

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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May 10, 2026

### 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 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:** 580 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

**Hymn of the Day:** 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"  
(vs. 3 & 7 - men, vs. 4 & 8 - women)

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

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

**Distribution Hymn:** 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

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

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

### 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** - Avery Ohlde

**Acolyte May 17th** - Briette Bott

**Ushers today** - \*Dylan Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Cade Hiltgen, & Hendrix Stunkel

**Ushers May 17th** - \*Aiden Sweet, Emitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen, & Dylan Ohlde

**Fellowship Hour LYF serving today** - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

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

### Upcoming Events

- 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 17** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
1:00 p.m. High School Graduation at Linn Public School
- May 20** 6:30 p.m. Preschool & 8th Grade Graduation at Zion, Linn
- May 24** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

### Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Philippians 1:6** - "I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
- St. John has **\$35,900.00** left to match in the Linn Lutheran Endowment matching program for 2026. The matching program runs until Dec. 15, 2026.
- **KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org:** Tune in for "Spring into the Psalms" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.!) This week, we'll study Psalms 56, 64, 72, 82, and 94. We're continuing our study of the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Join us for chapters 3-5! Stay tuned for our next study, beginning next Monday, May 18th! Pastor Booe will be leading us in a study of Paul's longest epistle: the Book of Romans! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfu.org](http://kfu.org)!
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
  - **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.
  - **Thursday, May 21st** - 10:45 a.m. Closing Chapel at Zion; early dismissal (LLS only) at 11:30 a.m. from Zion; no buses (parent pick-up)



## 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.

## Gospel Reading: *John 16:23-33*

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.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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## 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.*

## Catechetical Review

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

### 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, give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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Today is ROGATE SUNDAY. Traditionally, this day is set aside as one on which Christians give special thanks and praise to God for the bountiful blessings of the field. The word *rogation* comes from the Latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask" or "to pray." The three days preceding Ascension Day have been known in the Church as Rogation Days, that is, days of prayer, for more than 1,500 years. They began in the fifth century in France, when there had been crop failures due to earthquakes and bad weather, with resulting famine. St. Mamertus, bishop of Vienne, introduced the custom of pastor and people making penitential processions, calling upon God to help, and asking His intervention.

## Rogate



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