

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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April 23, 2023

The Third 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 (pg. 184)

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

Hymn of the Day: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Distribution Hymn: 155 "This Is the Feast"

Distribution Hymn: 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

Distribution Hymn: 660 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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

Closing Hymn: 484 "Make Songs of Joy"

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.
Angie Reinert, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); **Carter John & Allie Elizabeth Meier** (NICU)

Acolyte today - Emitt Tiemeyer

Acolyte next Sunday - Deavon Ohlde

Ushers today - *Cody Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Conner Ohlde, & Noah Thalmann

Ushers April 30th - *Elijah Meier, Dylan Ohlde, Mason Tiemeyer, Aiden Sweet

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Sophia & Ethan Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour April 30th & May 7th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

Upcoming Events

- April 23** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voter's Mtg & Children's Sunday School
- April 30** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- May 7** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- May 8** 6:30 p.m. LLS Preschool Graduation in Zion's basement

Announcements

- * The men of the congregation are invited to a special "Sunrise with the Bible" breakfast event on Monday, May 1, in the parish hall. The event is sponsored by the St. John Men's Club and will be an opportunity for men's fellowship along with devotions and a breakfast buffet featuring a variety of breakfast casseroles, special coffee, and more. Breakfast and fellowship will be from 6:30-7:15 a.m. followed by a devotion. We will break by 7:30 a.m. so people can get to work and school. Please consider bringing your sons before school!
- * **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - * Preschool Graduation: Mon., May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's basement
 - * 8th Grade Graduation: Wed., May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.
 - * Last day of school is Thursday, May 18, with 12:30 p.m. dismissal
 - * LLS is looking for a bus driver (full- or part-time) for the 2023-24 academic year. Please contact the school office at (785) 348-5792 with any questions or if you're interested in serving LLS in this way.
- * **St. John Sunday School News:**
 - * Sunday School is winding down, and our last classes will be May 7. Thank you to all the parents who have taught this year!
 - * "God's Living Water VBS" will be June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration sheets are now available in the narthex. Please return them to the basket in the narthex by May 14th so materials can be ordered.
 - * VBS teachers and volunteers are needed! Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board. High School students can use this for their required community service hours. Keep checking the board for snack donation requests!
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment is open to the public for the 2023-2024 school year. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old by August 31, 2023. Incoming and returning students may call the school starting at 8:00 a.m. at (785) 348-5792 or stop in the school office to sign up their student. Questions, please contact teacher, Mrs. Laura Stunkel or LLS.
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."**

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. 10:16-17; 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 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 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a*)

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Al- | leluia.*
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Al- | leluia.

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear him,*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the Lord;*

he is our help | and our shield.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Alleluia Verse (*Luke 24:35b; John 10:14*)

Alleluia.

[The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-16*

¹¹ [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the

Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

As We Gather...

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (**John 10:11–16**). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (**Ezekiel 34:11–16**). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (**Psalms 23**). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (**1 Peter 2:25**).

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

How is the Church gathered and governed in this world?

Through the ministry of the Gospel or through hearing, reading, meditating, etc., on the Word of God; through which Christ Himself is effective, converts the hearts and minds of its hearers to God by His Holy Spirit, and with the true knowledge of God and faith illumines, comforts, governs and sanctifies them to eternal life.

“Everyone who believes in Christ will be saved. But how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher? So then faith comes from the hearing of the Word of God,” Romans 10. “Thy word gives me life,” Psalm 119. “In Thy word I have hoped,” Psalm 130. “He will speak to you the words through which you and your household will be saved,” Acts 11.

* The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work A Summary of the Christian Faith. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press. For information on this book and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

Section 4

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS*

(Part 2)

PREPARED BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER FOR THOSE WHO
INTEND TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

12. *What are the words of institution?*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*

Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

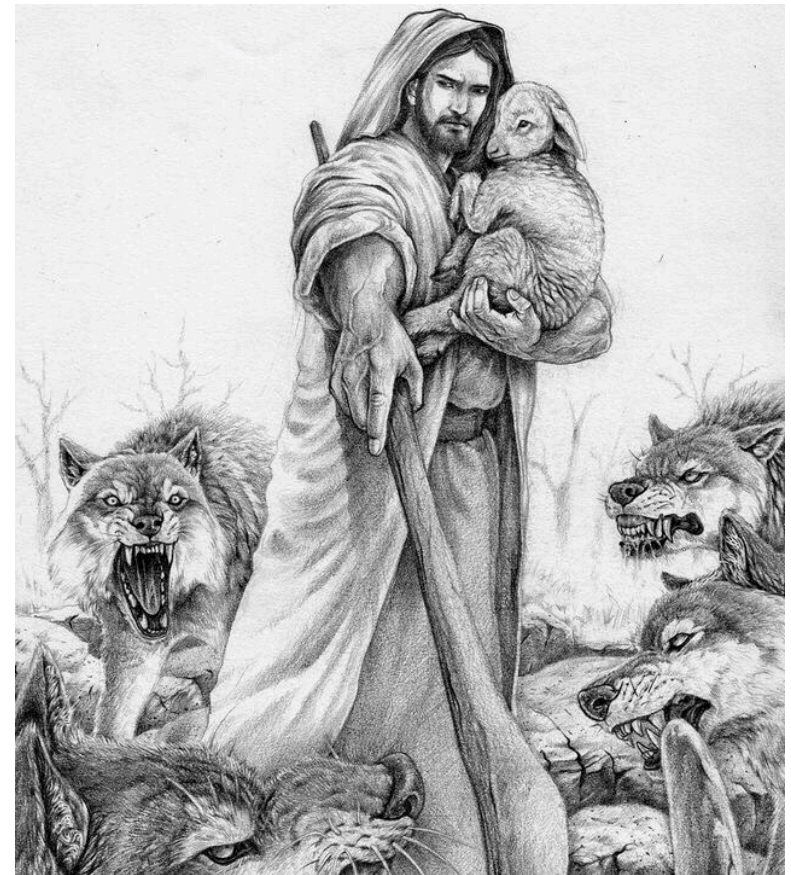
His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in **John 14**, **Romans 5**, **Galatians 2**, and **Ephesians 5**.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

*The "Christian Questions with Their Answers," designating Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the Small Catechism in 1551.

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