



*“When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”*

*- John 5:6*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2013**

*We are reminded that God's desire for the world is life and life abundant. The healing leaves of the tree of life in John's vision are reflected by the stories of healing we find in the first lesson and gospel. God comes to bring life to us in the midst of our pain and brokenness.*

**PRELUDE:** *Prélude* by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #389: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

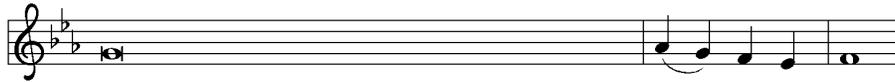
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



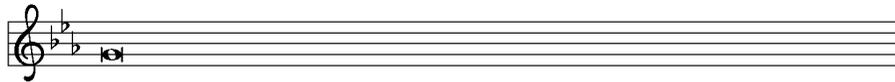
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



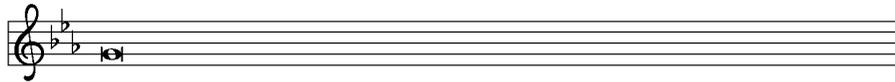
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:16 - 34**

*Paul and Silas encounter a slave-girl afflicted by a troubling spirit and forced to tell fortunes by her owner. After casting out the spirit, Paul and Silas are thrown into prison by the owners. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 67**

Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. R

**SECOND READING: SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—26, 22:1 - 5**

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 5:1 – 3, 5 - 9**

*Jesus performs a healing miracle on the Sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the Sabbath as a healing and creative time.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

<sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON****SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #611:** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**\* NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
     the Father, the Almighty,  
     maker of heaven and earth,  
     of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
     the only Son of God,  
     eternally begotten of the Father,  
     God from God, Light from Light,  
     true God from true God,  
     begotten, not made,  
     of one Being with the Father;  
     through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven,  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.  
     For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
     On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
     He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
     who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
     who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
     who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*HEALING SERVICE**

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Send your Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of the ways of your love. Shape the church by your word and guide the proclamation of your grace for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal to us the splendor of creation and inspire gratitude in our hearts for the yield of the earth. Show us your ways of abundance and healing for the sake of our world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide judges, magistrates, and juries to deliberate with equity and fairness. Be the hope and inspiration of all who are imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Relieve the fears and troubles of those who suffer. Grant shelter to the homeless, assistance to those in any need, and healing to the sick especially, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Winnie, Helen, Margaret, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire the community by the enthusiasm and joy of the newly baptized. Enliven this congregation by stories of conversion and transformation in the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shelter us in the shade of the tree of life, granting refreshment and healing in our weariness and despair. Strengthen our faith with the witness of all the saints and join our voices together in the song of praise that never ends. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. *Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) approach and, as conditions permit, they may kneel. Pastor Mark will lay his hands upon the heads of those that come forward, and if they desire, anoint their heads with oil, making the sign of the cross, reminding us that healing is a sign of God's kingdom.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, *name*; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver *her/him* from the power of evil; and preserve *her/him* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN #613: *Thy Holy Wings***

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,  
 Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.  
 Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
 As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
 give us glad and generous hearts,  
 ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

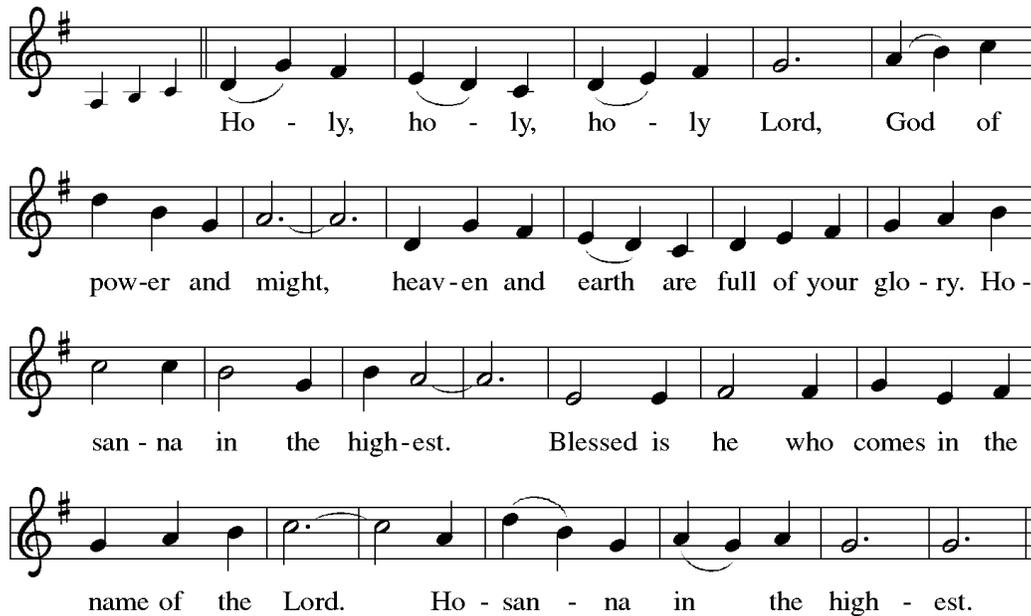
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
 who in dying has destroyed death,  
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


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

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
 together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
 we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
 and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
 who joined us in our desert,  
 pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was handed over,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
 his life, death, and resurrection,  
 we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
 and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
 wash away our sin,  
 that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

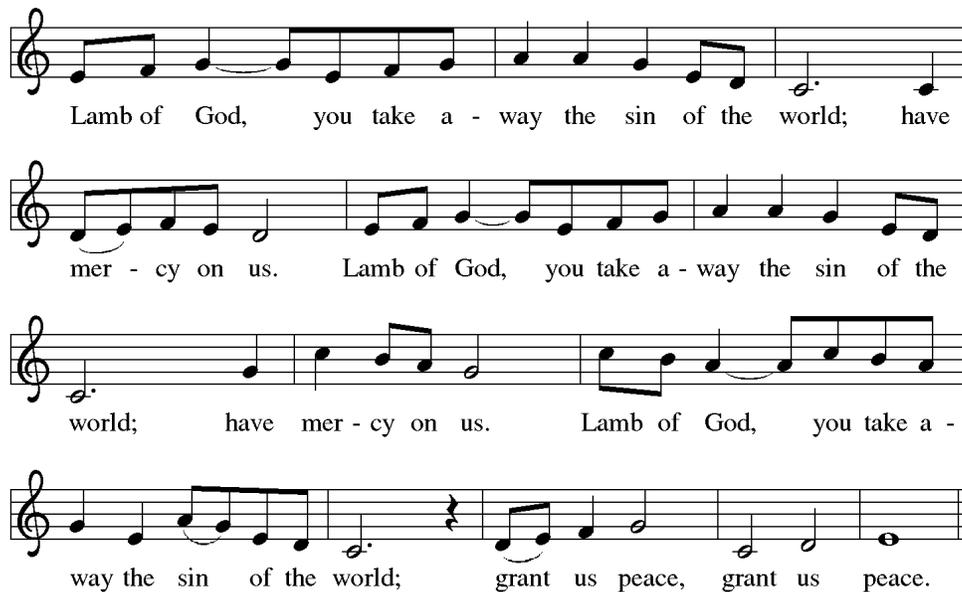
The table of life is spread before you.  
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The inner ring of individual cups has grape juice.*

**COMMUNION SONG**



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, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN #612: Healer of Our Every Ill**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,  
that you make your home with us,  
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,  
that we may wipe away tears,  
tend to those in mourning and pain,  
seek the healing of the nations,  
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #376: *Thine Is the Glory*****\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Gypsy Dance* by Hayden

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The flowers on the altar are given by Jim & Denise Hager in celebration of their daughter, Erin Weaver's birthday on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Assisting Minister (8:00 a.m.):** Matt Claus

**Ushers (8:00 a.m.):** Jim & Davena Hopson

**Acolyte (8:00 a.m.):** Laura Greb

**Communion Assistant (8:00 a.m.):** Sherry Davidson

**Counters:** Ruth Ann Tully & Cindy Knauff

**Attendance Last Week** (wk 4 of April): 89 →

**Budgeted Weekly Need:** \$2,669.62 →

(2013 Annual Budget of \$138,820 divided by 52 weeks)

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$48,053.08 (Weekly Expense  
Need multiplied by 18 weeks - as of 5/5/13)

**Assisting Minister (10:30 a.m.):** Sally Foster

**Lector:** Frieda Carbo

**Ushers (10:30 a.m.):** George & Jan Leikauf

**Acolyte (10:30 a.m.):** Madison Cardinal

**Communion Assistant (10:30 a.m.):** The Cardinals

**Attendance Last Year** (wk 4 of April 2012): 60

**Last Week's Giving:** \$2,331; earmarked \$1,037

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$58,056.05

**YTD Actual Expenses:** \$43,814.93

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