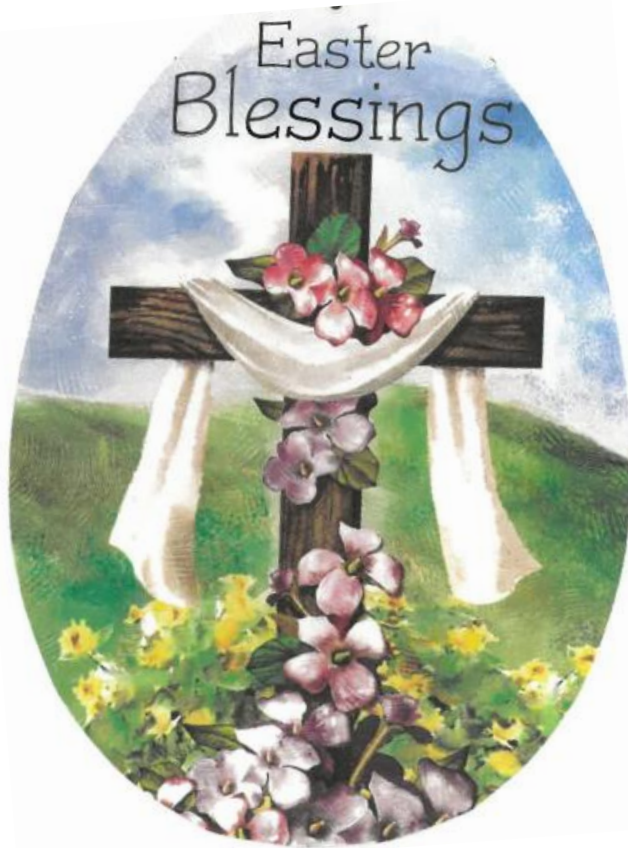


Welcome to Worship
St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

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Pastor: SAM Paul Brooks - 419-722-8625

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Welcome: Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

READER: Carol Cary

ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

Your Servant Leaders:

Worship Leader: SAM Paul Brooks

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Attendance Last Sunday: 12

Offering Last Sunday: \$375.00

Direct Deposit: \$320.00

Mile of Pennies: \$10.00

Food Pantry for May: We have been requested to ask everyone to bring in small cans of Chicken Broth and Soda Crackers to be given to The Blessing Basket in Findlay. They have a lot of older people shopping there now, that is why they requested small cans and soda cracker so they can make soup.

Our Mission Statement: Serving the community by sharing the love of God by example.

Worship Assistants

Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN #592**

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

ALL: Amen.

Leader: 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. Blessed are you.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: 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.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: 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.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

* KYRIE



1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

* THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

Leader: 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. **ALL: Amen.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in prayer, God of Love,

ALL: With praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

LUKE 6:43-45

Reader: “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 131:1-3

Reader: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

ALL: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

Reader: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 #142



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.

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the book of Philippians chapter 2. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Leader: If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #618

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

***THE NICENE CREED**

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: As we celebrate the life and hope of the risen Jesus, let's talk to God about what our world, our neighbors, and we ourselves need today.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Prayer Leader: We pray for all Christians everywhere. Jesus asked that we would all get along and be united. Help us to stop focusing on our differences and start focusing on how we can love each other better. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our prayer.**

Prayer leader: We pray for our world and the people in charge of it. There is so much fighting and hurt in the news. Please give leaders the heart to do what is right, to help people who are struggling, and to work for real peace. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our pray.**

Prayer leader: We pray for the environment. Thank you for the trees, the oceans, and the animals. Help us to be better at taking care of the planet so that it stays healthy for the kids and grandkids coming after us. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our prayer.**

Prayer leader: We pray for anyone who is having a hard time right now. We think of people who are sick, people who are sad because they lost someone they love, and people who feel completely alone. We lift before you John, Sue, Carol, Dave, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Terry, Eric, Lisa, Kris, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Josh, Linda, Ellery, Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Russell, Ruth, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Heather, Dan, Howard, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Nina, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, and Cindy. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our prayer.**

Prayer leader: We thank you for the people we love who have died and are now at peace with you. Help us to live with the same kind of faith they had until we see them again. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our prayer**

Prayer leader: We pray for the farmers in our area and for the work of their hands this spring. As they move through the long days of planting, keep them safe in the fields and on the roads. Bless the soil and the seeds, and give them good weather and peace of mind as they work to feed us all. Merciful God, **ALL: Receive our prayer**

Prayer leader: God, we give you all these prayers, the ones we said out loud and the ones we're keeping inside, trusting that you are listening and that you love us. Through Jesus, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: The God of heaven and earth is gracious and good. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise for all that God has given us.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray, Eternal God,

ALL: as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.

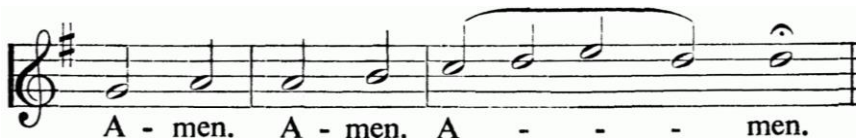
*BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

*The Amen



*SENDING HYMN #593

DRAWN TO THE LIGHT

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Have a Blessed Day!

Calendar of Events:

Sun. May 24 – 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

Sun. May 24 – 9:30 A.M. Sunday School

Mon. May 25 – Memorial Day

Sun. May 31 – 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

Readers for May & June

May 24 – Lori McDaniel

May 31 – Jerry McCullough

June 7 – David Sharninghouse

June 14 - Lori McDaniel

June 21 - Carol Cary

In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Sue Maki, Carol & David Cary, Betty Hornbeck, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Teri Zent, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Kris, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brandt Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers, Vicki Shoop, Josh, Linda Hoops & Ellery Paige Robinson. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

Events Coming Up in McComb: Music on Main. Bring a chair- Free Admission it will be held at 131 E. Main St. 5pm to 7pm July 9, August 6 & September 10
The McComb Farmers Market has returned for 2026 this will be at the same location as last year 131 E. Main St. the next one will be on July 11, August 8 and September 12.

The Cookie Festival will be held on Saturday, July 18. The Community Partnership will continue to post updates on their Face Book pages.

FYI

If you have someone you would like to have remembered for Memorial Day, please notify Carol Cary and she will list them in the bulletin next week

Please invite a friend or family member to come to church with you!

Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

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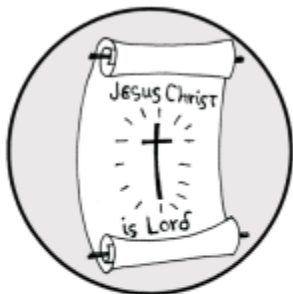
Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Coming May 24
Join us for a Spirit filled worship service.

Wear Red!



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:8

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read this week, ask yourself: What is Paul talking about in this letter? What connection can you make to your life?

Sunday	Philippians 2:1-13	Living Like Jesus
Monday	Philippians 2:14-18	Paul Rejoices in the Philippians
Tuesday	Philippians 2:19–3:1a	Paul Sends Timothy
Wednesday	Philippians 3:1b-6	Paul Tells His Story Again
Thursday	Philippians 3:7-16	Paul Counts Everything Else as Loss
Friday	Philippians 3:17–4:1	Paul Exhorts the Philippians
Saturday	Philippians 4:10-20	Paul's Farewell
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7	The Holy Spirit

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

As you go through your week, find small ways to serve each other. If the one you are serving sees you, give a quick bow and say, "Your humble servant."

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