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April 19, 2026

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 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: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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

Distribution Hymn: 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

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

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

Distribution Hymn: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Closing Hymn: 487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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 - Ian Ohlde

Acolyte April 26th - James Werner

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Hendrix Stunkel, Noah Thalmann, & Samuel Bott

Ushers April 26th - *Ethan Bott, Emmerich Hornkohl, Deavon Ohlde, & Cade Hiltgen

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today & April 26th - Ben & Sam Werner

Fellowship Hour LYF serving May 3rd & 10th - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 19** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Apr. 26** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Quarterly Voters Mtg
- May 3** 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: **Mark 12:29-31** - "Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.""
- Linn Lutheran School Board is accepting mowing bids for the 2026 mowing season. Please submit bids either in person or via email to kelseyhatesohl@linnlutheran.eduk12.net by April 20. Mowing duties include mowing, weed eating, cleaning grass clippings from sidewalk areas. Thank you!
- KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of the LCMS, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org:** We're wrapping up our study of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.!) Tune in as we discuss chapters 48-50. Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) has just started a new series on the book of Ecclesiastes! Join us for chapters 5-9 this week. Sharathon 2026 will be here April 30-May 2! Mark your calendars and tune in to join the fun! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit kfuo.org/sharathon.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Mon., April 20th** - 5th-8th grade band concert at Linn Public old gym at 7 p.m.
 - **Tues., April 21st** - Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at 7 p.m.
 - **Wed., April 22nd** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel with Pastor Wingfield 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!
 - **Wed., April 29th** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel with Pastor Koch at Zion.

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 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.

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 (Psalm 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

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

The Ten Commandments

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

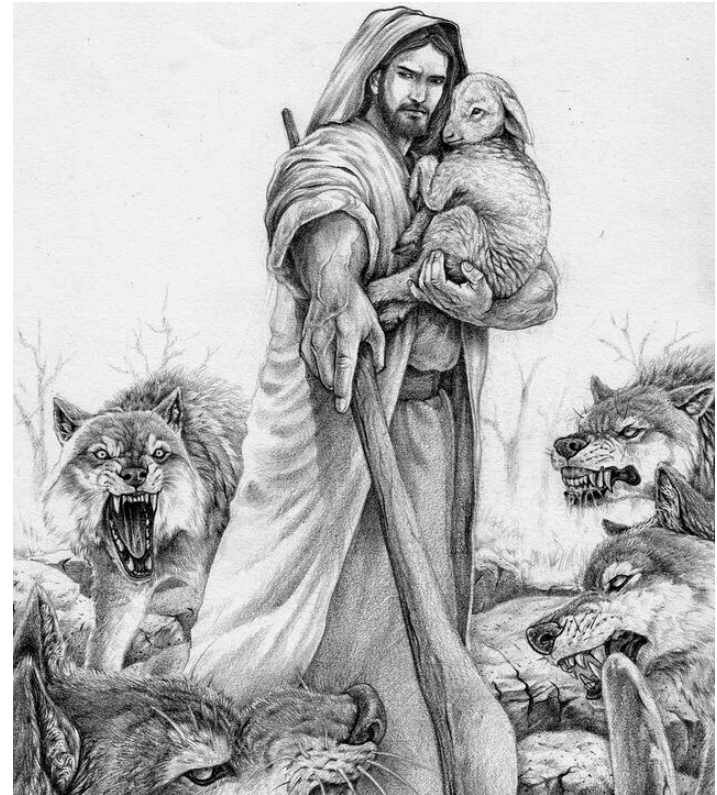
He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:5-6

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Misericordias Domini means "the goodness of the Lord." These are the words of Psalm 33.5 from the Introit. In Latin, verse 5 ends "misericordia Domini plena est terra" – "the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." Psalm 33 proclaims the joy and awe of the Christian at the miraculous grandeur of the creative and redemptive acts of Our Lord. This Sunday is frequently called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel reading is St. John 10.11-16, where Our Lord identifies Himself as our Good Shepherd. Christ as our Shepherd is also the theme of the Old Testament (Ezekiel 34.11-16) and the Epistle (1 Peter 2.21-25).

Misericordias Domini



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