

Love conquers all



Sixth Sunday of
Easter
May 5, 2024

WELCOME GUESTS!

- **Thank you for joining us today!** We're not perfect, but we believe God has made us to live in community, and that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through each other.
- **By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise and worship.**
If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.
- **We value neurodiversity.** God has made us each different, so we welcome and value people just as they are. If you struggle to fit in other places, know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently than others'. Learn more about neurodiversity and what it means to us at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.
- **We'd love the opportunity to learn more about you and share with you what we're up to.** *Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.*

WELCOME KIDS!!

Kids are as much a part of worship as the grown-ups, so we have lots of special ways for kids to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- **Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books** are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies busy during worship.
- **We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs**, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- **During the offering**, kids may place gifts in the clear container at the front. These offerings will support Warrior's Best Friend, a nonprofit organization located across the field behind Hosanna's building that trains shelter dogs to become facility dogs for military organizations and K-12 schools. You can learn more at www.warriorsbestfriend.org.
- **Changing stations** are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

PRAYERS

- **Good and bad things happen in our lives.** If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- **It's important to us to support you**, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening in your life, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit with you, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

Video of today's service is recorded and livestreamed online at www.hosannatogether.org

WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH HOSANNA!

PRELUDE

*I Love the Lord
Five Variations on Ellacombe*

*James Southbridge
Stephen James Rohde*

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We are gathered together in the presence of God--
who is light, who is love, and who is living in us.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

(ELW 384)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters of chaos,
and you watered creation to sustain all living things.

Through the waters of the flood,
you showed your power of renewal,
and through the parting of the sea,
you led your people from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized,
when you united him with us in death, and us with him in life.

Holy God,

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons.

Show us each day with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Nourish us, renew us, and give us new life,

through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain.*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain.*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. *To vs. 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain.*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain.*

Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular; Richard Hillert, b.1923, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Good News of our Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(ELW 836)



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er. lift us to the joy di-vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends:

Lord of Life,

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you. Place in the offering plate.

If you give electronically, you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as a physical gesture of your giving.

You may give online using a bank account, credit card, or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give.

You may give by sending a text with your gift amount to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.

Cash and check gifts may be placed in an envelope from the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.



CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space to train rescue dogs for service.

These offerings will support Warrior's Best Friend, a nonprofit organization located across the field behind Hosanna's building. They train shelter dogs to become facility dogs for military organizations and K-12 schools. Learn more at www.warriorsbestfriend.org. Kids and teens of all ages can contribute!



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

The thanksgiving continues, and we hear again Jesus' words of promise . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

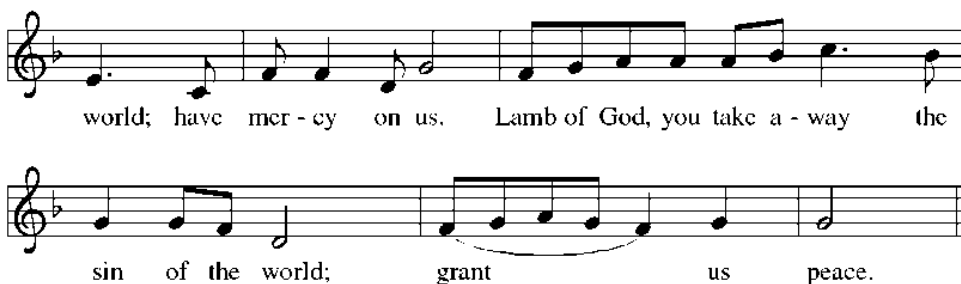
*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love.
Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together

(ELW 471)



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, we give you thanks for bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Send us from this Holy Communion as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace.
Amen!

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna!

POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise

Franklin Ritter

PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

Jane Bradbury, May 6

Dennis Carter, May 6

Rook Bauer, May 11

SYMPATHIES

Family and friends of **Judy Stierlen** (family member of Joyce Uber) passed away April 23.

Family and friends of **Greg Slavik** (father of Robbin Musgrave's daughter in law)

Family and friends of **Delores Summers** (Don Summers's mother) - passed away April 18

CONCERNS

Anna Wallace (granddaughter of Richard and Ann Woody) - complications with early-onset Crohn's Disease

Al Nace - hospitalized with pneumonia and back pain, awaiting colon cancer surgery

Adam Prom – recovering from eye surgery April 22

Jeff Deters (Pam Schmidt's cousin) has polycystic kidneys, waiting for a transplant

Vince Deters (Karen Weber's 92yr old b-i-l) having colon surgery April 17

Adam Prom, recovering from eye surgery on April 22nd

Joel Craig Hale (Jeanine Yeager's brother) declining health

Harrison Hucke (Betty Hucke's grandson) - surgery April 26

Christine Jennings, recovery from ankle surgery

Roger Gonnerman (Jane Gibbs' brother) recently diagnosed with cancer

Steve Thompson (Robbie Murta's neighbor) sudden illness

Linda Hughes (friend of Karen Weber) cancer

Michael Hale (Mary and Brad Kunkel's son-in-law) - health issues

Lisa Leff (friend of Mary Kunkel) - recovering from hip surgery

Laurie Hansen (friend of Mary Kunkel) breast cancer diagnosis and journey

Matt Hylton (son-in-law to Joyce & Dave Uber) health concerns

Betty Hucke - home after hospitalization

Cindi (friend of Beth Schoening) breast cancer

Angela - stage 4 cancer

Justin Lewis (friend of Ben & Sarah Oprinovich) chemotherapy treatments

Bart Ahrens (brother of Boyd Ahrens) - recovering from a stroke

Jackie (friend of Beth Schoening) receiving chemo and radiation for brain cancer

Kim Bonner (friend of Beth Schoening) undergoing chemo treatments

John Daniel (friend of Jeanine Stubbs) drug and alcohol rehab

Frances Jolayemi (sister of Jeanine Stubbs) mental health recovery

ONGOING

Sam Matula - active military

Nathan Wilkerson - serving in Army

Christopher Jennings

HOSANNA! HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

May 5 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

- Kids gather in the choir room for singing, then divide into PreK-K, 1st-3rd and 4th-6th age groups for activities involving sheep, shepherds, and Psalm 23. Kids 7th-12th grade may help with the younger kids or join the adults.
- Adults gather in the fellowship hall to continue conversation around other faith traditions.

May 12 - Intergenerational and Confirmation

- Kids and adults of all ages join together in the fellowship hall.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS TO WEDNESDAYS

After an adjusted schedule for a few weeks, our Wednesday morning Bible study is returning to Wednesdays this week on May 8.

IN AS MUCH MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

IAMM Pantry is in need of the following items:

Rice sides, Dry white beans, dry garbanzo beans, microwave popcorn and bar soap.

Please bring the items to church and place them in the red wagon. Thank you!

USE RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS WHEN YOU TRAVEL THIS SUMMER

When you purchase gift cards from RaiseRight, a portion of your purchase gets donated to Hosanna! Book your travel using gifts cards for Southwest, Delta, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Celebrity, Princess, Holland America, and Disney. You can pay for lodging with AirBNB, Marriot, Hotels.com, Best Western, Hilton, Fairfield, Hampton Inn, Sheraton, Holiday Inn, and more to support the church. Many common gas stations and fast food restaurants are also available. The average American spends \$2,000-\$3,000 on travel per year. Imagine if 5-10% of that were donated to the church at no additional cost to you! Gift cards can be purchased on your phone and used almost right away (we aren't offering physical gift cards at this time unless you have them shipped to your home). Learn more at www.hosannatogether.org/shopping.

SYNOD CONVERSATION ABOUT RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. **At the synod assembly in June, our synod (Missouri and Kansas) will be considering a resolution submitted by the synod council calling for the synod to become a Reconciling in Christ Synod and adopt the following welcome statement:** *Traveling the way of Jesus, who commanded his followers to love one another as Christ has loved, and believing that all persons are created in the image of God, this synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability. As a synod we strive to enable all people to participate fully in the life and work of the church in the ministry of Jesus Christ.*

Recognizing that among people of faith, there are a variety of opinions, perspectives and feelings regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, Bishop Candeia will be hosting conversations prior to synod assembly. There will be two opportunities to engage in

these conversations via Zoom: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. To join the meeting, open Zoom and enter the meeting ID 869 0743 3878 and passcode 911723.

Synod conversation will include:

- Why is talking about sexuality and gender identity in the church so difficult? And why do we need to keep talking about it?
- What are the premises for our various understandings - a lifestyle choice or part of God's created diversity?
- How do we interpret Scripture as both law and gospel?
- Why isn't saying, "All are Welcome" enough? Why do we have to be explicit and name various groups?
- What does it mean to be a Reconciling in Christ Synod? How does that designation impact our congregations?
- How do we travel together with Jesus in ways that do not exclude those who hold differing views?

If passed by members elected by congregations to attend the synod assembly in June, this resolution would guide the policies, procedures, and leadership of the synod office, but would not necessarily dictate those of individual congregations. **If you have questions or thoughts about this resolution and are not able to attend either of the conversations, you are welcome to talk with Pastor Mike.**

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

April 28th worship attendance: 73 (63 in person, 10 online)

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

If you would like to serve, please contact Cathy in the church office or sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall.

Roles	May 5	May 12
Acolyte	Nona Oprinovich	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Altar Guild	Geli Schmitt	Joyce Uber
Audio/Video	Chris Marple	Tony Belcher
Blessers	Eva Bledsoe	Nora Belcher
	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Communion Assistants	E.J. Marple	Kristin Belcher
	Jeanine Yeager	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Counters	Richard Moore	Richard Moore
	Jodi Prom	Jodi Prom
Crucifer	Oliver Yeager	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Fellowship Host	GRADUATION SUNDAY	Rachel Cerra
		Jeanine Stubbs
Greeters/Ushers	Scott Schmidt	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Lector	Geli Schmitt	Sarah Kern

LIBERTY BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Join high school seniors, their families, and the community for local baccalaureate services. Liberty North High School will have their baccalaureate service at 7:00pm on May 9 at St. James Catholic. Liberty High School's service is at 7:00pm on May 10 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. These services are planned and led by the Liberty-Area Ministerial Alliance.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Today we will celebrate and pray for our 2024 graduates; Ryan Schmidt, Abigail Anderson, James Fairchild, and Brooke Grauerholz. After worship, you will have an opportunity to congratulate all of them as well as share your blessings, memories, and encouragement with a hand-written note. Bags are available for you to place cards and gifts, as well as blank notecards for you to write a message if you'd like.

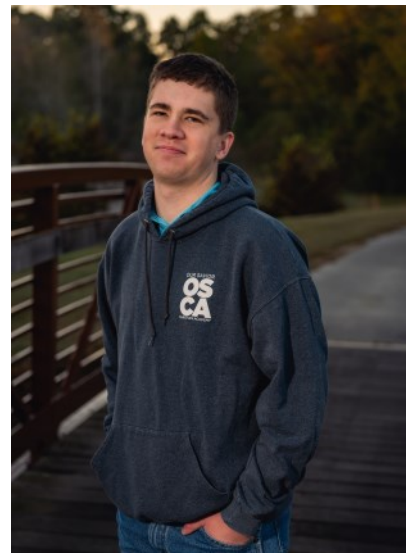


BROOKE GRAUERHOLZ

Brooke is graduating from Liberty North High School on May 12th and will be attending K-State for architecture.

JAMES FAIRCHILD

James is graduating from Our Savior Christian Academy on May 4, 2024





ABIGAIL ANDERSON

Abigail is graduating from Liberty High School on May 12, 2024. She will be completing her bachelor's at K-State, starting in the fall. She plans to study Early Education, then continue to her masters in Education Leadership.



RYAN SCHMIDT

Ryan is graduating from Liberty High School on May 12, 2024. He will be attending NWMSU.

AGNUS DAY



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