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May 14, 2023

The Sixth 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"
(v3 & v7 - men; v4 & v8 - women)

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

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.

Angie Reinert, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); Charlie Pru Tiemeyer (NICU);

Rebecca Zach (recovering from injury)

Acolyte today - Cash Stunkel Acolyte next Sunday - none (off for summer)

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Lance Gerleve, Noah Thalmann, Conner Ohlde

Ushers May 21st - *Tyler Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Elijah Meier, Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Hour May 21st - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer (none today)

LYF Mowing May 20th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Mowing May 27th - Daniel Nabors & Zac Hiltgen

Upcoming Events

- May 14 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- May 15 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting at LLS
- May 17 6:30 p.m. Ascension Eve Prayer Service & LLS 8th Grade Graduation
- May 21 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- * Flowers on the altar are for Ron and Kathy's anniversary, special birthdays, baptisms, graduations and all other blessings.
- * Pastor Koch of Zion is leading a 3 day, 2 night JD2D trip to Sioux Falls, SD on May 25-27 (10 a.m. Thursday-Saturday at 3 p.m.). The only cost if for one fast food meal and snacks along the way. We will be staying with hosts families from Faith Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Please contact Pastor Koch by May 20th if your 5th grade or older son/daughter would like to attend. More information about JD2D is available at jd2d.org.
- * Bethlehem LYF is holding their Mother's Day Smorgasbord today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bethlehem, Greenleaf. Adults are \$12, children 5-12 are \$6, and children under 5 eat for free.
- * Camp Jefferson will run from June 9-11 this year. Camp Participants are in Grades 5-8 (this current school year). Also, needing High School Counselors. More information can be found on the Camp Jefferson Facebook page or by contacting Kate Olson (785-692-4276) or Jessie Uffman (785-747-2481). Discounted early camp registration is now until May 15. Camp forms can be downloaded & printed from Facebook page.
- * **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - * 8th Grade Graduation: Wed., May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.
 - * Last day of school is Thursday, May 18, with 12:30 p.m. dismissal
 - * LLS is looking for a bus driver (full- or part-time) for the 2023-24 academic year. Please contact the school office at (785) 348-5792 with any questions or if you're interested in serving LLS in this way.
- * **St. John Sunday School News:**
 - * "God's Living Water VBS" will be June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration sheets are available in the narthex. Please return them to the basket in the narthex by May 14th so materials can be ordered.
 - * VBS teachers and volunteers are needed! Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board. High School students can use this for their required community service hours. Keep checking the board for snack donation requests!
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **John 17:17 - "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."**

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.

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 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 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b*)

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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: *Numbers 21:4-9*

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle Reading: *James 1:22-27*

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Alleluia Verse *(Liturgical Text; John 16:28)*

Alleluia.

Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *John 16:23-30*

²³ [Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name,

and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

As We Gather...

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (**John 16:23**). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (**1 Timothy 2:1–6**). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (**Numbers 21:4–9**). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (**James 1:22–27**) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus

What is the difference between Justification, Regeneration and Renewal?

Justification is the forgiveness of sins or absolution from sin and eternal death, and reconciliation with God by which a person is just before God or pleasing and acceptable to God, and is an heir of eternal life for the sake of Christ, the Mediator.

Regeneration is the act of the Holy Spirit by which He creates out of a child of wrath and death a child of God and an heir of eternal life out of His limitless goodness and divine power through the Word of the living God and through Baptism.

Renewal is the act of the Holy Spirit by which He dwells in the justified person and begins to expunge and wipe out the old man or sins in the mind, blackness and doubts about God; in the will, and absence of the fear and love of God; and in the heart, all corrupt inclinations, the fires or furies of sinful affections. By renewal He restores and renews the new righteousness, life and a joyful obedience regarding all the commandments of God. Renewal is related to this goal, that God be praised.

* 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism Introduction (Cont.)

3. Why do we call the Bible the “Holy Scripture?”

The Bible is the “Holy Scripture” because God the Holy Spirit gave to His chosen writers the thoughts that they expressed and the words that they wrote (verbal inspiration). Therefore, the Bible is God’s own Word and truth, without error (inerrancy).

- 11 **John 10:35** - The Scripture cannot be broken.
- 12 **Mark 8:38** - If anyone is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father’s glory with the holy angels.
- 13 **John 14:26** - The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
- 14 **Acts 24:14** - I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets.
- 15 **2 Tim. 3:16-17** - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- 16 **2 Peter 1:21** - Prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Note: God gave the Old Testament in Hebrew and Aramaic and the New Testament in Greek. Errors in copying or translations are not part of the God-breathed (inspired) Scripture.

4. What is the key to the correct understanding of the Bible?

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is the heart and center of the Scripture and therefore the key to its true meaning.

- 17 **John 5:39** - These are the Scriptures that testify about Me.
- 18 **Acts 10:43** - All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.
- 19 **John 1:18** - No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made Him known.
- 20 **2 Tim. 3:15** - From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Bible narrative: Jesus revealed Himself as the center of Scripture (**Luke 24:13-27**).

“...so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.” - John 3:14b-15



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