

MAY 3, 2026

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

John 14:1-14

If you have ever visited a friend or family member in a distant city or unfamiliar city, you know how important it is to have someone there to show you around and help take you to where you need to be. Having this person is the difference between an enjoyable trip and a stress inducing ordeal filled with missed turns and wasted time. Simply put, having the right person gets us to where we need to go. Not having that person, especially in an age before GPS was the difference between getting somewhere and driving in circles all day.

For anyone visiting a new place, there are few things better than first night than being shown to a place that has been prepared just for you. There is a sense in that late hour, that after all the traveling, all the stress, you have finally arrived. In the Gospel lesson for this Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples that a place has been prepared for them in the Father's house. It is with this same sense of joy and relief that Jesus speaks about this place prepared for us, not just for a night or two or three, but rather a place where we stay and dwell with the Father forever.

This place is what so many people strive for and yearn for. But how do we get there, and what is the way? This is especially where we can get lost along the way. Many people try to get there on their own, through their hard work, their wits, through trial and error. But these things and more just leave us more lost than before and what's worse, further from God.

Instead, Jesus gives us a different way, the only way actually. It is only through faith in Jesus that we can come to the Father. It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus that we can come into the presence of God. All other ways, every other way leads far from God and far from eternal life. So we trust in Jesus, we follow Jesus, we listen to Jesus who brings us to the Father, forever.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, move us daily to follow Jesus who is the way to the Father. Let us not rely on ourselves and what we do, but only on Jesus and what he has done for us. Assure us that even in the midst of our sinfulness, that a place has been prepared for us with the Father. Amen.

**Pastor Barry**

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday - May 3**

Worship in Gym 8:00 & 9:30am

Education Hour 9:30am

Confirmation Service 11:00am

5-6th Grade Next Gen Night 5:00pm

**Monday - May 4**

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

**Tuesday - May 5**

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

**Wednesday - May 6**

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:00pm

**Thursday - May 7**

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

**Friday - May 8**

AA 6:30pm

**Sunday - May 10**

Worship in Gym 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Education Hour 9:30am - LAST DAY!

Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am

7-12th Grade Youth Night 6:00pm



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## Construction Update



The grand piano has been returned to the Sanctuary after being kept in climate-controlled storage during construction. The new Sanctuary layout now allows us to use both the grand piano and the communion rail.



The organ console has been assembled and connected. It is movable and can be placed at the front of the center aisle for recitals or similar events.



A team from Berghaus Pipe Organ continues to work on installing the organ. Here, some of the 1552 pipes are laid out before they are installed in their place.

## Announcements

### Join Us May 10 for Our Last Education Hour of the Season

Sunday, May 10 is the last Sunday of Education Hour for the season. Thank you to everyone who joined us throughout the year! Watch for more info toward the end of summer about when Education Hour will return.

Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, May 24, with services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM. This summer, you can also join us on select Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for our intergenerational Bible study, On the Farm.

# Next Gen NIGHT

**05.03.2026**  
**5:00-8:00PM**



Scan to Register!

**5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

St. John's Lutheran Church - Chaska, MN  
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JOIN US FOR OUR

# Sanctuary

RE-DEDICATION

Sunday, May 17 | 8:00 · 9:30 · 10:45 AM  
Scan the QR code for full details



## 7TH-12TH GRADE SPRING LOCK-IN

May 15th | 6:00 PM - Midnight  
At Living Christ Lutheran Church

Scan to learn more and register!

Questions? justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org



## HELP OUT WITH SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Love the coffee, lemonade, and donuts at Summer Coffee Hour?

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to help!



## On the Farm

An Intergenerational Bible Study

Select Sunday mornings this summer  
9:30 - 10:00 AM in the gym

June 14 & 28  
July 12 & 26  
August 9

Scan for more info!



St. John's & Christ Victorious invite you to

## Family Faith Nights

Intergenerational summer evenings full of faith, food, and fun!

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:00 PM

**St. Johns**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June 10, July 8, & August 5

**CHRIST VICTORIOUS**  
KNOWING CHRIST TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

June 24, July 22, & August 19

REGISTER HERE



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium  
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

Education Hour 9:30am

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

### Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



## PRAYER LIST

We would love to pray for you. You may share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering area and main level common areas, or by visiting [www.stjohnschaska.org](http://www.stjohnschaska.org) and clicking "Prayer Request" under "Resources." You are also welcome to contact the church office by email at [churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org) or by phone at 952-448-2433.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/3

Jo Tucker

5/4

Ciara Reisner  
Stephen Wetzel

5/6

Kimberly Ische  
Roberta McDermott  
Patti Oelfke

5/7

Aliyah Messer  
Evan Sutherland  
Ben Wiegert

5/8

Ruby Geuther  
Paige Hagen  
Evan Hagen

5/8

Wyatt Messenger  
Joselyn Stender

5/9

Liz Bennes  
Jeffrey Boldt  
Kathie Lenzen  
Phillip Mann  
Sophia Stockey  
Alexis Thom

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

David Burfield  
Emily Pagelkopf

Stephen Wetzel

Anne Dutcher  
Brody Miller

### IN SYMPATHY

The family of Gordon Thomas, upon his passing.

The family of Mary Snorek, upon her passing.



### EXPECTANT MOMS

Clara Crawley-Reid  
Haley Griffin  
Christina Krueger  
Brittany Thormodson

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

5/3 - Mike and Leslie Dartt  
5/4 - Chris and Emma Mundahl  
5/4 - Jon and Laura Thom  
5/5 - Ken and Carrie Meyer  
5/5 - Randy and Mary Peek  
5/6 - Steve and Teliah Beach  
5/6 - Rick and LuAnn Panning  
5/7 - Ben and Stephanie Wiegert  
5/8 - Jeff and Amy Kuester

### ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt  
John Barney  
Merlin Bentz  
Jack Boman  
Jimann Campbell  
Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead  
Sunnie Deis  
Anita Doss  
Sid & Merna Fjelstad  
Dennis Gaarder  
Ruth Harms

Eugene Henke  
Carol Jones  
Len Kallsen  
Tracy Koepsell  
Tim & Gretchen Laubach  
Marilyn Lenzen

Melinda Meuwissen  
Steve Pond  
Cliff Waller  
Lois Wenz  
Ruth Ziegler