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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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 Werner, 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 (pg. 151)

Opening Hymn: 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn of the Day: 458 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

(v. 2 & 4 - Women; v. 3 & 5 - Men)

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

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Distribution Hymn: 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Closing Hymn: 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

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

Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);

Annette Bott (cancer)

Acolyte today - Briette Bott

Acolyte April 12th - Grace Meier

Ushers today - *Conner Ohlde, Nolan Meier, Cash Stunkel, & Aiden Sweet

Ushers April 12th - *Elijah Meier, Greyson Ohlde, Emmitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen

No Fellowship Hour LYF today

Fellowship Hour LYF serving April 12th - Liam Voelker & Cade Hiltgen

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 5 NO Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- Apr. 8 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Apr. 12 8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Apr. 15 NO Midweek/Confirmation
8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Apr. 19 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Romans 10:9-10** - "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."
- **Mark your calendar:** The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be on **Sunday, April 26th**, following church (in place of Bible class).
- The flowers by the altar are in honor of Ned & Deb Peters' 40th anniversary today!
- The Easter lily by the altar is in memory of Dennis Oelschlager, Matthew Nation, and Jeremy Oelschlager from Gail Oelschlager and Georgia Oelschlager.
- The Easter lilies on the altar are in memory of Steve and Eunice Herrs from Shane and Ann Ohlde, Dylan, Kyra, and Lexie.
- **Linn Lutheran News:**
 - **Mon., April 6th** - No School L.L. or Linn Public
 - **Wed., April 8th** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel at Zion with Pastor Werner
 - **Sun., April 12th** - Linn Lutheran Science Fair at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Basement! Come see 1st-8th grade science boards & experiments!
 - **Wed., April 15th** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel with Vicar Milbrath at Zion.
 - **Wed., April 22nd** - 1st grade/Preschool Open House at Linn Lutheran School at 6:00 p.m.! Calling all students who will be 1st graders & 3/4 year old Preschool in the 2026/2027 school year!

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. John Werner, 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. 10:16-17; 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.



Introit *(Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b)*

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.
Alle- | luia!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.**

O | Lord, our Lord,*

**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
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 Easter Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

23 “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

Gradual (*Psalms 118:24, 1*)

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Verse (*1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c*)

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 16:1-8*

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was

crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

BEGINS IN MARCH OR APRIL

Easter is the chief feast of the Christian year, though in many cultures and even in many churches, Christmas may seem to overshadow it. The world can find something to celebrate in Christmas, but it is baffled by the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Lent was a time of preparation, the Triduum was a time of participation in the Pasch of Christ, and Easter is a 50-day celebration of the new life given through Christ. The celebration begins at the Easter Vigil and culminates on the Day of Pentecost.

Calendar: Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter may fall as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Customs: The color for Easter is white for joy. Begin the Easter service at the church cemetery. Sing joyous hymns, which include “alleluia.” Display Easter lilies at home and at church. Explain common symbols of Easter for children: the emerging of a butterfly from its cocoon and chicks from their eggs represent transformation and new life.

As We Gather...

Christ’s Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. “After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God” (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

Catechetical Review

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

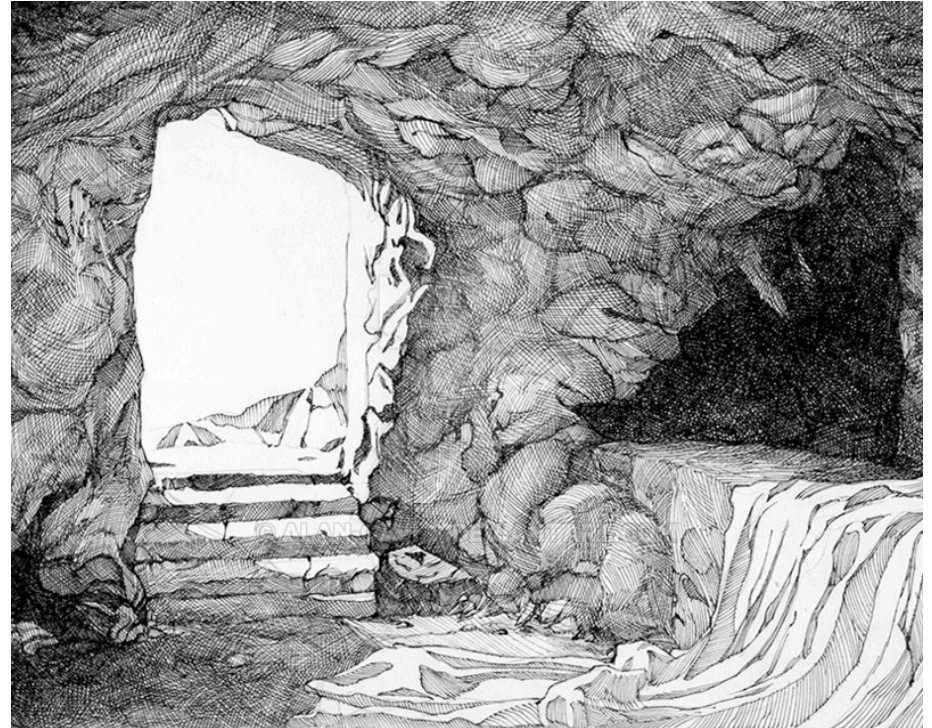
The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

I know that my Redeemer lives!



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The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)

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