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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available, please speak with an elder to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ.

ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please fill them out and give to the usher at the end of service. (St. John's)

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, You have done everything needed for us to join You at the heavenly wedding feast that has no end. Guide us so that our thoughts, words, and deeds may testify that we are no longer wed to this world, but are Yours, now and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, *“Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood.”*
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who share unity with us in our confession of doctrine and faith join us at the altar. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. If you have questions or would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with an elder or the pastor. Thank you.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
May 8, 2022			
Adult Bible Study	5	Offering	\$ 13.00
Worship Attendance	53	Offering	\$ 2,325.00
Total for Orphanages		Needed for goal	\$ \$560.00/mo.
(as of 4-24-22 \$1,645.00)		Monthly Average	\$ 411.25
Budget for 2022	\$167,648.00	(needed per week: \$3,224.00)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 47,765.75	(19 week avg: \$2,513.99)	

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH			
May 8, 2022			
Worship Attendance	60	Offering	\$ 608.00
		Mission	\$ 50.00
Budget for 2022	\$ 64,531.19	(needed per week: \$ 1,240.98)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 24,398.00	(19 week avg. \$ 1,284.10)	

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sydney Cast**..... 15th
- Sharon Pollard..... 17th
- Luann Carmine, **Jeff Dean** 18th
- Paula Carnagey 19th
- Richard Buehler** 21st

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today: Loretta & Duane Kuhl Family (St. John's)
..... Rick & Joyce Thies (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday:Sam & Elaine Kuhl (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes:..... Reese McDonald & Caden McDonald (St. John's)
..... Kody Goracke & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: Wesley Schmid & Sophia Schmid (St. John's)
..... Kody Goracke & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

May Elder:.....Kirk Bartesl (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (402) 866-4586 (Immanuel)
June Elder: Kevin McKinney (402) 335-8271 (St. John's)
..... Galen Bartels (402)866-1057 (Immanuel)

May Trustee:.....Marcus Griess (402)209-2283 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

June Trustee:.....Aaron Kinney (402) 335-0751 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

May Altar Guild: Loretta Kuhl & Lin Hoke (St. John's)
June Altar Guild: Kohmeyer Family (St. John's)

May Flower Committee:.....Teresa Haynes & Heather Thies (Immanuel)
June Flower Committee: Shirley Bartels & Jackie Boden (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Organist Today: Loretta Kerchal (St. John's)
..... Laura Heiden (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Kurt Christensen (heart issues), Tony Lintz (fractured leg/recovery), Darlene Dinse, Kris Kelle, Haleigh McDonald (*health issues*), Shirley Bartels, Robert Dinse (*Heart Issues*), LeRoy Buethe, Shirley Frey (*Cindy Lierman's sister – cancer*), Jim Borrenpohl, Emma Walters (*health issues*), Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Sophie Carnagey (cancer – Dave's mother), Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach cancer*), and Alan DeJonge (pancreatic cancer) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

†**Those needing our sustaining prayers:** Rod DeBur (*surgery-recovery*), Stephanie (Bartels) Christensen (*back surgery-recovery*), Rev. Dale Kaster (*cancer*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Fell – Broken pelvic bone /Alzheimer's*), Esther Buethe (*recovery – broken hip*), Lois Ann Bartels (health issues), Rev. Donald Cooper, Brianna Podtburg (*cancer & leg amputation*), Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Josh Wilkins (spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey's former foster child), Bruce Haughton (*Lymphoma*), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Addy Kohlmeyer (*Cancer*), Arlene Bohling (*mother of Lisa Bartels*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess's mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann's great niece*), Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Deb Brinkman (*surgery-recovery*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels' sister*), Harry Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels –severe osteoporosis*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels – cancer*), Loren Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels – muscle disease*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†**We pray for God's loving and gracious care for those homebound, assisted living and nursing home** including: Sherri Sapp-Stutheit, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandery, (*Darla Gottula and Don Cooper*).

†**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces** including: Bailey Bohling (currently serving in Poland) (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew).

†**We lift up all missionaries**, including: Pastor Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Andrew & Noel Schaff and all other church workers. And for those served by our adopted orphans – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

† **We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism**, as we celebrate with **Cheryl Grove, Kalem Saunders and Joyce Thies** who celebrate their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Reminder: please let pastor know when you are in hospital so he can visit with you.

Invitation: Everyone is invited to Gabrielle's graduation party at the parsonage on May 21 from 4-7 pm

Congratulations: Maddie Moran and Zac Scamehorn for graduating from college this past week.

Immanuel's Announcements

City Mission Donation Drive: We will be collecting items for the City Mission from May 15th – June 15th. They will take clothing, household goods, rags etc. We request that nothing bigger than what will fit in the back of an SUV be donated and, also keep the bags light enough to be handled easily.

Sterling Alumni: Tickets to the annual Sterling Alumni Banquet are available on the door at the Church entry. Please check the details. Any questions contact Matt Erickson.

St. John's Announcements

Bible Memory Verse Challenge: The Stewardship Board is promoting the Bible Verse Memory Challenge issued by LCMS. The cards will be handed out after service each week. You can also find it on our Facebook page, the website and on the weekly email.

VBS: Will be held June 6-9th at 9:30-11:30 am. Open to all kids pre-school through finishing 5th grade. Please register on-line @ vbsmate.com/stjohn tecumseh or by calling the church office -402-335-3816. Kids can register the week of VBS but registering before May 27th is preferred for planning purposes.

VBS Sign-ups: There are sign-up sheets in the back to support VBS by being a helper or providing cookies & drinks, and a donation box for monetary support.

Needed: 2 refrigerator size boxes for VBS decorating are needed. Please let Deborah Kohlmeyer or Pastor know if you can provide one. Thank you!

This Week With God

Sunday, May 15, (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel).....8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (St. Johns)9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's).....9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's).....10:30 am

Monday, May 16

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, May 17

- ★ Quilting (St. John's) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ★ Priscilla's Meeting (St. John's) 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 18

- ★ **Joint Bible Study (St. John's)**7:00 pm

Thursday, May 19

- ★ Preschool End of Year Program / Graduation7:00 pm

Friday, May 20

- ★ Pastor on vacation

Saturday, May 21

- ★ Gabrielle's Graduation Open House..... 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 22 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel).....8:30 am
- ✠ Women of Immanuel Meeting (Immanuel).....9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's).....9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (St. John's).....10:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was this week's sermon about? What grabbed your attention the most?
What is something new I learned from the sermon?

LAW How was the Law presented in the sermon? How does the Law that was
presented in the sermon, apply to me?

GOSPEL How was the Gospel presented in the sermon? How did the sermon deepen my
understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How can I put
this into practice in my life during this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Pastor or Elder Signature: _____