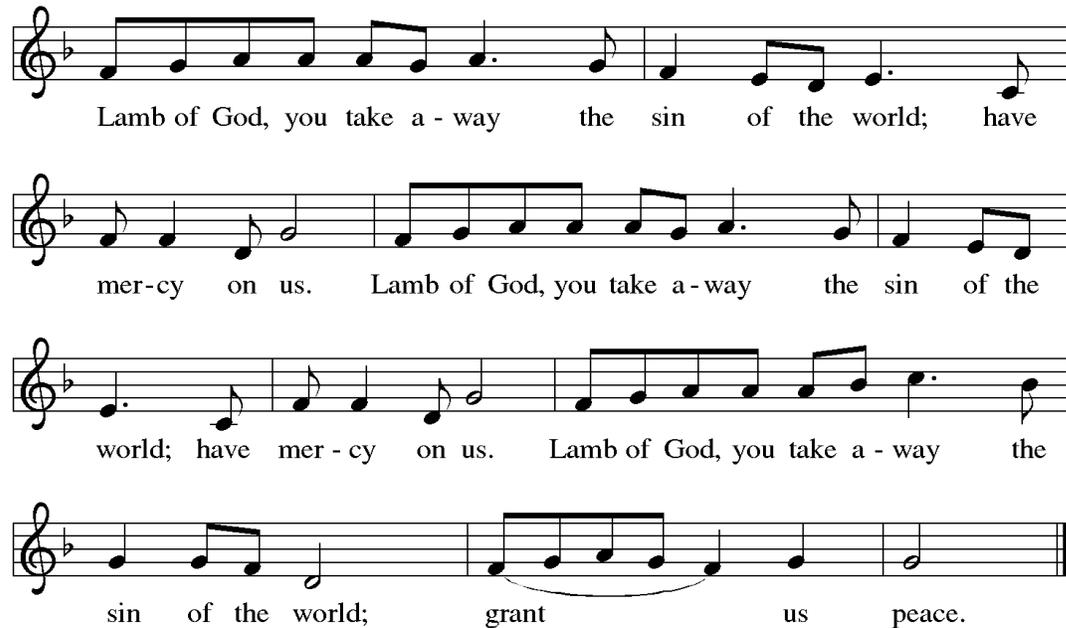
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord -----

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

{Repeat} Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord -----

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word ---.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P God, be merciful to us and bless us; make your face to shine upon us,

C that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

P May God continue to bless us. May people everywhere honor him.

SENDING SONG sung by the congregation to the tune Taps 6 9 6 3:

**God of love, from above,
Shine your face; may your grace
Still increase.
Stretch your hand o'er our land;
Grant us peace.**

**Shepherd dear, kindly hear:
Guard and keep all your sheep
Far and near;
Firmly hold in your fold,
Free from fear.**

**Spirit true, shine anew
With God's light beaming bright
In each heart.
Be God's Word gladly heard;
Faith impart.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Remember in prayer: Rowen Aldridge, Luke Antolick, Connie Barker, Bob Braucht, Dawn Hauser, Linda and Ralph Lehman, David Mitchell, Ginny Moffitt, Bob and Phyllis Moriarity, Kathy Neal, Rev. Donald and Ruth Nice, Jean Ann Snyder, John Truax, and all of our shut-ins; the safety of our military troops around the world (Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Jade Cordrey, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Maddison Myers, Tyler O'Neal, Adam Shaffer, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, Jenna White); Family Promise and the homeless in our counties. Bishop Eaton, our Presiding Bishop; and Bishop Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. For our Companion Synod in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; and for the New Love Center as it seeks to build a new food hub.

Special Thanks to this week's helpers: Lectors – Pam Wehler; Assisting Ministers - Karen Aucker and Dawn McCloskey; Acolyte – Mia Houtz; Head Usher - Shane Snyder; Teller-Shane Snyder and Christine Barner; Bulletin sponsor -; Bread Sponsor –.

Next week's helpers: Lector –Kathy Brundick; Assisting Ministers -Deb Heydrich and Ron Brundick; Acolyte –; Head Usher -Kaye long; Teller-Betty Allen; Bulletin Sponsor -Cynthia Breon; Bread Sponsor –Jean Ann Snyder.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Lutheran Church **Women's Prayer Chain** is a vital ministry of St. John Lutheran. Anyone in need of prayers is asked to contact any of the following persons:

Gloria Ely – 570-873-3597
Sarah Davidson - 570-398-0659
Joyce Braucht - 570-398-2852

Mr. Sticky's coupons

Mr. Sticky's Coupon are available for \$4.00 each proceeds benefit Summer recreation can be purchased downstairs following worship this morning please see Christine Barner.

Giving Plus+

Download the "Giving Plus+" app from your app store for your cell phone. Also available on our web site. Enter your email, make up a password, and walk through the choices to give the church an electronic donation by check or debit/credit card. People were asking if they could give electronically by debit/credit card.

Give+ Text:

Simply send a text message to 570-865-1101 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

Youth Ministry

“Grab-a-Tab”

The youth of St. John would like to ask for donations of little tabs from beverage, soup and dessert cans. It doesn't matter what color the tab, just grab them and deliver them to the church office. This project will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. “Grab-a-Tab” program allows people of all ages to join in the effort of providing a “Home-away-from-Home” to children with cancer or other serious illnesses and their families.



Summer Camp

Sign up for Summer Camp at Camp Mt. Luther. Registration forms and Camp Brochures are available please see Molly. Our Christian Education Ministry encourages all our youth to attend camp and we will pay your registration fees. Church camp is a great place to grow in your faith.



Honoring the 2021 Graduates

We will be recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our 2021 Graduates from High School and College on Sunday, June 13 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Please join us downstairs for a tea following the service.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 30, 2021

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

The Holy Trinity

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. A.A. and N. A. meetings

Sunday, June 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor will be on vacation from Friday, June 4 - Thursday June 10.