

# St. John Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
9:00 am Sunday, May 16, 2021



## St. John's Mission Statement

We confess Jesus as Lord and Savior and conform our lives to his by:

- † Being a presence in the community
- † Nurturing children in the faith
- † Providing a place to belong
- † Showing compassion to those in need

## Order of Service

*The assembly will speak the words in bold print.*

*Hymns may be found in the back of the bulletin.*

*\*The assembly stands.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

\*WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*GATHERING HYMN– **Red #665** ..... ***“Rise Shine You People”***

EASTER LITANY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness

**we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.  
For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**  
Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.  
For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!  
**We are called to be Easter people!**  
Darkness cannot claim us!  
**Fear cannot bind us!**  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – **W&P 135**..... ***“We are the Church”***

GREETING

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

READINGS ..... **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13**

### PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – **Dakota Road**..... *“Alleluia”*

\*GOSPEL.....**John 17:6-19**

SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY – **Red #657** ..... *“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”*

\*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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SUNG RESPONSE - Red #180.....*“The Spirit Intercedes for Us”*

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,  
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance,  
just as you do with our lives.  
Use these gifts that we offer for the healing of the nations  
We pray this in the name of the risen Christ who taught us to pray saying...

\*THE 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.**

## SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN – **ELW #389** ..... ***“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”***

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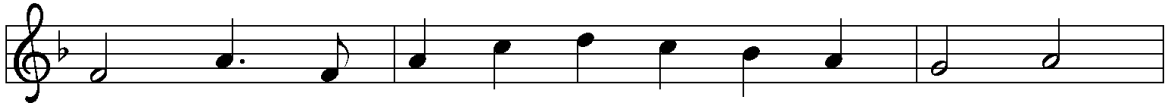
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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# The Church Song



We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;



we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.



1 The church is not a build - ing

2 You can go to wor - ship

3 The church is not a busi - ness,

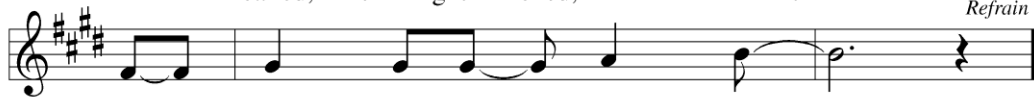
4 The church, it is the peo - ple



where peo - ple go to pray;  
but you can - not go to church;  
a com - mit - tee or a board;  
liv - ing out their lives,



it's not made out of sticks and stones,  
you can't find a build - ing that's a - live  
it's not a cor - por - a - tion for  
called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied



it's not made out of clay.  
no mat - ter how you search.  
the busi - ness of the Lord.  
for the work of Je - sus Christ.

Text: Jay Beech

Music: THE CHURCH SONG, Jay Beech

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# Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia

Lord, to whom shall we go? *Fine* You have the

words of e - ter - nal life.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia'. The second staff contains 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' followed by a fermata over a dotted quarter note, then the word 'You' above a dotted quarter note, and 'have the' above a quarter note. The word 'Fine' is written above the fermata. The third staff contains 'words of e - ter - nal life.' with a fermata over a dotted half note. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.



# Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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# The Spirit Intercedes for Us



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with



sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

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# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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