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### The 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 (pg. 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:** 755 “In the Very Midst of Life”

**Distribution Hymn:** 629 “What Is This Bread”

**Distribution Hymn:** 696 “O God, My Faithful God”

**Closing Hymn:** 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

### 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.

**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** - Emitt Tiemeyer

**Acolyte next Sunday** - Cash Stunkel

**Ushers today** - \*Eli Thalmann, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Ryan Stuenkel

**Ushers May 14th** - \*Evan Bott, Lance Gerleve, Noah Thalmann, Conner Ohlde

**LYF Fellowship Hour today** - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

**LYF Fellowship Hour May 21st** - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer (no Bible class on May 14th)

### Upcoming Events

- May 7** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children’s Sunday School
- May 8** 6:30 p.m. LLS Preschool Graduation in Zion’s basement  
7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- May 14** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. No Adult Bible Class
- May 15** 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting at LLS

### Announcements

- \* St. John has \$18,402.02 left to match in the Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund Matching for 2023. Matching program runs until July 15, 2023, and whatever isn't matched by St. John by July 15, 2023 will go into the 4th Teacher Fund.
- \* The St. John Men’s Club closed out their 2022-23 year with a “Sunrise with the Bible” event on May 1. We appreciated the many guests who joined us! Elected to serve as officers of the men’s club in 2023-24 were: President Jim Hornbostel, Vice President Brad Ohlde, Secretary Joel Voelker, Treasurer Canaan Ohlde, and Board members Daryl Bott and Trey Voelker. Our new season begins in September; all men of the congregation are invited to join us.
- \* 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:**
  - \* Preschool Graduation: Mon., May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in Zion’s basement
  - \* 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:**
  - \* Sunday School is winding down, and our last classes will be TODAY. Thank you to all the parents who have taught this year!
  - \* “God’s Living Water VBS” will be June 19-23, from 9 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!

# 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.

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## 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.*

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### 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.

\* LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **Mark 12:29-31** - "Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these."

## Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> “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.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 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*

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 118:16; Romans 6:9*)

### Alleluia.

The right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

### Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading: *John 16:5-15*

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’” <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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## *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**).

## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism Introduction

#### 1. What is Christianity?

Christianity is the life and salvation God has given in and through Jesus Christ.

- 1 **John 14:6** - I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- 2 **John 17:3** - This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.
- 3 **Acts 4:12** - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.
- 4 **Acts 11:26** - The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.
- 5 **1 John 5:11-12** - God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

*Note:* Christianity was at first called "the Way" (**Acts 9:2; 24:14, 22**).

#### 2. Where is God's truth about our Savior Jesus Christ made known?

This truth is made known in the Bible: the Old Testament, which promises the coming Savior, and the New Testament, which tells of the Savior who has come.

- 6 **Hebrews 1:1-2** - In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.
- 7 **Luke 24:27** - Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.
- 8 **John 20:31** - These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.
- 9 **Ephesians 2:20** - [You are] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.
- 10 **1 John 1:1** - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

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



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