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St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

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 Gaschler, 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: 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Hymn of the Day: 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

Distribution Hymn: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Distribution Hymn: 639 "Wide Open Stand the Gates"

Distribution Hymn: 627 "Lord Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Closing Hymn: 518 "By All Your Saints in Warfare" (vs 19)

Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Gaschler at

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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** (healing); **Micah Helms** (cancer)

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Zac Hiltgen, Greyson Ohlde, & Deavon Ohlde

Ushers July 6 - *Dylan Ohlde, Lucious Petesch, Noah Thalmann, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Mowing July 5 - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

LYF Mowing July 12 - Greyson Ohlde & Lucious Petesch

Upcoming Events

June 29	8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
July 2	7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
July 6	8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion ~9:30 a.m. Breakfast (hosted by LYF) 3:00 p.m. Installation of Pastor Werner

Announcements

- St. John has \$1,215.00 left to match for the 2025 Endowment Matching Program at Linn Lutheran School. The Matching program runs until **July 15, 2025**, and whatever is not matched will go into the 4th Teacher Fund.
- Pastor Werner and his family plan to attend the 8 am worship service on July 6. Immediately following the service, the LYF will be hosting a brunch fundraiser for our youth gathering, which will be a great opportunity for the congregation to welcome Pastor Werner and his family and also support our youth group. Save your appetite, don't eat before church!
- Timeline of coming events for Pastor Werner's arrival:
 - Monday, June 30** – We will be moving Pastor Werner and his family to Linn in the morning. Head trustee Greg Bott is coordinating a fleet of available trucks and trailers for the task; volunteers who are going to Hillsboro should meet at St. John at 8 a.m. Monday morning. We would appreciate volunteers to come help us unload. Times will be announced later.
 - Sunday, July 6** – 8 a.m. worship service followed by youth group breakfast and meet and greet for Pastor Werner and family after church. Installation service for Pastor Werner at 3 p.m. followed by refreshments. Church council is in charge of refreshments.
 - Sunday, July 13** – Worship service back to 9:30 am with Pastor Werner.

As We Gather...

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." So confessed St. Peter. And Christ promised to build His Church on it by the forgiveness of sins (**Matt. 16:16-19**). He does this so we don't try to build the Church ourselves, on this or that person, or by any human means. "Let no one boast in men ... whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas," for "all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (**1 Cor. 3:21-23**). The same Lord "who worked through Peter ... worked also through" Paul and is still at work in His Gospel and Sacraments (**Galatians 2:7-8**). The Church of every age must be recalled to "hear the word of the gospel" – the free forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake apart from the Law – "and believe." The Holy Spirit makes "no distinction" among men, but cleanses "hearts by faith" alone. So "we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus" (**Acts 15:7-11**). Both were imprisoned (**Acts 12:1-11**), both wrote Scripture (**2 Peter 3:15-16**), both opposed the world – and sometimes each other (**Gal. 2:11-16**) – all so "that the truth of the gospel might be preserved" for us (**Gal. 2:5**).

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. Mark Gaschler, Vacancy 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 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*)

I will speak of your testimonies be- | fore kings*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

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 Sunday of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Proverbs 3:5-6** - **"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."**

First Reading: *Acts 15:1-12*

1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

12 And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Gradual (*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*)

**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:1-10*

1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation

and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Verse (*Matthew 16:18b*)

Alleluia. On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-19*

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed – The Second (Cont.) & Third Article

The Savior in the State of Exaltation

151. What is the basis of our faith and life in Christ?

“He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

541 **Colossians 3:1-3** - Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

152. Why do you close this article with the words, “This is most certainly true”?

Because all that I confess in this article is plainly taught in the Bible, and I, therefore, firmly believe it.

The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

153. What five points does this article discuss?

- I. The Holy Spirit
- II. The Church, the Communion of Saints
- III. The Forgiveness of Sins
- IV. The Resurrection of the Body
- V. The Life Everlasting



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