

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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May 3, 2026

The Fifth 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 One (pg. 151)

Opening Hymn: 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn of the Day: 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (v6-men, v7-women)

Distribution Hymn: 755 "In the Very Midst of Life"

Distribution Hymn: 629 "What Is This Bread"

Distribution Hymn: 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Distribution Hymn: 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

Distribution Hymn: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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); Ruth Henderson (recovering from surgery); Kelly Voelker

(upcoming open heart surgery)

Acolyte today - Jase Meier

Acolyte May 10th - Avery Ohlde

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Ethan Bott, Greyson Ohlde, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers May 10th - *Dylan Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Cade Hiltgen, & Hendrix Stunkel

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

Fellowship Hour LYF serving May 17th & 24th - Greyson Ohlde & Lucious Petesch

Upcoming Events

- May 3 9:00 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
- May 6 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- May 10 8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- May 12 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting

Announcements

- This morning we celebrate the infant baptism of Levy Jade Anderson, daughter of Ally & Zane. Her sponsors are Ayla Johnson and Emilee Blackwood..
- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Romans 12:12** - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
- The Mother's Day collection **Sun., May 10**, goes to the Armed Forces Commission.
- St. John has **\$38,300.00** left to match in the Linn Lutheran Endowment matching program for 2026. The matching program runs until Dec. 15, 2026.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org**: Tune in to Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) for our latest study, "Springing into the Psalms!" This week will take us through Psalms 21, 30, 38, 45, and 53. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through a brand new study of the book of James! Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (5/9 at 10 a.m.) as we look at the Power and Primacy of the Pope. What is "the office of the keys"? Find your favorite programs on-demand by visiting kfu.org!
- The following is the Endowment report:
 - Keating Investment account - \$1,557,365.72
 - CD at United Bank & Trust - \$150,000
 - Money Market at United Bank & Trust - \$353,317.74
 - Total - \$2,060,674.46
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Wednesday, May 6th** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel led by Mrs. Duever's 7th/8th graders; Mrs. Duever has 23 students in her class this year.
 - **Monday, May 11th** - No School for Linn Lutheran only. Annual Track Meet at Alma for 1st-8th grade students; 9:00 a.m. start time.
 - **Wednesday, May 3rd** - 8:30 a.m. Chapel at Zion with Pastor Gaschler.
 - **Wednesday, May 20th** - 6:30 p.m. Preschool/8th Grade Graduation at Zion. 12 preschoolers and 12 8th graders will be graduating; 1st-8th graders are singing; cake/cookie reception follows in the basement.

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 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b)*

Sing to the Lord a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alle- | luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm*
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |
Israel.***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 12:1-6*

¹ You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle Reading: *James 1:16-21*

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Gospel Reading: *John 16:5-15*

⁵ [Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the

truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

As We Gather...

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Isaiah 12:2).

Catechetical Review

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

The Second Article

Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter is also known as Cantate Sunday. *Cantate* is a Latin imperative imploring us to “sing.” Why do we call this Sunday by this name? We go to the Introit. The opening words are from Psalm 98:1: “Sing to the LORD a new song.” The Sundays of Easter with their old Latin names most commonly derive their names from the opening words of the Introit.

Cantate



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