

St. John's Lutheran Church

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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST**

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

PRELUDE

We stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

A hymn of glory

HYMN 393

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

GLORIA



(Org.)

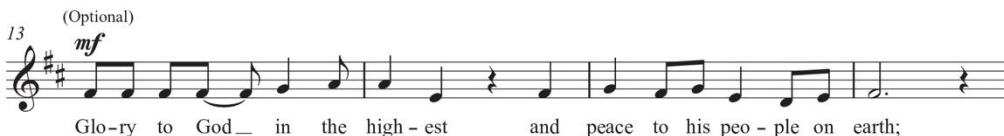
Chorus



f
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,



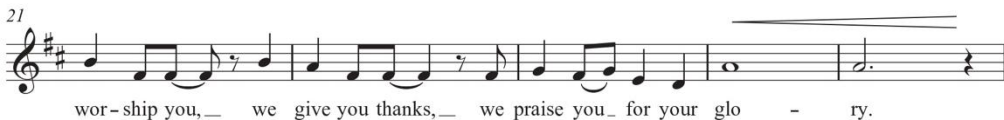
9
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,



(Optional)
mf
13
Glo-ry to God_ in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth;



17
Lord God, _ heav'n - ly King, _ al - migh - ty _ God and _ Fa - ther, We _



21
wor - ship you, _ we give you thanks, _ we praise you_ for your glo - ry.

26 *f*
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

30
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

34 *mf*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son_____ of the_ Fa - ther,

38
Lord God,_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sin of the

41 *mp*
world. Have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at_ the right

45
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive_ our prayer. _____

Chorus 3

CONGREGATION

49 *f*
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

53 (Optional)
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. For

57 *mf*
you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One,_ You a - lone_____ are the_ Lord;

61

You a - lone_ are the Most_ High,_ Je - sus_ Christ. With the

65

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final Chorus

CONGREGATION

70

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est, Glo - ry,

75

glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

Sung by the choir.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Music by Sarah MacDonald and Janet Yieh (contemporary)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.
10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

SECOND LESSON

I PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

A reading from I Peter.

BELOVED, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMN 168



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I will not leave you orphaned, I says the Lord. I am com- ing to you.*

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

AFTER Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

PASTOR MARTHA MCCREIGHT

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYMN 392

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW 234

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit.

MEAL



OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* SHEPHERD (contemporary)

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings
 flow;
 praise Him, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

(Org.) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

5 *cresc. poco a poco*
ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your

8 *mf* *più f* *mf*
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the_ high-est, ho -

11 *più f* *attacca*
san - na. ho - san - na in the_ high - est.

14 *mp*
Blessed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf*
Blessed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord, ho -

19 *più f* *mf*
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

21 *più mf* *45)* *rit.*
 san - na. ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



1 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from



ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er, we pray! For



tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in



earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

(Org.)

mp



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us, have

7 *mp* *p*

mer - cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

10 *p*

sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have

13 *poco* *mp* *p*

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of

16 *mp*

God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

19 *rit.*

sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace,

22 *Slower* *a tempo* *poco rit.*

grant us peace.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM
HYMN

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Spirit of God*

HUGHES
HYMN 800

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God
grant you a spirit of wisdom to know
and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ✙ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Go, my children

HYMN 543

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange;

Lord's Prayer: text by Keith Landis (b. 1980); music by K. Landis, harm. by John Rutter

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Martha McCreight
Organist	Cantor Nathan Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Jennifer Leffers
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Leffers, Susan Ylitalo
Acolytes	Sam Leffers

Usher Eric Lane
Altar Committee Janet Segerdell
Counters Lois Coffin, Gary Esposito, Pat Fisher
Little Free Pantry Shirley Schulz

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday

6:00 pm Handbells - Reformation Room

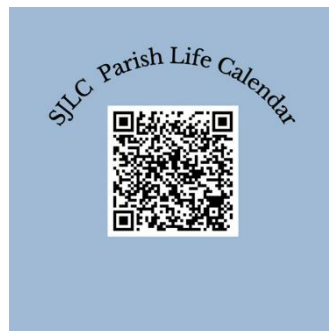
7:00 pm Choir - Choir Room

Tuesday

7:00 pm Sneak Peek Bible Study

Wednesday

12:00 pm Weekly Eucharist in the Chapel



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

24 Pentecost Sunday | Worship at 8:30 and 10:30

31 Holy Trinity Sunday | Worship at 8:30 and 10:30

JUNE

4-6 Synod Assembly - Worcester, MA

6 5pm Pride Eucharist (Live-streamed and in-person worship)

7 9:30 Mass on the Grass - 9:30am Summer Worship begins (No live-stream option this Sunday.)

20 Swedish Midsummer Day

Altar Flowers Today

Andrea Budner has graciously provided the flowers for today's worship in loving memory of her mother, Anne Budner; her grandmother, Sophie Vojt; and her uncles, John and Mike, on the occasion of their birthdays.

We also extend our best wishes and prayers to our confirmand, Aiden Bartlett, as he marks this special day in his faith journey.

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS, USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP



PRAYER LIST

Beryl, Charlotte, Diane, Robert, Valerie, Gary, Pr Harv Weitzel,
Trish, Pam, Joe, Robert, Henry, Paul, Charlotte, Paul, Becky,
Margaret, Jack, Cat, Roberta

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, please email the parish office.
Contact Pr Martha for pastoral needs at 406-565-3592.

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**Mass
on the
Grass**

JOIN US OUTDOORS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER!

JUNE
7

9:30 AM
MASS ON THE GRASS

Summer Worship begins
(No live-stream option this Sunday.)

⇒ All are welcome! ⇐

PRIDE
CHORAL EUCHARIST

Saturday, June 6 | 5:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church

Celebrate a joyful and affirming service of Holy Eucharist with vibrant choral music & inclusive worship.

Giving thanks for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the life of the Church and the world.

This service is also an option for those who prefer not to attend the outdoor Mass on the Grass on Sunday, June 7.

All Are Welcome!



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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT



== Please join us! ==

CELEBRATING TWO
TALENTED SENIORS

ELI & ADAM *in Concert*

— ❖ —
BOTH MEMBERS OF
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH


ELI BARTELS

Senior Recital
FOR VOICE

— ❖ —
FEATURING SHOW FAVORITES

 Sunday, June 14, 2026


 7:00 pm


 Luther Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church
884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905


— ❖ —
Reception to follow

ADAM FAMOUS

Senior Recital
FOR VIOLIN

 Friday, June 12, 2026

 8:00 pm

 St. John's Lutheran Church
884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905

— ❖ —
Reception to follow

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Eli and Adam in their
next steps!

St. John's SWEDISH MIDSUMMER Gathering

A SIMPLE SUMMER AFTERNOON OF
FOOD, FLOWERS, STORIES, AND FELLOWSHIP



St. John's
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20 2:00-5:00PM



ENJOY A SUMMER
POTLUCK LUNCH



DECORATE A
FLOWER-AND-RIBBON
MAYPOLE



SHARE STORIES &
OLD MEMORIES OF
ST. JOHN'S



PLAY CASUAL
LAWN GAMES



SIT, VISIT & ENJOY
TREATS TOGETHER

What to Bring ♥

- ♥ A simple summer dish to share
- ♥ Flowers or greenery for decorating the maypole and making flower crowns
- ♥ A lawn chair or picnic blanket
- ♥ Friends and family
- ♥ A favorite Swedish or Scandinavian memory or story—especially old memories of St. John's and its Swedish traditions



Potluck Ideas ♥

Simple and summery dishes are perfect!

- Potato salad
- Fresh fruit or berry dishes
- Pasta salads
- Swedish meatballs
- Pickled herring
- Cheese & crackers
- Tea sandwiches
- Deviled eggs
- Strawberry desserts
- Cardamom breads or pastries
- Cookies or bars
- Lemonade or iced tea



No need to cook anything elaborate—easy picnic foods are encouraged!



Volunteers Needed! ♥

We'd love a few helping hands to make this a joyful event for everyone!

- ♥ Set up tables and chairs
- ♥ Decorate the maypole
- ♥ Organize lawn games
- ♥ Help coordinate the potluck table
- ♥ Clean up afterward

If you'd like to help organize part of the celebration, please let us know. Everyone's help makes it a success!



Come celebrate light, summer, stories, flowers, and fellowship with us!

