

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Stay Home when Sick: If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

Singing: At this time there are mixed studies on what effect singing may have on the spread of this disease. Due to this, the governor's office has made refraining from congregational singing a requirement. So we will speak the liturgy and the hymn of the day will be sung by the pastors. To make up for this deprivation in the Sunday Divine Service, we will add much music and singing to the Wednesday evening service which is still Live-Stream only. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

Special Note for the Live Stream: *Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you. **This means the Live Stream may not begin right at 9:30, as the congregation gathered in person will begin with Confession & Absolution. The Live Stream will then begin at the Introit and continue through the Prayer of the Church.***

† The Feast of Pentecost †

May 31, 2020 – 9:30 A.M.

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

**God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!**

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exult before him!**

**The Lord gives the word;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

**Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

Kyrie

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 11:1–9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.**

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:23–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Sung by pastors



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

Taught by the Spirit to Believe & Confess the Lord Jesus Christ

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ilene Shepherd, Brigette Ritter, Diane Lawrence, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, and Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel). Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are John and Arleen Barrett, Linda Bredenberg, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Vivian Kuns, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Kevin Mazurowski (Deployed), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Emily Sawyer (Florida), and Danny Schilling (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—the family of Audrey Bauermeister, Shirley Holthus & family (at the loss of her sister, Sharon Berndt), the family of Dorothy Cooper, the family of Pr. Roger Dramstad (former Circuit Pr.-Eternal Hope, Brooklyn Park), Jerry Rogge & family (at the loss of his father Merlyn), Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her grandmother Barbara Behling), Rob Essig & family (at the loss of his brother-in-law Barry Schramel), Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, and the family of Betty Schmiege.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—Justin Bermel & family (at the loss of his father Douglas, and his brother Jeffrey), Rob Borcharding & family (at the loss of his mother Carol), the family of Rev. Greg Tyler (Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Osseo), Lisa Kolander & family (at the loss of her mother Lucy Fairchild), Jan Stadler & family (at the loss of her sister, JoAnne Hackbarth), John Meyer & family (at the loss of his brother Jeff), the family of Larry Jobes, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), and Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa).

All expecting families and their unborn children—especially Maria & Jeremy Koosman, Megan & Zach Stewart, Paige & Andrew Windsperger, and Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Pastor Bill Sabol.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Maintenance Team of Noah Walton and Manager John Draskovich, and our Extended School Program (ESP) Director Tori Kuehne and all of the program Assistants.

† Announcements †

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, Phased-Reopening: *All St. John's events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, however, we now are able to hold Divine Services, weddings, and funerals that adhere to our protocols, as published in the pastoral letter of May 24, and available in our church's "Covid-19 Preparedness Plan". Please visit our website for the link to these documents and to stay informed as updates can happen quickly.*

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Please keep in mind your social distancing awareness and hygiene guidelines when entering the building and encountering other individuals; you are encouraged to wear a mask as you enter, exit, or at any time when not social distancing. Our Custodial Staff has been working diligently maintaining disinfection measures throughout the building to help keep our limited staff & visitors safe.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES are being live-streamed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Since our Sunday services will have a reduced liturgy and hymnody, our Kantor has agreed to come on Wednesdays to add music and hymns to this service. New bulletins will be uploaded to our website each week to include the hymns to be sung.

VIDEO BIBLE STUDY: Ephesians: An Epistle for the One Holy Church- in adult Bible study this summer we will study Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians, one of the most important Epistles in the New Testament and important for our understanding of what the Church is and is here to do. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel "STJL Admissions" and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

May 31- What do I need to know about the Ephesians before reading Paul's letter?

June 7 - Election and Unity in Christ (Eph. 1:1-14)

VBS: We regret to inform you that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this summer due to COVID-19. It saddens us to do this because many look forward to this week of ministry to share in God's love and word.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: We will reschedule the meeting as soon as practical once the current social distancing policies associated with the Coronavirus pandemic are loosened. We plan to use the same packets that have already been distributed for the meeting. Please continue to keep St. John's, our members, our community and our country in your prayers as we deal with this crisis.

CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This St. John's fund assists students with a career path towards being a full-time church worker (future pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses) with their college tuition. Disbursements are awarded each year from the interest earned on this fund. The application is available on our St. John's website; *the deadline for submission has been extended to June 30th*. Email completed applications to any member of the SEWAC Board or the Church Secretary. To make a donation to this important fund, write "Church Worker Scholarship Fund" on your offering envelope.

RECOGNIZING OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We have several St. John's members graduating this year; please keep these young members in your prayers: Ashlee Eder, Lucas Kiesow, Christina Kolstad, Kelsey Latterell, Mitchell Schmidt, Luke Walton, Jack Wicklund, and Alexa Zupfer. (If you are a graduating high school senior this year and your name was not listed, please contact the office so we may make the correction and include you in the recognition.)

CONFIRMANDS: The Risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples to see the fulfillment of all the writings of the Old Testament in Him (see Luke 24). May His teaching continue to be passed on to the confirmands of this congregation as they publicly confess their faith in Christ and their confidence in God's Word--and Luther's doctrine drawn from it. Please keep the following youth in your prayers: Miranda Blanck, Micah Davis, Leah Gordon, Bradley Kruse, Gabriel Lodholz, Evan Pulju, Alexander Vetsch, Isaac Vogt, Samuel Vogt, and Andrew Wandersee.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES to the Kappel family as they prepare funeral arrangements for Dan's father, Francis T. Kappel: Visitation- Sunday, June 7th 4pm-8pm, Chilson Funeral Home, Winsted, MN
Reviewal- Monday, June 8th, 9:30am-10:30am; ...Funeral Service- Monday, June 8th, 11:00am, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Winsted, MN

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (May 31 - June 6) **Sunday-** ..., **Monday-** Karen Fussy/Darlean Goskey/Diane Radintz/Diane Schwecke, **Tuesday-** Pat Ellinger, **Wednesday-** Alexander Paguio, **Thursday-** Collin Day/ Ed Kemna/Kristina Kothrade/Erin Oakland, **Friday-** Kaylyn Robinson, **Saturday-** Melvin Haag/Lydia Howey/Josef Johnson/William Schutte/A.J. Volberding.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
	05/24/20	since 07/01/19	Current Building Mortgage Balance (April 30, 2020): \$321,681
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 9,187	\$ 1,385,175	
Amount Needed	\$ 21,479	\$ 1,503,530	
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (12,292)	\$ (118,355)	
% Ahead (-Behind)		-8%	

2020 Confirmands

Miranda Lois Blanck

Parents: Gerry & Tracey Blanck

Born: 06/20/2005

Baptized: 07/10/2005

Sponsors: Todd & Angela Headlee

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 73:26

Micah John Davis

Parents: Tim & Rhoda Davis

Born: 10/16/2005

Baptized: 10/23/2005

Sponsors: Dave & Ruth Olson;
Mark Ambrecht

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 73:26

Leah Rebecca Gordon

Parents: Timothy & Christine
Gordon

Born: 03/09/2006

Baptized: 04/23/2006

Sponsors: Rebecca Ford

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 54:10

Bradley Christopher Kruse

Parents: Chris & Angie Kruse

Born: 10/11/2005

Baptized: 10/30/2005

Sponsors: Matt Kruse;
Danielle LaPlant

Confirmation Verse: John 15:5

Gabriel Scott Lodholz

Parents: Tim Lodholz
Ally Lodholz

Born: 03/17/2006

Baptized: 04/23/2006

Sponsors: Dave & Gretchen Kliche

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 31:5

Evan Joseph Pulju

Parents: Bruce & Laura Wilson;
Amanda Pulju

Born: 06/22/2006

Baptized: 04/08/2017

Sponsors: Ed Kemna

Confirmation Verse: John 10:27-28

Alexander Johnathon Vetsch

Parents: Jonathon & Heather
Vetsch

Born: 09/10/2005

Baptized: 09/25/2005

Sponsors: Troy Boettcher;
Celeste Cummins

Confirmation Verse: John 8:12

Isaac Thomas Vogt

Parents: Thomas & Tracy Vogt

Born: 06/11/2006

Baptized: 06/16/2006

Sponsors: Paul & Gayle Schlueter

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 32:10-11

Samuel Rodney Vogt

Parents: Thomas & Tracy Vogt

Born: 06/11/2006

Baptized: 06/16/2006

Sponsors: Paul & Gayle Schlueter

Confirmation Verse: Luke 11:28

Andrew Richard Wandersee

Parents: Darcy & Laura Wandersee

Born: 02/05/2006

Baptized: 03/25/2006

Sponsors: Ted & Sarah Schmidt;
Darin & Lisa Wandersee

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 55:22

