

# **ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00 AM ✦ Sixth Sunday of Easter / Cantate**

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# *St. John's Lutheran Church*

# *Cantate*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**WELCOME** to worship at St. John's, whether virtually or in person. We are delighted to share this time together. St. John's focus is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, strengthen believers and care for those in Need.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is served by a 2-line procession down the center aisle. We will celebrate with bread, wine, or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

**GIVE TO ST. JOHN'S** Offering plates are located at each entrance. If you prefer to give electronically, visit our website, and click on the **E-Giving Tab**. Use your existing login information. For new users, search for St John's Lutheran Church Lewistown. Information on **E-Giving** is available on the SJLC resource table. Thank you for your continued support.

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, we would like to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it on the offering plate at the entrances. May Christ's spirit be with each and every one of us in our congregational life and faith journey.

**LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS** are available, please see a door greeter.

### **SERVING TODAY**

*Pastor* – Rev. Allen Hulslander

*Acolytes* – Nevin Farley, Jackson Druckenmiller

*Altar Guild Volunteers* – Anne Spicer, Peggy Finkenbiner, Sharon Phillips, Jen Johnson

*Cantor* – Cora Rankin

*Communion Assistants* – Hillary Worley, Norma Fisher, Gisele Miller

*Crucifer* – Hillary Worley

*Ushers* – Dennis Noble – head, Sandy Noble, Deb Kling

*Media & Production* – Grant and Carrie Stufft, Nancy Ressler, Mary Barr, Annette Rager

**PRELUDE 9:00 AM** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Charles V. Stanford, Arr. Gordon Young, 1994 Hope Pub. Co.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING**

*Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses are in **Bold**. Red Hymnal (ELW) will be used for parts of the service.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Processional Hymn**

**ELW pg. #886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**GREETING** 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.**

**Kyrie**

**ELW pg. #138 Setting 3**

**Glory to God**

**ELW pg. #139 Setting 3**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** *All children are invited forward*

**Special Music**  
**Cantare, Vicki Fensterbush- Director**

**“Ave Verum Corpus”**

14<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn attrib. Pope Innocent VI (1342). William Byrd (1543-1623) Edited by William Chimack 2024

**“Dixit Maria”**

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Edited by William Chimiack & Maria Rist 2019

**“With a Voice of Singing”**

Kenneth Jennings Augsburg Choral Library 1964

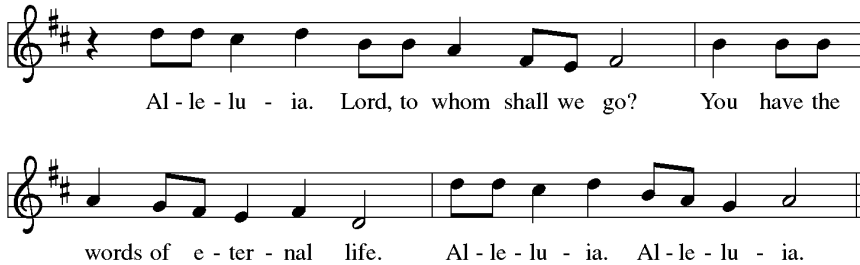
**“The Road Home”**

Tune: “Prospect” from “Southern Harmony” 1835, Adapted by Stephen Paulus, Paulus Publications 2005

**“My God is a Rock”**

Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Gary Walth, Hal Leonard Publications 2007

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

After the reading ...

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Allen Hulslander**

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The petitions end with: "Merciful God"

And the Congregational response is:

**"receive our prayer"**

Keep In Prayer: Deb Montgomery,  
Larry Niemond, Peter Marsh, Gail  
Ingram, Linda Goss, Nellie Wilson,  
Joanne Troutman, Toby Sweigart,  
Freda Hook, and the Call Committee.

\*To have someone added to the  
Prayer Guide-with their permission-  
please contact the church office.

## **SHARING of GOD'S PEACE**

Share the Peace in a safe manner.

Simply say the words. *"Peace be with You."*

**"And also with you."**

**MEAL** *Please continue to stand*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

### COMMUNION PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**ELW pg. #144 Setting 3**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

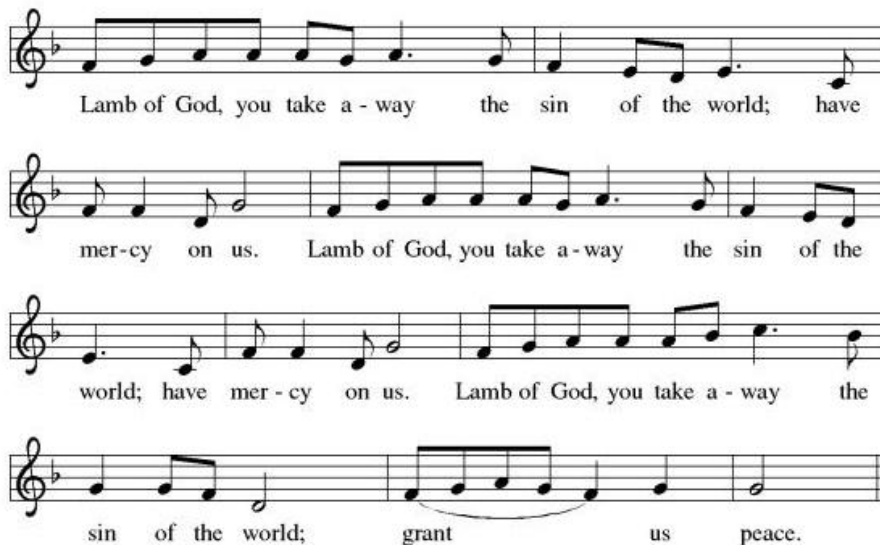
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### Lamb of God

ELW pg#208 Setting 3



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.

## COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to come forward. Children, if not already communing, may be brought forward for a blessing from the Pastor. Please hold both hands out to receive the bread, then choose a cup from the Acolyte. Please dispose of your communion cup in the nearby waste basket.

### Communion Music

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Inspired by Haydn’s “The Heavens Are Telling”

“Gesangbuch der Herzog”, Wittenburg Arr. Faye Lopez, 2017 Alfred Music

“Shout to the Lord” Darlene Zscheech and Hillsongs Australia

“How Can I keep From Singing?” Robert Lowry, Arr. Larry Shackley, 2016 Lorenz Pub. Co.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**ELW pg. #881 “Let All Things Now Living”**

### **Silent Meditation**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE “Oh, Sing to God Above” (#555 in our hymnal)**

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### **DEDICATIONS**

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by Jane Detweiler and loved ones in memory of the Burlew and Edmiston family.

**TODAY'S BASKET** is presented by Mike Spahr in memory of his mother Margaret Spahr.

**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN** is presented by Mike Spahr in memory of his mother Margaret Spahr.

**THIS WEEK'S ETERNAL CANDLE BURNS** in memory of our Mother's past and in honor of all Mother's present.

**THE COMMUNION WINE** this morning is given by Mike Spahr in memory of his mother M Margaret Spahr.

## **ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**THE BARNABAS BROTHERS** proudly provide Carnations today in celebration of Mother's Day to all the Mother's, Ladies and Daughters. Please see the Ushers at each entrance to receive your Carnation. We recognize all Mother's for your dedication, love, support, kindness and caring for family in both challenging times and joyous moments. God has truly blessed us with all the Mother's to nurture and raise us in a Christian manner. God's Work Our Hands.

**WELCA SPRING FLOWER TEA** and fashion show at SJLC on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the social room. Tickets are \$12.00 If you would like to come, please see Sue Phillips.

**BABY BOTTLES** Each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day; Crossroads Pregnancy Center holds their "**Baby Bottle Boomerang**" fundraiser. If you want to participate, just pick up a baby bottle at one of the church entrances, fill it with your spare change, & return the baby bottle to the church **by Father's Day Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for your support! Give online [www.cpcfornlife.org](http://www.cpcfornlife.org)

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**REGISTRATION** forms for Camp Mount Luther are on the resource table. The church will cover 75% of Tier 3 Pricing this year. Please register online **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR** The sign-up sheet for summer sponsors after worship is on the church window.

**SEAFARER'S BAGS** If you are going to fill a Seafarer's Bag this year, it is still a good time to look for sweatshirts on sale. Other items for bags are a tee-shirt the same size as the sweatshirt, 3 pairs of socks, a hat (which will be provided) and a can of nuts. More information about this project will be announced later.

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER** deadline is **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you!

**THE RED CROSS AND SJL CHURCH** are having a blood drive on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** from **Noon to 5:00pm** at the church. "**Sleeves Up, Hearts Open, All In**".

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER 2026** flyer with summer programs, registration and scholarship information have been placed at the entrances of the sanctuary and on the resource table. Mount Luther offers 400 acres and a host of awesome, fun-filled programs for summer adventures.

**ORGAN FUND** There is now an option through Vanco (on-line giving) for donations to go towards the organ fund.

**COMMUNION ROBES** If your communion robe is in need of cleaning (i.e. wine) please place it in the laundry basket in the robe room.

**LUMINA CENTER** The new **2026** Restaurant Discount Cards will be available for purchase in **August**. The cost is \$10.00, and discounts apply to 16 local restaurants in the community.

**SJLC OFFICE** lunch hour Tuesday and Thursday is between 11:30am -12:30pm.

**LOST & FOUND** there is a lost and found box in the lobby on the shelf above the coat rack. Please check for any items that you may be missing.

### COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

**SJLC COUNCIL MEETING** on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm.

**MOTHER HUBBARDS CUPBOARD** items for **May/June** are shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bars of soap.

**HAM SANDWICH SALE** There will be **no** Ham Sandwich sale in **May**. They will be taking the summer off, and sales will **pick up** again in **September**. Thank you for all the support and efforts toward the Lumina Center!

## Worship SCHEDULE

May 17 [Seventh Sunday of Easter] 9:00am Worship

May 24 [Day of Pentecost] 9:00am Worship

May 31 [The Holy Trinity] 9:00am Worship

June 7 [Second Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship

June 14 [Third Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship

June 21 [Fourth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship

June 28 [Fifth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship

### **Meetings (Please see above for details)**

Tue. May 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting at 6:30pm.

### **Reminders for May**

**Acolytes** – Nevin Farley, Jackson Druckenmiller

**Altar Guild Volunteers** – Anne Spicer, Peggy Finkenbinder, Sharon Phillips, Jen Johnson

**Communion Assistants** – Hillary Worley – crucifer, Norma Fisher, Gisele Miller

**Ushers** – Dennis Noble – head, Sandy Noble, Deb Kling

**Money Counters** – Judy Spencer, Helen Rager

**Lay Lectors**

May 10 – MCHS Cantare

May 17 – Joyce Tanner

May 24 – Sue Shawver

May 31 – Cora Rankin

**Next Sunday's Readings:** *Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11*