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March 31, 2024

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)

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: 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Alleluia Hymn (sung before Gospel): 459 "Christ Is Arisen" & 460 "Christians, to the Paschal Victim"

Hymn of the Day: 458 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"
(v. 2 & 4 - Women; v. 3 & 5 - Men)

Distribution Hymn: 155 "This Is the Feast"

Distribution Hymn: 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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

Distribution Hymn: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Distribution Hymn: 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

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

Prayer Requests

Please email 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, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Acolyte today - Cade Hiltgen

Acolyte April 7 - Piper Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Liam Voelker, Noah Thalmann, & Mason Tiemeyer

Ushers April 7 - *Ryan Stuenkel, Elijah Meier, Dylan Ohlde, & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class April 7 & 14 - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer (none today)

Upcoming Events

- March 31 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- April 7 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- April 9 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with circuit pastors
* (all are welcome to attend the communion service)

Announcements

- Easter lilies in front of church are in memory of: Dennis & Jeremy Oelschlager & Matthew Nation from Georgia Oelschlager; Steve & Eunice Herrs from Shane & Ann Ohlde Family.
- The Blessings of Marriage Seminar:** Marriage comes with its own set of challenges, whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your golden anniversary. Rev James Woelmer (pastor at Christ Lutheran in Manhattan) will dive into the Biblical significance of marriage, its enriching aspects, and how it enhances our understanding of Christ and the church. You are invited to attend either April 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm or April 27 from 3:00-5:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church 4592 Green Valley Rd, Manhattan, KS. Please RSVP: jwoelmer@gmail.com or call 785-776-2227.
- Linn Lutheran School is currently accepting bids for lawn mowing/maintenance for the school at 112 Church Street in Linn. A copy of the scope of work is available at the school or by calling 785-348-5792. A walk-through of the scope of work prior to bid submission can be arranged by contacting David Beikmann. Sealed bids are to be submitted to the Linn Lutheran School office at the aforementioned address no later than 10 a.m. on Tues., April 2nd. Linn Lutheran reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- Linn Lutheran School's 1st Grade Open House for all incoming 1st graders for the 2024-2025 school year is on Wed, April 10, at Linn Lutheran School at 6pm.
- St. Peter's, Barnes, is inviting us to their Spaghetti Dinner on **April 7**, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in their church basement. Proceeds from the dinner will go to Linn Lutheran School.
- The 2024 Middle School Huddle (MSH) will be held **April 19-20** at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, south of Junction City. More info and registration here: <https://kslcms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/middle-school-events/>
- This summer/fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians at regional LCMS marriage enrichment seminars around Kansas! We will meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault! Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon. For more information, email the KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee chair, Rev. Philip Hoppe, at pastor@ihoppe.com.
- Save the Date....** VBS 2024 at St. John will be June 17th-21st!
- Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund has started its matching program for 2024. Send your checks to Linn Lutheran School, and 50% will be matched by Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund and subtracted from your church's bill for that month. Matching will go **until July 15**; whatever is not matched will go into the Teacher Fund.

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 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 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b)*

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.
Alle- | luia!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.**

O | Lord, our Lord,*

**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
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 Easter Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

23 “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

Gradual (*Psalms 118:24, 1*)

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Verse (*1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c*)

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 16:1-8*

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was

crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

BEGINS IN MARCH OR APRIL

Easter is the chief feast of the Christian year, though in many cultures and even in many churches, Christmas may seem to overshadow it. The world can find something to celebrate in Christmas, but it is baffled by the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Lent was a time of preparation, the Triduum was a time of participation in the Pasch of Christ, and Easter is a 50-day celebration of the new life given through Christ. The celebration begins at the Easter Vigil and culminates on the Day of Pentecost.

Calendar: Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter may fall as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Customs: The color for Easter is white for joy. Begin the Easter service at the church cemetery. Sing joyous hymns, which include “alleluia.” Display Easter lilies at home and at church. Explain common symbols of Easter for children: the emerging of a butterfly from its cocoon and chicks from their eggs represent transformation and new life.

As We Gather...

Christ’s Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. “After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God” (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Eighth Commandment

[God's Gift of a Good Reputation]

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

60. What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment?

A. God forbids us to tell lies about our neighbor in a court of law or elsewhere, that is, to lie about, lie to, or withhold the truth from our neighbor.

203 **Proverbs 19:5** - A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.

204 **Ephesians 4:25** - Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Bible narratives: False witnesses testified against Jesus (**Matthew 26:59-61**). False witnesses testified against Naboth (**1 Kings 21:13**). Gehazi lied about Elisha and then lied to him (**2 Kings 5:22-25**).

B. God forbids us to betray our neighbor, that is, to reveal our neighbor's secrets.

205 **Proverbs 11:13** - A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

Bible narratives: Doeg betrayed Abimelech (**1 Samuel 22:6-19**). Judas betrayed Jesus (**Matthew 26:14-16**).

C. God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.

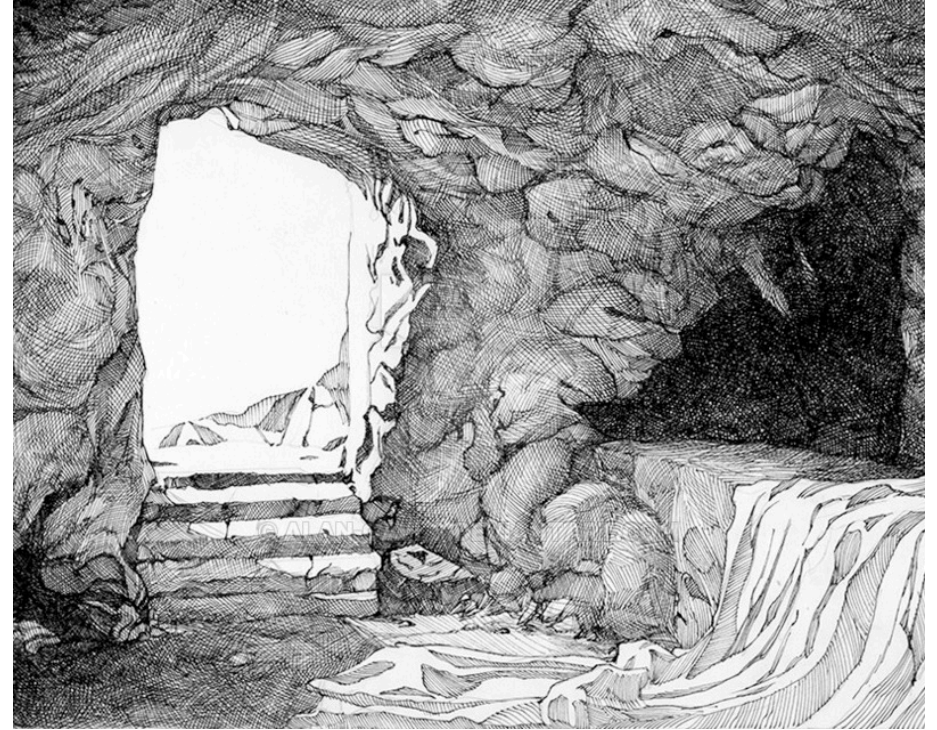
206 **Matthew 18:15** - If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.

207 **Luke 6:37** - Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

208 **James 4:11** - Brothers, do not slander one another.

Bible narrative: Absalom slandered his father (**2 Samuel 15:1-6**).

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