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**April 13, 2025**

### Palm Sunday & Confirmation

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:** 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Hymn of the Day:** 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

**Confirmation Hymn:** 689 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

**Distribution Hymn:** 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**Distribution Hymn:** 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

**Distribution Hymn:** 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Distribution Hymn:** 444 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

**Closing Hymn:** 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

### 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, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, Gladys Stone, & Marilynne Ohlde** (nursing home); **Addie Voelker, Micah Helms, & Deb Hatesohl** (cancer); **Judy Woerman** (surgery); **family of Loraine Oldehoeft**

**Acolyte today** - Emmerich Hornkohl

**Acolyte Sun., April 20th** - Nolan Meier

**Ushers today** - \*Aaron Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, Aiden Sweet, & Greyson Ohlde

**Ushers April 20** - \*Elijah Meier, Emmitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen, & Dylan Ohlde

\*NO LYF Fellowship Service today or April 20th

**LYF Fellowship Service April 27th** - Aiden Sweet & Liam Voelker

## CONFIRMANDS

### Samuel Kenneth Glen Bott, son of Greg & Amy Bott

"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? – the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze." [Psalm 18:31-34]

### Cade Aaron Hiltgen, son of Joshua & Lisa Hiltgen

"Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." [2 Timothy 3:14-15]

### Sophia Elizabeth Hiltgen, daughter of Chad & Elizabeth Hiltgen

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." [Proverbs 31:30]

### Lucious Matthew Petesch, son of Mark & Melissa Petesch

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." [Hebrews 13:8]

### As We Gather...

#### The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

## 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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## Procession of Palms

*The congregation faces the procession in the back of the church.*

### Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**
  
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

- P Let us pray.  
Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:12-19*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
  
- P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**  
P Let us go forth in peace,  
C **in the name of the Lord.**

## **442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

LSB 442

*All arrive at their places. The children sing and then return to their parents.*

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Collect of the Day**

P Let us pray...one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*The service continues with the readings in the Service of the Word, LSB p. 190.*

## **Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11***

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form  
of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in  
human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at  
the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel Reading: *John 12:20-43***

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were  
some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in  
Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and  
told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus  
answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be  
glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into  
the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25  
Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world  
will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me;

and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the  
Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save  
me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28  
Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have  
glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there  
and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has  
spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your  
sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the  
ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the  
earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what  
kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, "We  
have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you  
say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"  
35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while  
longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The  
one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36  
While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become  
sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself  
from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they  
still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet  
Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them."

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.  
42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for  
fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be  
put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from  
man more than the glory that comes from God.

## Upcoming Events

- April 13** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)  
10:45 a.m. NO Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- April 16** 6:30 p.m. LLS Orchestra Concert in Zion's basement
- April 17** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
- April 18** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- April 20** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)  
10:45 a.m. NO Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- April 23** 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal  
8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

## Announcements

- **Wednesday, April 16**, Mrs. Bott's 5th/6th grade class at Linn Lutheran invites you to Chapel at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. The 18 students will be leading Chapel! Please join us!
- Mr. David Beikmann has received a call for principal at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Pierce, Nebraska. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the call.
- Donation slips for the capital campaign to fund the construction of a new parsonage were placed in your bulletin boxes last week. Please prayerfully consider what you would consider donating toward this major project for the long-term benefit of our church. We have a minimum goal of raising \$450,000, which is the estimated price of building a new parsonage.
- The Linn Lutheran Endowment Matching Fund Program runs until July 15, 2025. St. John has \$24,365 left to match. If this amount is not matched by July 15th, it will go to the 4th teacher fund.
- Join Mrs. Hayes, Pr. Wingfield, special guest artists, and the Linn Lutheran School Orchestra students for an evening of music and singing. The concert is this **Wednesday, April 16th**, in Zion's basement at 6:30 p.m. Performers, please be there at 6:00 to unpack and warm up. See you there!
- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to be shared on Easter Sunday, April 20, please let Ann Ohlde (785-632-0127) know if it is in honor or memory of someone by Thursday, April 17, so it can be put in the bulletin. Then, please purchase your Easter Lily and have it to the Parish Hall by 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 19. Thank you.
- Mark your calendars: On **Sunday, April 27th**, we will be having a Farewell Potluck at noon followed by a program at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for Pastor and his family. Mixed Choir and Men's Chorus each will be singing for the program. Both choirs will rehearse on **Wed., April 23rd**: Mixed Choir at 7 p.m. and Men's Chorus at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to sing, even if you have not been a member of choir before.

*Behold, your king is coming to you!*



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