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## Fourth 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:** 487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

**Hymn of the Day:** 483 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

**Distribution Hymn:** 155 "This Is the Feast"

**Distribution Hymn:** 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

**Distribution Hymn:** 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Distribution Hymn:** 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"

**Closing Hymn:** 475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

## Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.hayes@outlook.com).

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

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

**Acolyte today** - Lucious Petesch

**Acolyte April 28** - Samuel Bott

**Ushers today** - \*Elijah Meier, Conner Ohlde, Noah Thalmann, & Aiden Sweet

**Ushers April 28** - \*Eli Thalmann, Zac Hiltgen, Liam Voelker, & Dylan Ohlde

**LYF Serving for Bible Class today & April 28** - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

**LYF Serving for Bible Class May 5 & 12** - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

- April 21**
- 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
  - ~12:00 p.m. New Member Potluck followed by Qtrly Voters Mtg
- April 25**
- 7:00 p.m. Joint Communion Service at Zion
- April 28**
- 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

- Mark your calendars on **May 9th**:
  - 6 p.m. - LLS Preschool Open House
  - 7 p.m. - Ascension Day joint service hosted by St. John.
  - 8 p.m. - Association Meeting at St. John
- **Linn Lutheran Talent Show:** Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's basement. All are invited to attend! Linn Lutheran orchestra students will be performing, as well as other 1st-8th grade students.
- **The Blessings of Marriage Seminar:** Marriage comes with its own set of challenges, whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your golden anniversary. Rev James Woelmer (pastor at Christ Lutheran in Manhattan) will dive into the Biblical significance of marriage, its enriching aspects, and how it enhances our understanding of Christ and the church. You are invited to attend either April 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm or April 27 from 3:00-5:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church 4592 Green Valley Rd, Manhattan, KS. Please RSVP: [jwoelmer@gmail.com](mailto:jwoelmer@gmail.com) or call 785-776-2227.
- This summer/fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians at regional LCMS marriage enrichment seminars around Kansas! We will meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault! Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon. For more information, email the KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee chair, Rev. Philip Hoppe, at [pastor@ihoppe.com](mailto:pastor@ihoppe.com).
- **Save the Date....** VBS 2024 at St. John will be June 17th-21st!
- St. John has \$15,656.00 left to match in the 2024 Endowment Fund Matching Program for Linn Lutheran School. The Matching Program runs until July 15, 2024. Checks can be mailed or dropped off at Linn Lutheran. Thank you for using the Matching Program!

## 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.

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### 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.

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### Introit *(Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: vv. 1-2)*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

**Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\***

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”**

**Come and see what | God has done:\***

**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**

**Bless our God, O | peoples;\***

**let the sound of his | praise be heard,**

**who has kept our soul among the | living\***

**and has not let our | feet slip.**

**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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- LCMS memory verse challenge this week: **John 14:19** - “**Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.**”

## Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:25-31*

25 To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.  
27 Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
29 He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

## Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:11-20*

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if,

when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

## Verse (*Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26*)

**Alleluia.** He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?  
**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *John 16:16-22*

16 [Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” 18 So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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## As We Gather...

## Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

*The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We are those who wait on the Lord. “The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”. Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”. Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”. The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “And no one will take your joy from you”.*

# Catechetical Review

## An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

### The Tenth Commandment

#### [God's Gift of Contentment]

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

#### 66. What coveting does God forbid in the Tenth Commandment?

God forbids every sinful desire to take from our neighbor that person's spouse or workers.

219 **Luke 12:15** - He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

220 **Colossians 3:5** - Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

*Bible narratives:* David coveted Uriah's wife and took her (**2 Samuel 11:2-4**). Absalom estranged the hearts of the people from David (**2 Samuel 15:1-6**).

#### 67. What does God require of us in the Tenth Commandment?

We should be content with the helpers God has given us and encourage our neighbor's helpers to be faithful to our neighbor.

221 **Philippians 2:4** - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

*Bible narrative:* Paul returned a runaway slave to his master Philemon (**Philemon**).

#### 68. What does God particularly impress upon us in the last two commandments?

A. In God's sight, evil desire, coveting, is indeed sin and deserves condemnation.

222 **Genesis 3:6** - When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

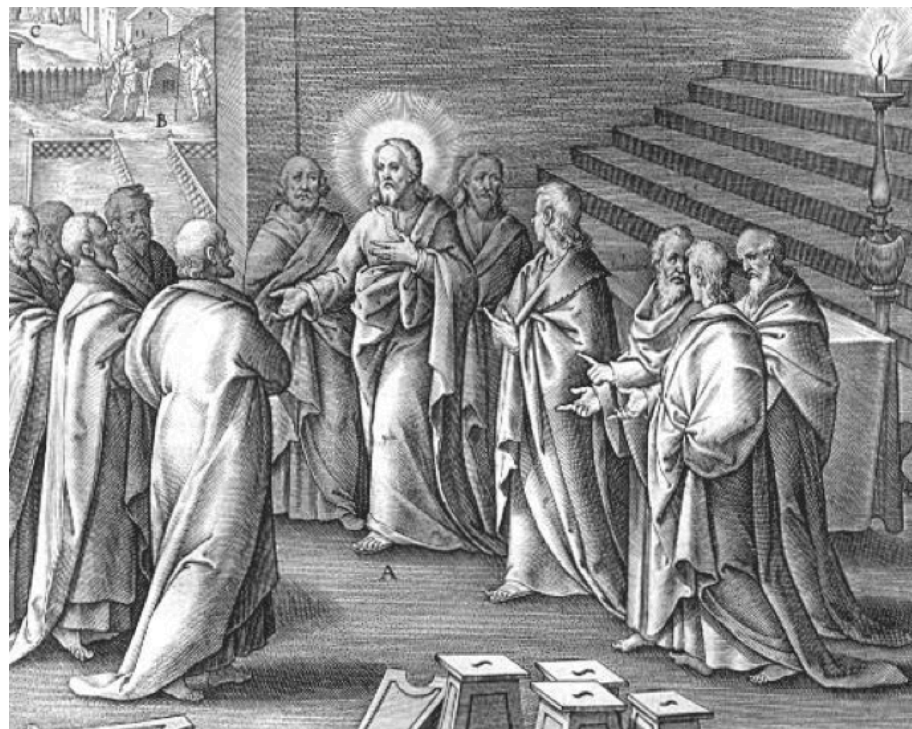
223 **James 1:14-15** - Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

224 **Psalms 37:4** - Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

225 **Psalms 119:35-36** - Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

226 **Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

*"...but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."*



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