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**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth 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:** 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Hymn of the Day:** 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (v6-men, v7-women)

**Distribution Hymn:** 755 "In the Very Midst of Life"

**Distribution Hymn:** 629 "What Is This Bread"

**Distribution Hymn:** 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

**Closing Hymn:** 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

### Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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** - Samuel Bott

**Acolyte May 5** - Cade Hiltgen

**Ushers today** - \*Eli Thalmann, Zac Hiltgen, Liam Voelker, & Dylan Ohlde

**Ushers May 5** - \*Evan Bott, Noah Thalmann, Mason Tiemeyer, & Greyson Ohlde

**LYF Serving for Bible Class today** - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

**LYF Serving for Bible Class May 5 & 12** - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

- April 28** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
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## Announcements

- Mark your calendars on **May 9th**:
  - 6 p.m. - LLS Preschool Open House
  - 7 p.m. - Ascension Day joint service hosted by St. John.
  - 8 p.m. - Association Meeting at St. John  
(The main item agenda is the 3/4 grade teacher position.)
- Linn Lutheran Talent Show:** Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's basement. All are invited to attend! Linn Lutheran orchestra students will be performing, as well as other 1st-8th grade students.
- 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!
- 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.
- Save the Date....** VBS 2024 at St. John will be June 17th-21st!
- St. John has \$15,656.00 left to match in the 2024 Endowment Fund Matching Program for Linn Lutheran School. The Matching Program runs until July 15, 2024. Checks can be mailed or dropped off at Linn Lutheran. Thank you for using the Matching Program!
- 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.
- 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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### 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.

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### Introit (Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b)

Sing to the Lord a new song, Alle- | luia,\*  
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
Alle- | luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm\*  
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |  
Israel.\***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** - "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

## Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

## Epistle Reading: *James 1:16-21*

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 118:16; Romans 6:9*)

**Alleluia.** The right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *John 16:5-15*

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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## As We Gather...

### Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

*Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Isaiah 12:2).*

## 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.

#### 69. Why does God call Himself a jealous God?

Because God is holy

- A. He hates sin and insists on strict and perfect obedience;
- B. He will not share with idols the love and honor we owe Him;
- C. He will punish those who hate Him.

- 227 **Psalm 5:4-5** - You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with You the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in Your presence; You hate all who do wrong.
- 228 **Isaiah 42:8** - I am the Lord; that is My name! I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols.
- 229 **Ezekiel 6:9** - I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts, which have turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which have lusted after their idols.
- 230 **James 4:12** - There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy.

#### 70. What does God threaten to do to all who hate Him and break His commandments?

God threatens earthly punishment, physical death, and eternal damnation.

- 231 **Leviticus 26:18** - If after all this you will not listen to Me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over.
- 232 **Romans 6:23** - The wages of sin is death.
- 233 **Galatians 3:10** - Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit



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