***St. John Lutheran Church***

April 27, 2025                                                                                     9:30 a.m.

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again and offer us his peace.*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                  As We Gather                     Shift Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN ***Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*** (vss 1,2,4) ***#367***

GREETING, LITANY & PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN OF PRAISE ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #836***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                                  Acts 5:27-32

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM Psalm 118:14-17,22-24,29

SECOND READING                            Revelation 1:4-8

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  ***tune #855***

***Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o’er! With ALLELUIAS now be praised the Lord forevermore! How blest, all they who believe Him they cannot see, But who in faith his life receive now and eternally!***

      The Gospel According to John

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL                                                     John 20:19-31

       The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL RESPONSE

     ***How blest, all they who believe Him they cannot see, but who in faith his life receive now and eternally! Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o’er!***

***With ALLELUIAS now be praised the Lord forevermore!***

MESSAGE                                                     Easter Eyes       Pastor Steve

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ***We Walk by Faith         #635***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                             ***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** (vss 1,4) ***#686***

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

HYMN ***Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*** (vss 1,4,5) ***#389***

POSTLUDE

**LEADERS IN THE SERVICE**

*Organist: Kimbra Lau*

*Liturgist: Jason Krengel*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel, Bryan Bennett & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Bev Raimann & Rita Caron*

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Anna Stenzel, Office Manager*

*Mary Larson, Newsletter Editor*

*Judy Berkeland & Denise Nienow, Music Directors*

*Steve Berkeland, Pastor*