

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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Church Office: 641-864-2672
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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To God Be the Glory!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

HOLY COMMUNION Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Liturgy: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Hymns: 429, 575, 617, 658, 741, 431

Choir Anthem: "Behold Your Promised Lord"

Flute: Becky Neubauer

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Ryan Zoske

Ushers: Stan Penning, Al Doering

THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER

Monday: 8:30-11:30a.m. Mission Circle Sewing Day

Wednesday: 6:00-7:15p.m. Midweek Classes

6:00-6:45p.m. Handbell Choir

6:45-7:15p.m. Senior Choir

7:30p.m. Lenten Vespers

Next Sunday: 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes
10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
Examination of Confirmands

Acolyte: Lorina Dykman

Ushers: Stan Penning, Al Doering

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Al & Kerri Doering.

BAPTISM: Being baptized this morning is Ivan Lee Wosepka, son of Brian & Amelia Wosepka. Ivan was born on March 1st at Mercy One in Waterloo, IA. Ivan's sponsor is Simon Fiscus.

MISSION CIRCLE SEWING DAY will be held on Monday, March 20th from 8:30-11:30a.m. All ladies are welcome to join the fun and fellowship while putting quilts together.

LENTEN VESPERS: We will have Lenten vespers on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30p.m.

EASTER FLOWERS: There is a sign-up sheet for Easter flowers on the bulletin board; Lilies-\$18; Mums-\$18; Azaleas-\$35. Deadline to sign up is March 26th.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: It is once again time to renew your subscription for the Lutheran Witness. The price is \$19.20 for the year. Please let the secretary (Shelly Petersen) know before May 1st if you want to subscribe. Thank you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: A reminder if you are a customer of Thrivent that there is still time to direct your choice dollars for 2022. The deadline for this is March 31st.

You can go to the website, call 800-847-4836, or contact your Thrivent representative to direct your choice dollars. If you have any questions about it feel free to contact Scott Neubauer.

CANADA FISHING TRIP: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to go on the Canada fishing trip scheduled for July 22-29, 2023.

BIRTHDAYS: Fri.-Judy (D) Dubberke, Nicholas Topp, John Klatt; Sat.-Betty Anderson, Hadley Dubberke.

PSALM 132:8-18

antiphon vs. 13



¹³For the LORD has chosen | Zion; *
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

⁸Arise, O LORD, and go to your | resting place, *
you and the ark | of your might.

⁹**Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness, *
and let your saints | shout for joy.**

¹⁰For the sake of your servant | David, *
do not turn away the face of your a- | noointed one.

¹¹**The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will | not turn back: ***

**“One of the sons of your body I will set | on your
throne.**

¹²If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall | teach them, *
their sons also forever shall sit | on your throne.”

13For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

14“This is my resting place for- | ever;*
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

15I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;*
I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

16Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,*
and her saints will | shout for joy.

17There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;*
I have prepared a lamp for my a- | nointed.

18His enemies I will | clothe with shame,*
but on him his | crown will shine.”

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.

13For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

ISAIAH 49:8-13

8Thus says the Lord: "In an acceptable time I have heard You,
And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve
You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the
earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

9That You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' To those who
are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the
roads, And their pastures shall be on all desolate heights.

10They shall neither hunger nor thirst, Neither heat nor sun
shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead
them, Even by the springs of water He will guide them.

¹¹I will make each of My mountains a road, And My highways shall be elevated.

¹²Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, And these from the land of Sinim."

¹³Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GALATIANS 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

²³But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

²⁴which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar--

²⁵for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children--

²⁶but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

²⁷For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."

²⁸Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

²⁹But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

³⁰Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

³¹So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JOHN 6:1-15

¹After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

²Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

³And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

⁴Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

⁵Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

⁹"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

¹⁰Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those

sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹²So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

¹³Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

Vestments for Ukraine

This summer the LCMS will establish full fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU). There is not a church body in the world right now facing greater trials. Our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Ukraine are facing the loss of every material possession they have, and worse; they face the very real possibility of death. Their Bishop was recently hospitalized after visiting a Lutheran congregation in Kherson. He was wounded by shrapnel from Russian artillery.

Besides these terrible hardships, the ELCU was recently removed from their Cathedral Church in Odesa. The Church was built by the liberal EKD (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) for the Ukrainian Lutherans. However, they demanded that the Ukrainians adopt their liberal European theology, which included ordaining women into the pastoral office and accepting the LGBTQ agenda. The Ukrainians refused to compromise their theology and for that, they were barred by the EKD from the Church in Odesa built for them.

Through this the Ukrainian bishop, Rev. Serge Maschewski, lost all his liturgical vestments. They were confiscated by the EKD when they took the Cathedral Church away from the Ukrainians.

The congregations of the Eldora Circuit would like to help. Galatians tells us to “***bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***” To help with their burden, we are gathering funds to buy new vestments for Bishop Maschewski. We will gather funds until the end of March. The Bishop will be coming to the U.S. in July to establish formal fellowship with the LCMS at our Synod Convention. Our plan is to have his new vestments by then, and present them to him at the convention.

Considering all they are facing, it is our hope that this small gesture can bring them some joy and let them know, they are loved by their brothers and sisters here in Iowa.

See:

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/amid-war-in-ukraine-the-churchs-mission-remains/>

**Lyrics for Choir Anthem: “Behold Your Promised Lord”
by Benjamin M. Culli**

vs. 1

Behold your promised Lord, Who takes the bread and wine
And with His Word out-poured Creates a meal devine.
Oh, take and eat This cov'nant new
His mercy true And love complete.

vs. 2

Behold your gracious Lord, Who comes to be your guest
Until He has restored And given perfect rest
Oh, sit and hear His words of peace
All fears will cease In promise clear.

vs. 3

Behold your paschal Lord, The holy sacrifice.
In flesh , the Lamb adored Has come to pay your price.
Oh, wait and pray Throughout the night
As He makes right And leads the way.

vs. 4

Behold your mighty Lord, The God of earth and sky,
Whom angels in accord Sing out with awe-struck cry.
Oh, come and praise In loud refrains
The One who reigns For countless days.