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May 8, 2022

The Fourth 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: 478 “The Day of Resurrection”
Hymn of the Day: 483 “With High Delight Let Us Unite”
Distribution Hymn: 533 “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”
Distribution Hymn: 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Distribution Hymn: 818 “In Thee Is Gladness”
Closing Hymn: 475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,
Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Cash Stunkel & Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Emitt Tiemeyer & Greyson Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Aaron Stuenkel, John Bott, Tyler Ohlde, & Ethan Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Tyler Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour this Sunday - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour May 15th & 22nd - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing May 14th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing May 21st - Ethan & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

- May 8** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
Special Voters Meeting w/Bible Class following
- May 9** 6:30 p.m. LLS Preschool Graduation at Zion Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m. LWML Quarterly Meeting
- May 11** 7:00 p.m. LLS Association Meeting (to call a 2022-2023 teacher)
- May 15** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children’s Sunday School

Announcements

- * Please join us for the upcoming activities for Linn Lutheran School:
 - * **Preschool Graduation** - 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9th, at Zion. Our 11 graduates are: Elsa Beikmann, Simeon Hayes, Eli Helms, Renton Helms, Levi Koch, Nora Meenen, Emma Meier, Rowan Ohlde, Ty Rogge, Addie Voelker, & Levi Voelker.
 - * **Linn Lutheran Annual Track Meet** - Friday, May 13th, at the LHS Track; opening devotions are at 9 a.m. Come cheer on our students! Come for lunch or a snack!! We will have a Concession Stand running all day with all your favorites: hamburgers, hotdogs, taco salads! Proceeds go to Linn Lutheran PTL!
 - * **8th Grade Graduation & Reception** - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18th, at Zion. Our 6 graduates are: Brigham Hansen, Zac Hiltgen, Dylan Ohlde, Elizabeth Olson, Noah Thalmann, & Sofia Uffman. A cake reception in the Zion basement will follow graduation.
- * Camp Jefferson signup is live online for the 2022 year! Cost is \$85 (\$10 off if signed up by May 15). Camp dates are June 3-5. Campers must have been in 5th-8th Grade during the 2021-22 school year. High School Counselor signup is online as well at <https://www.facebook.com/Circuit7Camp>. People can also contact Kate Olson or Jessie Uffman for more information.
- * Pastor Koch leads an organization called Jesus Door-2-Door (JD2D), that trains people (predominantly youth) to share their faith and then takes them door-to-door to put their training into practice. On May 23—30, 2022 Pastor Koch will be leading a team of 12 youth on an 8-day “travel team” through Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa. We will go door-to-door for seven different congregations during these 8 days and spend one whole day in a workshop with The Lutheran Hour Speaker in St. Louis. As of now, there are only 9 youth from South Dakota signed up. Pastor Koch is looking for 3 more. Cost is \$150 for the entire week and is open to all youth who are entering 7th grade thru Sr. in High School. For St. John youth, our church will cover the cost of \$150. If you are interested in accompanying Pastor Koch on this trip, please call or text him at (605) 216-6849 and let him know by May 10th. First come, first served.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf has invited us to their Mother’s Day Smorgasbord **TODAY**, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults are \$10, children ages 5-12 are \$5, and children younger than age 5 eat for free.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:25-31*

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:11-20*

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.
¹³ Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.
¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing,

when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.
²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Gospel Reading: *John 16:16-22*

¹⁶ [Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”
¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”
²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

As We Gather...

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (**1 Peter 2:11–20**). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (**1 John 3:1–3**). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (**Lamentations 3:25**). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (**John 16:16**). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (**Isaiah 40:31**). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (**John 16:22**).

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism Confession

"When I urge you to go to confession,
I am simply urging you to be a Christian."
(Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation 32)

What is confession?

Confession has two parts.
First that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

261. What is the first part of confession?

The first part of confession is that we confess, or acknowledge, our sins.

874 **Psalm 32:3, 5** - When I kept silent, my bones waster away through my groaning all day long. ... Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

875 **Psalm 51:1-4** - Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

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