

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Sunday School – 9:30 am**

**Adult Bible study – Isaiah Sundays 9:45 am**

**Sunday, May 28 Spring Fling** – Elders cooking hamburgers, hotdogs. Potluck salads, desserts. Church directory photos taken this day. Sunday School windup with games and activities following the service. **No Sunday school before service.** Silent Auction gift baskets – check Jason's April 23 email for a list of items for the gift baskets. Please place donated items in the meeting room before Tuesday, May 23.

**Youth Group** – Grades 6 and up join our youth group Facebook page at Friday Night Youth – Warman. Updates to come.

A reminder that we have an auto-debit option for giving offerings. Please speak to Pastor for more information.

## Opportunities to Serve

The Outreach Committee is looking volunteers to help with **Vacation Bible School**. VBS would run July 9 to 13 from 6:00pm to 8:45pm. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the restrooms. Please sign up as soon as you can.

The **LAMP Team** from Outlook is planning to go to Southend to lead **VBS July 15 to 20**. Please speak to Pastor if you would be interested in going to Southend.

We are looking for someone more permanent to help with counting offering on a regular basis. Please speak to Meridee if you are interested. Training will be provided.

A signup sheet for church cleaning is posted on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

## Prayer Thoughts for the Week

We remember those needing Your hand of healing, especially Edna Smith, Breanne, Dustin Gasmu, Pastor Ron Mohr, Pastor Rob Grout, Doreen Heide, Judy Haichert, Vicky Vardi, Regina Marcoux, Larry Neufeld, Adin Dereniowski, Joan Spaerman, Linda Peterson, Bill Hayes, Irene Besser, Linda Doell, Jim Patrick, Charmaine Peters, Olinda Fehr, John Hebert, Terry Tamke, Hailey Christensen, Mike Stringer, Alex Gudmundson, Ann Klassen, Dale Besser, Albert Kramer, Nora Spaerman, Michelle Wenc, Karen Decorby, and Ruby Dyck. Give them Your strength and hope for every tomorrow.

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**Worship Service 11:00 am**

**Sunday School 9:30 am**

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## Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We believe that it is our mission to *bring the Word* of God to those who do not know Jesus as their Saviour, to *build the faith* of those who do, and to *share the love* of God with our community and the world. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please speak with the Pastor or Elder on duty. You are welcome to join us as often as you would like in lifting our hearts and voices to the Lord in praise, prayer, and song.

God's blessings to you in Christ!



## Communion at St. John's

Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing. As a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran Church -- Canada congregation you are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ from this altar. If you are a visitor from another church body, we ask that you meet with our Pastor or one of our Elders before receiving the Sacrament here at St. John's.

Any special prayer requests can be directed to the Usher before service begins so Pastor can include them in the Prayer of the Church.

## Scripture for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

**Acts 17:16-31**

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### Epistle

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

### Holy Gospel

**John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."