

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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April 18, 2021

### Third 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: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn of the Day: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Distribution Hymn: 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

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

Distribution Hymn: 711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Closing Hymn: 484 "Make Songs of Joy"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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.

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

Pamela Poppe (hospitalized w/Covid-19)

Acolyte this Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Acolyte next Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Ushers this Sunday - \*Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Eli Thalmann

Ushers next Sunday - \*Brady Kollé, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Lance Gerleve

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & April 25th - Claire Beikmann & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty May 2nd & 9th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

### Upcoming Events

- April 18** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting & Children's Sunday School
- April 21** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek
- April 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. LWML Prayer Service at Zion, Linn
- April 28** 5:30-6:30 p.m. FINAL night of Midweek

### Announcements

- \* Linn Lutheran 7th & 8th Grade students are selling trash bags as a fundraiser for their class field trip at the end of May. They are selling them **April 7th-21st**. Money should be collected when the order is taken. Please make checks payable to Linn Lutheran School. If you are interested, please contact a 7th or 8th grade student or call the school office at (785) 348-5792. Three different sizes are available:
  - \* White - 15 gallon (tall kitchen) 65 bags per roll for \$12.00
  - \* Yellow - 39 gallon 25 bags per roll for \$12.00
  - \* Blue - 55 gallon (super-size) 16 bags per roll for \$12.00
- \* Linn Lutheran is having a "1st Grade Open House" at their school on **Thursday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.** for students who will be in 1st Grade for the 2021-2022 school year; parents and soon-to-be 1st graders are encouraged to attend.
- \* St. John has \$15,308.72 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 **Sunday, 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 there!
- \* 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.
- \* Our LWML will be assembling backpacks (filled with toiletries, a Bible, and a Thrivent T-shirt) that will be given to kids when they enter the foster care system in Clay, Washington, and Marshall counties. LWML is asking the congregation for Bible donations (new or used) and toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, & deodorant). The donations will be collected through April and distributed in May, which is foster care month. A suitcase will be placed in the parish hall for donations. We are also looking for volunteers to sew backpacks. Pre-cut material with easy straight-stitching instructions are on a table in the parish hall. Thank you!
- \* St. John's will be the site of God's Wonder Lab VBS this summer! Mark your calendars for **June 28-July 2**. Be on the lookout for more information about volunteering for VBS as well as how to sign up! Questions can be directed to Diane Beikmann ([diane.beikmann@gmail.com](mailto:diane.beikmann@gmail.com)).

# 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](mailto:theresa_meier@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday.



## Introit *(Psalm 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a)*

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. **Al- | leluia.\***

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. **Al- | leluia.**

## Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous!\*

**Praise befits the | upright.**

**Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear him,\***

**on those who hope in his | steadfast love,**

**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***

**and keep them alive in | famine.**

**Our soul waits | for the Lord;\***

**he is our help | and our shield.**

**Glorify 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 Third Sunday of Easter

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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.

\* **This week on KFUO.org**, renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUO Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. We rely on support from our faithful listeners like you in order to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the globe. Give now at [kfu.org/sharathon!](http://kfu.org/sharathon!)

## Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

## Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-16*

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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*As We Gather...*

### *The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep*

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (**John 10:11–16**). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (**Ezekiel 34:11–16**). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (**Psalms 23**). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (**1 Peter 2:25**).

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From  
**“A Summary of the Christian Faith”**  
by *David Chytraeus (1568)*

How is the Church gathered and governed in this world?

Through the ministry of the Gospel or through hearing, reading, meditating, etc., on the Word of God; through which Christ Himself is effective, converts the hearts and minds of its hearers to God by His Holy Spirit, and with the true knowledge of God and faith illumines, comforts, governs and sanctifies them to eternal life.

“Everyone who believes in Christ will be saved. But how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher? So then faith comes from the hearing of the Word of God,” Romans 10. “Thy word gives me life,” Psalm 119. “In Thy word I have hoped,” Psalm 130. “He will speak to you the words through which you and your household will be saved,” Acts 11.

\* 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 this book and other books available from Repristination Press, visit [www.scholia.net](http://www.scholia.net).

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## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

### I. The Holy Spirit *(Continued)*

#### The Work of the Holy Spirit

**164. What do the Scriptures teach about the gifts of the Holy Spirit?**

The Scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to His church. They teach

A. the Holy Spirit through the Word and sacraments freely gives to all Christians the most precious gifts: faith in Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life;

B. in apostolic times the Holy Spirit also gave some Christians the gift to perform miraculous signs and wonders (for example, healings, speaking in tongues, raising the dead).

The Scriptures do not teach, however, that God will necessarily give all Christians in every time and place special miraculous gifts. The Holy Spirit bestows His blessings according to His good pleasure.

585 **2 Corinthians 12:12** - The things that mark an apostle - signs, wonders, and miracles - were done among you with great perseverance.

586 **Ephesians 2:20-22** - [You are] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

*Note:* In popular English, the word *charismatic* describes a dynamic person, highly emotional worship, or claims of special miraculous gifts. But the Greek word *charisma* means simply "gift" and refers, for example, to Christ's whole work of salvation (**Romans 5:15-16**), to eternal life (**Romans 6:23**), and to being married or single (**1 Corinthians 7:7**).

**165. Finally, what also does the Holy Spirit do for you?**

The Holy Spirit by the Gospel keeps me in the true faith.

587 **Philippians 1:6** - He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

588 **1 Peter 1:5** - [You] through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation.

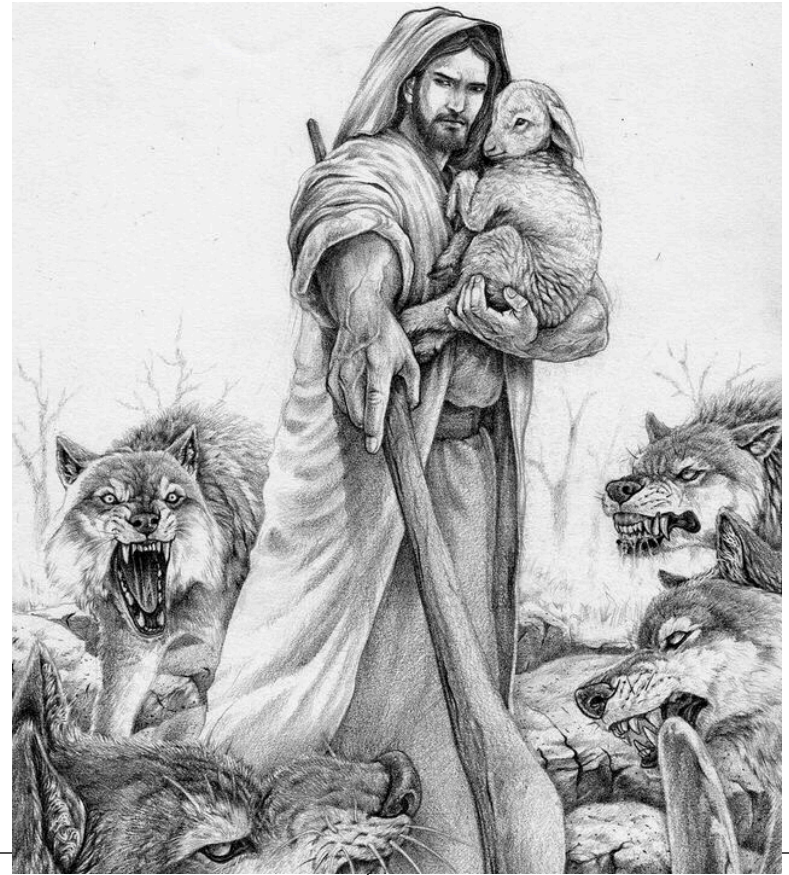
589 **1 Thessalonians 2:13** - The word of God ... is at work in you who believe.

**166. Whom else does the Holy Spirit regenerate and renew?**

The Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

590 **Ephesians 3:6** - Through the gospel, the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

*"I am the good shepherd."*



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