

Cantate
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025 T 9:00 AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-10), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

About Cantate Sunday

This Fifth Sunday of Easter is named Cantate after the beginning of the Introit in Latin: *Cantate Domino!* "Sing unto the Lord!" (Ps. 98:1) Cantate is an especially fitting day in the Church Year for joyous music-making unto God; thus, both Adult and Youth Choirs are singing this morning; and trumpet and flute will be heard in addition to the piano and organ. Moreover, *you* are heartily invited to raise your voices and *make a joyful noise unto the Lord* this day, to *rejoice and sing praise*, and to *sing unto the Lord . . . with the voice of a psalm*. (Ps. 98).

Divine Service, Setting Three,
Lutheran Service Book, page 184

Hymns

488 556

556 633

947 487

797 466

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Prelude WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

G. P. Telemann

J. S. Bach

Announcements

Opening Hymn: *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word* 488

Hymn introduction by Kevin Hildebrand

Confession and Absolution.....page 184

Introit (sung by choir)

Psalm 98:1–7 (Setting: TLH 667)

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth. With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.
Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what
You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts
may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you
will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 1:16-21

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and
every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own
will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of
firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



(Choir) *Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more:
Death has no more dominion over Him.*

Romans 6:9



Holy Gospel

John 16:5-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁵[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Apostles' Creedpage 192

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Hymn of the Day:

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice556, sts. 1–5

Choir sings stanza 4 (Setting by Henry V. Gerike).

Sermon

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Offertory: *Create in Me* pages 192–193

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Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Youth Choir: *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free (LSB 473)*

† Blessing of Graduates †

All Graduates from our St. John's church family are invited forward for a blessing and prayer.

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Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through Agnus Deipages 194–198

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Distribution Hymns (as needed)

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice556, sts 6–10

Choir sings stanza 8.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing 633

MAY HYMN OF THE MONTH

All Glory Be to God on High..... 947
Choir sings stanza 2.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 487
Praise the Almighty.....797

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Nunc Dimittis through Benediction.....pages 199–202

Closing Hymn: *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* 466
Choir sings stanza 3. (Arrangement by William Brusick)

Postlude WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN *Johann Pachelbel*

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5/18/25 (Easter 5)

5/25/25 (Easter 6)

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt
Head Elder	Michael Colvis	Michael Colvis
Asst. Elder	Alex Hagen	Alex Hagen
Altar Guild	Margaret Hagen & Georgia Burtard	Margaret Hagen & Georgia Burtard
Acolytes	Liz Herzberg & William Smith	Harli Warfel & Maddie Hagen
Ushers	Bryce Becker & Christian Bowen	Bryce Becker & Christian Bowen
Special Music	Adult Choir & Youth Choir	

Giving Numbers: Budgeted: \$402,403 Received: \$418,822

Missions: \$4,425 collected of \$10,400 pledged

Gathered in Worship last week: 174

Attended Sunday School last week:

Adult: 28 **Children:** 11

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Marge Anderson, Kay Pointon, Shirley & Bill Donnell, Bob Koelling, Helen Smock, Laura Zuhone, & Doreen Nelms

Those Shut In: Norma Schussler, Art Zuhone, Rich & Clara Woelber, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doebling, Doris Dallas, Martha Spencer, & Karen Johnson

Friends of Our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Renee Dosien, Tammy Weber, Jerry Rardin, Rick Ivester, Alan Phelps, Jerry Buesking, Jim Russell, Margo Haas, Barb Hinkle, Emilie Bezler, Neil Miller, and David Uphoff

Altar Flowers are given by Bill & Nancy Gass in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 22nd.

Church Announcements

Voters Meeting: Please join us for a Voter's Meeting TODAY May 18th following Bible Study. Lunch will be provided.

Baby Bottles: If you are able, please pick up a baby bottle to fill with coins, dollars and checks for the Choices Pregnancy Center. Fill your bottle and drop off in the church office. Please drop all Baby Bottles off by Father's Day. Bottles can be found at the north, west and south entrances.

Employment Opportunities at St. John's Lutheran Church & School

- Part Time Church Secretary
- 1st Grade Teacher
- 2nd Grade Teacher
- Part Time Paraprofessionals
- Volunteers
- Summer Maintenance/Custodial Help

Vacation Bible School- June 9th–13th Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be June 9th–13th! Children 4 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to join us for an "Epic Australian Adventure"! Middle school to adult volunteers are greatly needed! Please contact Kallie Harris or follow this link to sign up, if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

<https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnsmattoonil/30508>

Please join us for our upcoming **End of the School Year Events!**

- **Preschool Graduation:** Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm located in the High School Gym.
- **Closing Chapel:** Wednesday, May 28th at 10:30am located in the High School Gym.

Ascension Divine Service: On Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 PM we will observe the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension with a Divine Service. Christ's Ascension, celebrated 40 days after His resurrection, is historically one of the most important feast days of the Church Year. It marks the beginning of Jesus' session at the right hand of the Father for our good. Join us as we celebrate this festival day.

*When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive,
and gave gifts unto men. (Eph 4:8)*

Ladies Aid would like to announce their rummage sale dates June 26-28. New location in the High School Gym. We would appreciate donations, help with set up, help during the sale, and help with cleanup. More surprising details to come!

Cantate ~ Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights"* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid"* (Is. 12:2).

Schedule for May 18 – May 25

Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 5)

10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:30 am Voter's Meeting

1:30 – 3:30 pm Farmer – Church Gym

Mon 8:00 am Laborers of Love

8:30 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary

Tue 6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Honey Bee Café

3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Choir End of the Year Pizza Party

Wed 8:30 am Chapel (Grades 1-5)

9:43 am Chapel (Grades 6-10)

6:00 – 8:00 pm Music Class – Church Gym/Stage

6:00 pm Confirmation Questioning – Fellowship Hall

Thurs 10:00 am Bible Class

6:00 pm Preschool Graduation – School Gym

6:00 – 7:00 pm Wetzel – Church Gym

Sat 12:00 – 5:00 pm Bowen – Church Gym & Fellowship Hall

Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 6)

10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “psalm”?

If you open a Bible to the middle, you might find the book of Psalms. The psalms are prayers and praises to God. During Old Testament times, the psalms were sung during worship in the temple. The book of Psalms was like the hymnal of the Old Testament.

Why do we sing them in church on Sunday?

Many of the psalms were written to use in worship. Christians have been singing psalms to the Lord since the beginning. Colossians 3:16 instructs us to use psalms, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”



Parents: Before or after the service, show your child where to find the book of Psalms in the Bible. Remind them that these are prayers and praises to God that He gave to us. There's no better way to worship than with the words He has given! Try using one in your devotions at home.

