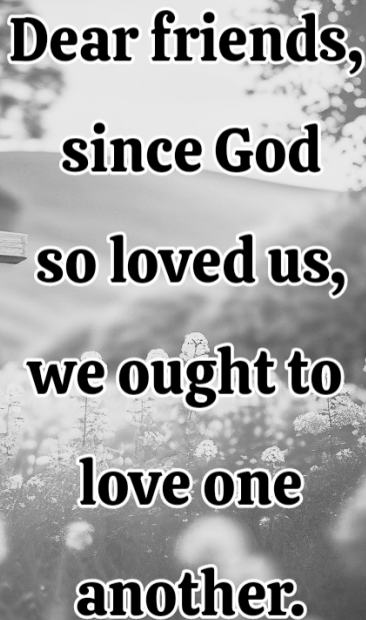


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
RESURRECTION REALITY:  
JESUS' BUSINESS IS LOVE; THEREFORE, SO IS OURS



**Dear friends,  
since God  
so loved us,  
we ought to  
love one  
another.**

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:  
1 John 4:7-11,19-21  
"Just What Is Christian Love?"

**WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at [www.stjohnsmontello.org](http://www.stjohnsmontello.org) and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

**ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

May 4 & 5, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

## **RESURRECTION REALITY**

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

### **THEME OF THE DAY: JESUS' BUSINESS IS LOVE; THEREFORE, SO IS OURS**

The entirety of God's Word can be summed up in one word: love. God's Law is all about love. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37,39). The gospel is all about love: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." (John 3:16). From his compassion for the sick and broken, to his sacrificial death on the cross, to the peace he provided after his resurrection, Jesus was the perfect embodiment of love. Love is his business. Therefore, love is our business too. The resurrection reality is that with the same supernatural power by which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life—one marked by radically selfless love. The motivation and ability to do this comes from seeing the endless love Christ has for us. We love only because he first loved us.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting Three, Hymnal Pages 188-198,171

**HYMNS:** 728, 471 v. 1-2, 557, 730 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 89 "Forever I Will Sing" (Hymnal/Screen)

**SERMON:** 1 John 4:7-11,19-21 "Just What Is Christian Love? 1. It's the love God shows sinners 2. It's the love God's children show others"

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (Sunday at SJ) Little Lambs 3-4K & CALA 5K-8th grade children sing: "He Came Down"

## OPENING HYMN: 728 "This Is My Will"



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should  
2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to  
3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows  
4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should  
5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should  
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -  
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I  
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in  
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.  
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.  
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.  
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But**

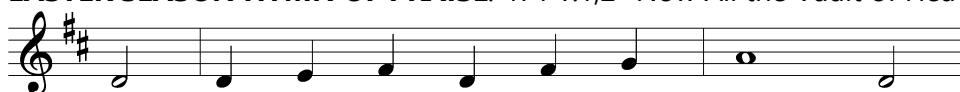
**Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**EASTER SEASON HYMN OF PRAISE: 471 v.1,2 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**



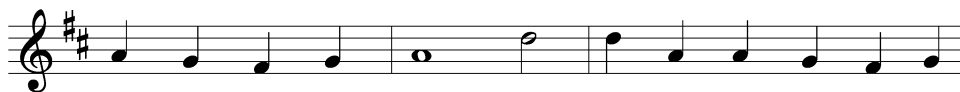
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-42

(Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.)

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup>About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup>Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" <sup>39</sup>Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 89 "Forever I Will Sing"**

*Refrain*

For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the  
LORD, the good - ness of the LORD.

*Tone*

## SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-11,19-21(Sermon Text)

(Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.)

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 13:13



### Refrain



### Tone



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**GOSPEL READING:** John 15:9-17

(The living Lord gives us this command. Remain in his love so that we might also love each other.)

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 557 verses 1-5 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan’s chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -  
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world’s foun-  
5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: “It’s time to have com -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o’er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God’s judg-ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to





rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er.”

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**SERMON:** John 15:1-8 “Remain In Jesus The Giver Of Life”

**APOSTLES CREED:** Hymnal Page 197/Screen

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 557 verses 6-10 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin  
7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and  
8 "The foe will shed my pre - cious blood, me of my life be -  
9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it  
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and



moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I  
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast  
send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to  
teach - ing; so shall my king - dom's work be wrought and hon - ored



be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and  
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my  
you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach  
in your preach - ing. Take care that no one's man - made laws should



ser - vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.  
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.  
you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.  
e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

## EASTER SEASON & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS (St. John's) & ALTAR PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting

life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

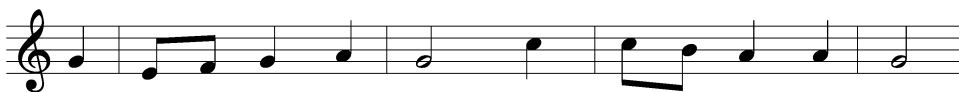
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: 730 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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### **FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WELS Connection Video (Sunday at Emmanuel & St. John's)

### **THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Mothers' Day/Seventh Sunday of Easter  
RESURRECTION REALITY: WE WILL OVERCOME THIS BROKEN WORLD

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<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Usher's Schedule</b>
Saturday, May 4 Sunday, May 5	Saturday, May 11 Sunday, May 12
Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond	Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley

**Next Hands in Prayer Meeting:** is Monday, May 6 at 2:30pm!

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES, PLEASE VOTE!** All confirmed women are eligible to vote for officers on the International Board of Directors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and for mission projects for 2024-2025. A voting station is located in the Information Room. Voting ends on Sunday, May 19. Results of this voting will be announced at the LWMS Convention, June 27-30, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you have questions, please contact Reporter Linda Wachholz. Your vote is very much appreciated!

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Dueterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Orlene Johnson, Ruth Jones, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Prieue, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieue, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Pat Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: \_\_)
- For Mrs. Kathy Noeldner from St. Martin's School--Watertown, SD called at the 4/10 SJ Voter's meeting to serve as our Little Lambs director/teacher
- For our Emmanuel members, Dave and Karen Radke, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday (5/9)

At our April 10 call meeting the voters present cast a unanimous vote to extend a call to Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner to be our next LL preschool Director/Teacher. Following is her contact information.

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Watertown SD 57201-6771

She is 62 years old, a graduate of MLC and is presently teaching 1st grade with a class size of 23. She is licensed in South Dakota. Her preference is indicated for pre-k - 3rd grade. She is married to Rodney who is employed as a metal finisher, nickel plating. She displays a love for the Lord and for serving God's people, has an unselfish attitude, and functions well as a member of a team. Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel. Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: May 5-11, 2024

Today	9:00 a.m.	EM Congregational Meeting
Monday	2:30 p.m.	Hands in Prayer Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders Meeting SJ
	6:30 a.m.	CALA Meeting SJ Montello
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	5:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture Women's Bible Study SJ
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Ascension Worship with Communion SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship With Communion

## Next Sunday: May 5, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

### Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
4/27/24	-	14
4/28/24	37	91

### Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
5/23/22	CALA at SJ Princeton

Total March Offerings	Budget Needs	March Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$25,278.62	\$33939.58	\$21,661.22	\$275,654.71	\$234,986.66

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

## ***Help us stay in touch!***

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