



PRELUDE

“Come Let Us Worship” Ray Makeever, KOTK  
“I Was Glad” Jay Beech, KOTK

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

HYMN

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound”

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## GREETING

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

## PSALM

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" Dwayne Russell, KOTK

## SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

## ALLELUIA VERSE

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

## SERMON

Pastor Brian Halverson

## SERMON SONG

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

## "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING SONG

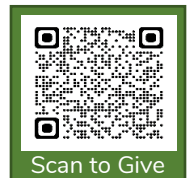
**"I Am Special" Jona Ensor-Plum KOTK**  
**"I Am the Light of the World" June Fischer-Armstrong, KOTK**

## OFFERING

*Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.*

*Offering may be given by:*

- Going to our website [makedisciples.com](http://makedisciples.com) and clicking on "Ways to Give"
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



## OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

## **"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"**

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

## 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.

## Lamb of God

## Distribution Music

"Jesus, You Are My Life" by Steven Fry, vocal duet

"Jesus Loves Me" Aaron David Miller, KOTK

*Please self-serve your communion.*

*Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

## BENEDICTION

## "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

1<sup>st</sup> time – KOTK

2<sup>nd</sup> time - congregation

## SENDING SONG

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.
- 3 There is one body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,

## "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

- one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,  
one God who made us all.
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life..

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## "Toccata Festiva" by Franklin Ritter, organ

# Announcements

## Altar Flowers


Today's flowers were given by Ralph and Marlene Zick in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Please use the sign up on the website to sponsor flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event. Cost of the weekly arrangements is \$38.

## On the Calendar:

May 5	Confirmation Day and Pancake Breakfast
May 6	Spring Yard Refresh (Clean Up Day)
May 26	Memorial Day - one worship at 9:00
June 2	One worship - outside at 9:00 Annual Meeting (10:15)
June 9	Summer worship schedule begins (8:30 inside, 10:00 outside)
Aug 5-9	Vacation Bible School

## Confirmation Sunday



**May 5**

9:00 a.m. - pancake breakfast  
10:45 a.m. - confirmation worship

## Get Out Your Work Gloves!

Spring Yard Refresh (Clean Up Day) is scheduled for Monday, May 6 – 4:30 to sunset. All are encouraged to come help prepare the yard for new growth – come when you can, leave when you must. No experience necessary. There are jobs for all ages and abilities!

Food will be served: dogs, brats, and all the fixin's.

## Graduate Information

We will bless our graduates on June 2. Please complete the Graduate Information form on the website for you or your graduate. (Or you may email Pam with the info: graduate name, school name, degree earned (for college grads), and future plans (i.e. more school, work, military).) [Graduate Recognition – St. John's Lutheran Church – Brookfield \(makedisciples.com\)](https://www.makedisciples.com)

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## April Outreach Offering: Newborn Kits

Newborn Kits is St. John's missionary focus for April. Our 2024 goal is 600 kits. Thanks to the many donations already given, we are off to a great start!

### Needed Items to Reach Our Goal

- monetary donations (about \$3000 to cover the cost of the towels, wash cloths, diapers, diaper pins, etc.)
- receiving blankets
- onesies (preemie, newborn, or 0-3 month sizes)
- baby hats (free yarn is available to knit or crochet hats – contact me)
- Ivory bar soap (bath size)
- twist ties (used to attached labels to each kit)
- USED pillowcases (optional - please do not buy new ones, but we can use any you no longer need)

This ministry is only successful due to your generous donations! In the past 25 years, St. John's has donated a total of 13,067 Newborn Kits! Let's continue to help one baby at a time!

## Register for VBS

Join us this summer for Summer Games VBS: Champions in Training! Kids ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade will compete in our own Summer Games and learn what it really takes to be a champion using the Fruits of the Spirit as a guide.

VBS runs August 5-9, from 9:00am-12:00pm. The early bird cost is \$30/child for the week (\$100 family maximum) if registered by June 10.

Registration deadline is July 31 or when classes are full. Register using this QR code or on our website under Ministries – Child & Youth – VBS.



## Custodial Job Opportunity

St. John's is hiring a part-time custodian. The Custodian oversees the cleaning and general maintenance of the building. This role is part time, requiring approximate 15 to 20 hours per week. Must be available weekends and work a flexible schedule.

Please contact Building Supervisor, [William Stace](mailto:William.Stace@stjohnsbk.org), with questions.