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May 2, 2021

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 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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (vs 1-4)
Hymn of the Day: 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (vs 5-10)
(v6 - men; v7 - women)

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

Distribution Hymn: 629 "What Is This Bread"

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

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

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

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,
Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Marilynne Ohlde (hospitalized)

Pamela Poppe

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Evan Bott, John Bott, Jacob Bott, & Eli Thalmann

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Andrew Tiemeyer, & Eli Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & May 9th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty May 16th & 23rd - Elijah Meier & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

- May 2** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
4:00 p.m. LLL Spring Rally at Zion, Linn
- May 3** 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- May 9** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran School is seeking a full-time third and fourth grades elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This person should be motivated to work with our wonderful elementary school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith of our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include: the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you have a name to turn in, please contact a school board member; our school board is serving as the call committee.
- * The Bethlehem Lutheran LYF will be hosting their Mother's Day dinner on **Sunday, May 9th!** We will serve 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the price will be \$10 for adults, children ages 5 to 12 will be \$5, and children under 5 eat for free.
- * St. John has \$12,458.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until **July 15, 2021**, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * The Zone LLL Spring Rally will be held **TODAY, May 2nd**, at Zion Lutheran Church, Linn. Registration will open at 4:00, and our presenter this year will be Wanda Pritzel from Lutheran Family Services of Iowa. We hope to see you!
- * The Zone 2 Circuit 7 board is also requesting, from each member congregation, at least one name to be submitted to be eligible for election at this year's spring rally on **May 2** to serve on the council. The council's duties are to plan the Fall and Spring Rally each year and every third year help coordinate the convocation held at Washington High School. From the list of candidates provided, 3 members will be voted on at the 2021 Spring rally to fill those positions that will come open at that time. ***This year will be slightly different because the current council members will be staying on thru November to help facilitate the planning for the Convocation that was postponed from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021.
- * This week on KFUO.org, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at **10 a.m.** Find your favorite podcasts on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

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, 22:23ff; 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



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.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

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**).

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith”

by David Chytraeus (1568)

What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the promise concerning Christ, or the teaching not known by nature but produced from the secret counsel of the Godhead through the Son. In it God, out of His boundless mercy, for the sake of Christ, His Son, freely promises the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life to all who repent and embrace these promised blessings by faith.

The sum of the Gospel is Christ’s statement: “God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.” Rom. 3: “We are justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption which is in Christ, whom God put forward as an expiation by His blood to be received by faith,” etc.

* 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 Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholiam.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed - The Third Article

*With joy you will draw water from the wells
of salvation. - Isaiah 12:3*

II. The Church, the Communion of Saints

170. Why do you say, "I believe" in the church?

A. Because faith, which makes people members of the church, is invisible, the church is invisible to human eyes.

599 **Luke 17:20-21** - The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you.

600 **2 Timothy 2:19** - God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are His."

B. The Scriptures assure us that the Holy Spirit continues to gather and preserve the church.

601 **Matthew 16:18** - You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

602 **Acts 2:41, 47** - Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Bible narrative: The seven thousand in Israel (**1 Kings 19:8-18**).

171. Why do you say, I believe in "the" church?

There is only one church, one spiritual body of believers (saints), whose one and only head is Christ.

603 **Romans 12:4-5** - As each of us has one body with many members ... so in Christ we who are many form one body.

604 **Ephesians 4:3-6** - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

605 **Colossians 1:18** - [Christ] is the head of the body, the church.

172. Why is the church called "holy"?

It is made up of holy people (saints), believers who have been cleansed by the blood of Christ and who serve God with holy living.

606 **Ephesians 5:25-27** - Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

607 **1 Peter 2:5** - You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



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