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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: 733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,

Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Marilynne Ohlde (hospitalized)

Pamela Poppe

Acolyte this Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Brady Kolle, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Lance Gerleve

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, John Bott, Jacob Bott, & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Claire Beikmann & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty May 2nd & 9th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

Upcoming Events

April 25

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
2:00 p.m. LWML Prayer Service at Zion, Linn

April 28

5:30-6:30 p.m. FINAL night of Midweek

May 2

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
4:00 p.m. Zone LLL Spring Rally at Zion, Linn

Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran School is seeking a full-time third and fourth grades elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This person should be motivated to work with our wonderful elementary school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith of our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include: the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you have a name to turn in, please contact a school board member; our school board is serving as the call committee.
- * St. John has \$15,308.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until **July 15, 2021**, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * The Zone LLL Spring Rally will be held **Sunday, May 2nd**, at Zion Lutheran Church, Linn. Registration will open at 4:00, and our presenter this year will be Wanda Pritzel from Lutheran Family Services of Iowa. We hope to see you!
- * The Zone 2 Circuit 7 board is also requesting, from each member congregation, at least one name to be submitted to be eligible for election at this year's spring rally on **May 2** to serve on the council. The council's duties are to plan the Fall and Spring Rally each year and every third year help coordinate the convocation held at Washington High School. From the list of candidates provided, 3 members will be voted on at the 2021 Spring rally to fill those positions that will come open at that time. ***This year will be slightly different because the current council members will be staying on thru November to help facilitate the planning for the Convocation that was postponed from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021.
- * Our LWML will be assembling backpacks (filled with toiletries, a Bible, and a Thrivent T-shirt) that will be given to kids when they enter the foster care system in Clay, Washington, and Marshall counties. LWML is asking the congregation for Bible donations (new or used) and toiletries (body wash, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brush/comb, & deodorant). The donations will be collected through April and distributed in May, which is foster care month. A suitcase will be placed in the parish hall for donations. We are also looking for volunteers to sew backpacks. Pre-cut material with easy straight-stitching instructions are on a table in the parish hall. Thank you!

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, 22:23ff; 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 my 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit (*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: vv. 1-2*)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!"*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

Come and see what | God has done:^{*}

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

* This week on KFUO.org, study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron's "The Imperishable Inheritance" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), learn about 1 Kings 4-7 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and study our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (**Saturday at 10 a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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
The Apostles' Creed - The Third Article

“...but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

I. The Holy Spirit (*Continued*)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

167. Does the Holy Spirit want to do this in the lives of all people?

God the Holy Spirit earnestly wants to convert all people and bring them to salvation through the Gospel.

591 **Ezekiel 33:11** - I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.

592 **1 Timothy 2:4** - [God] wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

593 **2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord ... is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

168. Then, why are not all people saved?

Many reject the Word and resist the Holy Spirit; therefore they remain in unbelief and under God's judgment by their own fault.

594 **Matthew 23:37** - O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

595 **Acts 7:51** - You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

Bible narratives: The invited guests refused to come (**Matthew 22:1-10**). The guests refused to accept the invitation (**Luke 14:16-24**).



II. The Church, the Communion of Saints

169. What is the holy Christian church?

The holy Christian church is the communion of saints, the total number of those who believe in Christ. All believers in Christ, but only believers, are members of the church (invisible church).

596 **Ephesians 2:19-22** - You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

597 **John 10:16** - I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

598 **Romans 8:9** - If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

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