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April 14, 2019

Sunday of the Passion

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 Gruoner, 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)

***Reminder:** Since we are in the season of Lent, we forego singing the **Gloria in Excelsis** (LSB 187-189) and the **Triple Alleluia** (LSB 190)

Opening Hymn: 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Sermon Hymn: 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Communion Hymn: 631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Communion Hymn: 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Communion Hymn: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Closing Hymn: 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolytes this Sunday - Ayla Johnson & Aiden Spiehs

Acolytes on Maundy Thursday - Claire Beikmann & Ethan Bott

Acolytes next Sunday - Sophia Bott & Mason Tiemeyer

Ushers this Sunday - *Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Lance Gerleve, John Bott, & Trey Voelker

Upcoming Events

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| April 14 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
NO Adult Bible class or Sunday school |
| April 17 | 5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek
8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting |
| April 18 | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service
with Holy Communion |
| April 19 | 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service |
| April 21 | 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school |

Announcements

- * If anyone would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one for the altar, please contact Annette Bott or an elder. If anyone has Easter Lilies that they would like to share for Easter, please bring them to church. Make sure you have them marked so they may be returned to you. Thank you!
- * Mixed Choir will be singing during the Maundy Thursday service. Please arrive at 6:30 to practice the song.
- * The Quarterly Voters & Call Meeting will be held Sunday, April 28th@1:00 p.m.
- * Save the date: VBS will be held at St. John in the mornings from July 8th-12th! Stay tuned for more details about Splash Canyon later. If you have any questions or if you are willing and able to help with VBS (planning, gathering materials, decorating, working part or all of the days, etc.), please contact Theresa.

From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

Finally, I believe in the resurrection of all the dead, both of the pious and the wicked at the last day, so that each shall receive in his body according to his deeds, and thus the pious enjoy everlasting life with Christ, and the wicked suffer everlasting death with the devil and his angels. For I do not agree with those who teach that the devils also will be finally saved.

*from *The Distinctive Doctrines of the Different Christian Confessions in the Light of the Word of God* by Karl Graul (1814-1864). The 1897 English translation by D. M. Martens is in the public domain.

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. David Gruoner, Vacancy 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

as the Head of the Family Should Teach It in a Simple Way to His Household.

FOURTH

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." [Rom. 6:4]



Introit

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!*

We bless you from the house | of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King | of glory?*

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

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 Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This week on KFuo.org, we celebrate National Volunteer Month with a Short Term Missionary Team on The Coffee Hour (3/10 at 9:15 a.m. CT), near the end of our study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue our study of Genesis 13-15 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

36 The Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
37 Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
39 "See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with
God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of
a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human
form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the
name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading:

John 12:12-19

The Triumphal Entry

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that
Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus
found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus
was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written
about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with
him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the
dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to
meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees
said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the
world has gone after him."

CONFIRMANTS

Claire Lisette Beikmann, daughter of David & Diane Beikmann

*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. Not as the world gives do
I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, never let them be afraid."
[John 14:27]*

Sophia Josephine Ann Bott, daughter of Greg & Amy Bott

*"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. ... Be faithful unto death,
and I will give you the crown of life." [Revelation 2:10]*

Elijah Steven Gene Meier, son of Jared & Theresa Meier

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be
frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]*

Ryan John Stuenkel, son of Sheila Stuenkel & the late Kevin Stuenkel

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
[Psalm 46:1]*

Ella Rose Thalmann, daughter of Dan & Jennifer Thalmann

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of
the future." [Proverbs 31:25]*

HOLY WEEK

BEGINS A WEEK BEFORE EASTER

No other week in the church year has so strong an aura of special devotion. The eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday immerse us in the central mystery of God's work of salvation through the Lord's death and resurrection.

Holy Week contains in itself not only the final days of Lent but also the celebration of the Passion of the Christ. Holy Week falls into two distinct parts. Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, and the day hours of Maundy Thursday complete our time of preparation. The Holy Communion of Maundy Thursday night begins the Three Holy Days, or Holy Triduum, which is completed at Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Day. The services of these days form a single unit of celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. The week thus faces both back to the very beginning of Lent, and forward to the 50-day celebration of the resurrection, which is sealed on the Day of Pentecost.

Calendar: Holy Week is always the week before Easter.

Customs: On Palm Sunday, have a procession of children waving palms and singing. For many congregations, Palm Sunday is the day of confirmation. Congregations or individuals may renew their confirmation vows through the questions and answers of the confirmation service. Traditional confirmation gifts include Bibles, hymnals, and prayer books. Footwashing is part of the Maundy Thursday service in some congregations. Some congregations conduct a *Seder* meal, the traditional Passover liturgy Jesus would have observed with His disciples. Read the entire story of Jesus' passion from the Gospels. Spend Good Friday in quiet contemplation (turn off your electronic devices and TV). Show kindness to those who cannot repay you.

*"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*



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Palm Sunday*

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Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
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