Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 4th Weekend of Easter



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for the week of May 11 – May 18	9:45am 1:00pm] 6:30pm] 5:00pm 8:30am \$	 8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship with Confirmation 1:00pm Rebekah Circle 6:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting 5:00pm Worship 8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship 				
EXAMPLE 1 EVALUATE: READING SUBJOURS TUESDAY, MAY 27TH Sign up in the Welcome Center to read with Wendy Merkel's kindergarten class. This will be the last session for this school year. Join us for a special ice cream treat!			10 desserts are needed for the May 27th Community Feast at Salem Lutheran Church. Sign up in the Welcome Center. Please have desserts to St. John's by 3:00 or to Salem by 4:00 on the 27th. The feast will be from 4:30-6:00pm.			
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Prelude Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

- **P**: Our worship begins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

- **C**: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 581 You Are Mine

Greeting

- **P**: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G**: And also with you.

Kyrie (words on screen)

Prayer of the Day

P: O God of peace,

- **G**: you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *Please be seated.*
- A: The **First Reading** for this Confirmation weekend comes from the Book of Acts Chapter 9 verses 36-43
- A: Word of God, Word of Life.
- **G**: Thanks be to God.

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 23 Kherington from Pulpit side

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. Liam from Piano side

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Kherington from Pulpit side

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- A: The Second Reading comes from Revelation Chapter 7 verses 9-17
- A: Word of God, Word of Life.
- **G**: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. John the 10th Chapter

G: Glory to you O Lord. Liam from Piano side: "Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand."

- **P**: The Gospel of our Lord.
- **G**: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 732 Borning Cry

ELW Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

- **P**: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism. We ask that **Kherington Killey** and **Liam Wold** come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.
- ■: Let us pray. ... Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P: Kherington and Liam and all who are present here today, Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- Kherington & Liam: and the whole congregation

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the confirmands and the assembly.

- **P**: Do you believe in God the Father?
- **Kherington & Liam:** and the whole congregation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Kherington & Liam: and the whole congregation

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Kherington & Liam: and the whole congregation

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AFFIRMATION

P: Kherington Killey & Liam Wold, You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands respond:

Kherington & Liam (together): I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this brother and sister in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

G: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: Stir up in **Kherington** the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Kherington: Amen.

P: Stir up in **Liam** the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Liam: Amen.

- **P**: Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ.
- **C**: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Congregation may celebrate with their **applause**.

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: ... Hear us, O God.

G: Your mercy is great.

- **P**: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- **G**: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

G: And also with you.

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Dialogue

- **P**: The Lord be with you.
- **G**: And also with you.
- **P**: Lift up your hearts.
- **G**: We lift them to the Lord.
- **P**: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C**: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (words on screen)

Eucharistic Prayer

E: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

The Lord's Prayer

- **P**: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:
- **G**: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you to come forward for Communion.

Holy Communion isserved.Communion HymnELW 496 One Bread, One Body
ELW 472 Eat This Bread

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

Blessing

- **G**: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 720 We Are Called

Dismissal

Kherington: Alleluia!

Liam: Christ is risen.

G: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

- P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- **G**: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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