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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

(v3 & v7 - men; v4 & v8 - women)

Distribution Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Distribution Hymn: 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Closing Hymn: 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,

Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Charlotte Voelker (recovery)

Pamela Poppe

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde; Acolyte next Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Andrew Tiemeyer, & Eli Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, John Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Aaron Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Ella & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty May 16th & 23rd - Elijah Meier & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing - May 15th - Ella & Ryan; May 22nd - Ethan & Sophia

Upcoming Events

- May 9** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- May 10** 6:30 p.m. Linn Lutheran Preschool Graduation at Zion, Linn
7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- May 16** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- May 17** 7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting @ Zion
7:30 p.m. LLS Board Meeting

Announcements

- * This morning, Maverick Parker Meyerhoff will be brought to the Holy Waters of Baptism. He was born to Clayton and Shaylyn Meyerhoff on July 31st, 2020.
- * **From Linn Lutheran School:**
 - * Preschool Graduation is **Monday, May 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's basement. The graduates are: Hosmer Beikmann, Alivia Damman, Tatum Durance, Maren Hiesterman, Reagan Ohlde, Hudson Stunkel, and Jax Rahe.
 - * 8th Grade Graduation is **Wednesday, May 19th**, at 7 p.m. at St. John; a cake reception will follow. The graduates are Ethan Bott, Camryn Beikmann, and Conner Ohlde.
 - * Our last day of school will be a full day on **Thursday, May 20th**.
- * Linn Lutheran School is seeking a full-time third and fourth grades elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This person should be motivated to work with our wonderful elementary school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith of our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include: the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you have a name to turn in, please contact a school board member; our school board is serving as the call committee.
- * The Bethlehem Lutheran LYF will be hosting their Mother's Day dinner **TODAY, May 9th!** We will serve 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the price will be \$10 for adults, children ages 5 to 12 will be \$5, and children under 5 eat for free.
- * St. John has \$12,458.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until **July 15, 2021**, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * This week on KFUO.org, finish Jude and begin Jeremiah on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study 1 Kings 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and learn how our Confessions interact with our daily life as Lutherans on Concord Matters (**Saturday, May 15, at 10a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit *(Psalm 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b)*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Old Testament Reading: *Numbers 21:4-9*

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle Reading: *James 1:22-27*

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Gospel Reading: *John 16:23-30*

²³ [Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

As We Gather...

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (**John 16:23**). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (**1 Timothy 2:1–6**). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (**Numbers 21:4–9**). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (**James 1:22–27**) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles’ Creed - The Third Article

II. The Church, the Communion of Saints *(Continued)*

173. Why is the church called “Christian”?

It belongs to Christ and is built on Him alone.

608 **1 Corinthians 3:11** - No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

609 **Ephesians 2:20** - [You are] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.

Note: The word *catholic*, sometimes used in creeds, means “universal” or “general.” The church exists throughout the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed.

174. Where is this holy Christian church to be found?

The holy Christian church is to be found where “the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel” (Augsburg Confession VII 1). The Gospel and the sacraments are called the “marks of the church.”

610 **Isaiah 55:10-11** - As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

"...so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." - John 3:14b-15



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