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May 5, 2024

Sixth 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: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

(v3 & 7 - men, v4 & 8 - women)

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

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

Distribution Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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 Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Acolyte today - Cade Hiltgen

Acolyte May 12 - Piper Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Noah Thalmann, Mason Tiemeyer, & Greyson Ohlde

Ushers May 12 - *Tyler Ohlde, Ethan Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & May 12 - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class May 19 & 26 - Aiden Sweet & Camryn Beikmann

Upcoming Events

- May 5 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- May 6 6:30 a.m. Men's Club Breakfast Meeting
6:30 p.m. LLS Preschool Graduation in Zion's basement
- May 9 6:00 p.m. LLS Preschool Open House
7:00 p.m. Ascension Day joint service at St. John
8:00 p.m. Association Meeting at St. John
- May 12 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- Men's Club will have a breakfast meeting on **May 6**, starting at 6:30 a.m. There will be a short devotional, and we will be serving breakfast casseroles. All men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to bring their sons.
- Linn Lutheran School Preschool Graduation is **Monday, May 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Zion basement. Twelve students will be graduating and moving on to Kindergarten in the fall. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Introduction to Latin:** Pr. Hayes will teach a 10-session summer class introducing the Latin language through grammar and storytelling. Ages from 10 to 100 are welcome. The class will run most Tuesdays and Fridays from June 11 to July 19, 2-3pm. There is no cost for the class, but the textbook costs \$20 per family. For information or to sign up by May 15, please email Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com. Space is limited. Rev. Hayes has an M.A. in classical Greek and Latin from Washington University in St. Louis and has been teaching, reading, and translating Latin professionally for over 15 years.
- Linn Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation: Wed., May 15**, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church; cake reception to follow in Zion basement. 8th Grade Graduates this year are: Gavin Kibble, Asher Sterling, & Cash Stunkel.
- Join LLS for the last chapel of the year on **Thursday, May 16**, at 8:25 a.m. at Zion. This is also the last day of school for Linn Lutheran. We will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. Every student needs a sack lunch. There will be no buses at 11:30 a.m., so parents will need to pick up students.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf has invited us to their Mother's Day Smorgasbord on **Sunday, May 12**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults are \$12, children ages 5-12 are \$6, and children younger than age 5 eat for free.

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 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b)

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

Alle- | luia.*

The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast |
love from me!**

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.

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

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Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 this week: **John 16:33** - "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Old Testament Reading: *Numbers 21:4-9*

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle Reading: *James 1:22-27*

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Alleluia Verse *(Liturgical Text; John 16:28)*

Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *John 16:23-30*

23 [Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

As We Gather...

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Timothy 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Numbers 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep my commandments." [Exodus 20:5-6]

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

71. What does God mean when He threatens to punish the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him?

If the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also hate God and follow in the evil ways of their parents, then God will during their earthly lives punish them for the sins of their ancestors.

234 **Ezekiel 18:20** - The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.

Bible narratives: The family of wicked Ahab and Jezebel were destroyed (**2 Kings 9:7-8; 10:11**). Israel was led into captivity for its disobedience and wickedness (**2 Chronicles 36:17-21**).

72. Why does God threaten such punishment?

God threatens such punishment to make us fear His anger, so that we do not act against His commandments.

235 **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** - Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

236 **Matthew 10:28** - Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell..

73. How does God bless those who love Him and keep His commandments?

He showers those who believe in Him and their God-fearing descendants with His constant love and good gifts.

237 **1 Timothy 4:8** - Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Bible narrative: God blessed Job for his faithfulness (**Job 42:10-17**).

"...so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." - John 3:14b-15



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