

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Fifth Sunday in Easter

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WELCOME: *“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.”* (Psalm 32:1) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book before you leave and we'd love to have you join us again!*

Theme: The Word of Christ brings people into God's spiritual house.

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: By his life, death and resurrection, Jesus has made us members of his family. He enlists us to tell others of his love and forgiveness. Pray that he help you to be faithful witnesses of his truth.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Order of Worship: Service of the Word (p. 38)

OPENING HYMN: 249 “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Lower Grades: “*Creature Praise*”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 45 (p. 83)

Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10 (Pew Bible p. 1827)

Christ, the “living Stone,” builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual house. Jesus is “rejected by men but chosen by God,” and he makes his people into a holy priesthood to the glory of God. This is all the work of God's mercy in Christ. Calling sinners to himself, he recreates them as his “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,” that they may declare his praises now and in eternity.

Upper Grades: “All Night, All Day”

(The children sing Refrain the first time. The congregation joins to sing Refrain after each of the three verses.)

The musical score is for the hymn "All Night, All Day". It is written in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of two systems. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 2/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "All night, all day, an-gels watch-in' o-ver me, my". The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord.— All night, all day, an-gels watch-in' o-ver me.—". The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) for the second system. The chords are indicated as C7 and F.

Gospel: John 14:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 1623)

As Jesus speaks the words of farewell to his disciples Maundy Thursday evening, he comforts and assures them of his continuing care. For he is the way, the truth, and the life. Knowing and trusting in him, his disciples have every spiritual blessing and have seen the Father.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 356 “You Are the Way; through You Alone”

SERMON Acts 26 (Pew Bible p. 1685)

“Simply Share Christ”

1. Be real, be yourself
2. Stay on message

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 577 “Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations”

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 562 "I Love to Tell the Story"

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Organist: Lesley Kaesermann

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

At worship, Sunday, May 15th : 142

Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 6

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	TILM Presentation
	11:15am	Sunday School Picnic
Monday	6:30 pm	Parade Float Planning
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chimes
Thursday	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares Ministry
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:20am	Bible Class

FLOWERS: *The flowers placed in church today have been given in honor of Melvin and Adeline Litzau's 65th anniversary.*

TILM PRESENTATION: *Please welcome our guest speaker, Dave Malnes who will give a presentation after worship. A **Door Collection** will go to support the TILM ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC: *all parents and grand parents of our Sunday School children are invited to a year-end awards ceremony and picnic luncheon beginning at 11:15am today.*

GLENCOE PARADE: *We are having a planning meeting on Monday the 23rd at 6:30 pm to start on the float for the parade. But we **NEED people** to help out with this project. Please come and join us!!*

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: *"I got your back." We hear that phrase used in many different situations. In the military it often is a matter of life and death. Come next week to hear when the same concept was given in Scripture. In preparation read, 2 Kings 6:13-23*

¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

¹⁹ Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?"

²² "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." ²³ So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.