

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fourth Sunday Of Easter

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**WELCOME!** *"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you."* (Psalm 116:7) *Welcome to all in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We're happy to have you worshipping with us today. Visitors, please sign our guest book.*

### CONFIRMATION

*When children have learned the truths of the Christian religion as they are contained in the Catechism and that according to St. Paul's injunction in 1 Cor. 11:28, they are able to examine themselves, then they should no longer be kept from the Lord's Supper. However, before they receive the Holy Sacrament, they should be examined and confirmed in the presence of the assembled congregation. Today three young members of the congregation will give witness to the truths they have learned as contained in Luther's Small Catechism, and will be confirmed in their Christian faith.*

### Order Of Service

PRESERVICE: "He Leadeth Me"

OPENING HYMN: 599 "Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day"

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### Confession Of Sins

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

### Prayer and Praise

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day*



**CHOIR:** *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

**The Word**

**LESSON** 1 Peter 2:19-23 (Pew Bible p. 1828)

**HYMN: 375** “The King of Love my Shepherd Is”

**EXAMINATION/ADDRESS:** John 10:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 1614)  
*“Know Your Relationship With The Good Shepherd”*

**HYMN: 597** “May God the Father of Our Lord”

**Thanksgiving**

**OFFERING** (Music offering: *“Day By Day”*).

**CONFIRMATION VOWS**

**PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN’S SONG:** *“On Eagles’ Wings”*

**COMMUNION FOR CONFIRMANDS**

**PRAYER**

**BLESSING**



**CHOIR:** *“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”*

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**Organist:** Christy Ittel

**Piano:** Catherine Templin, Kathy Stuedemann

**Guitar:** Dylan Schuth

*The three young members who will today become communicant members of our congregation are:*

Stephanie Ross *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah 41:10)

Samantha Roush *“The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”* (1 John 2:17)

Robyn Siewert *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.”* (1 Corinthians 16:13)

*The confirmation hymn chosen by these students is “On Eagles’ Wings”, which is hymn # 440 in Christian Worship.*

*May the LORD be with these confirmands so that they may remain faithful to their LORD who continues to remain faithful to them, now and forever.*

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**A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:**

*At worship, Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>: 99*

*Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 18*

**FLOWERS** *on the altar are given by the Ross, Roush and Siewert families.*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** *Especially our confirmation students - Stephanie, Samantha and Robyn as well as all our youth. Pray that they walk closer with Jesus day after day and that they regularly take time to listen to his voice.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC:** *all parents and grand parents of our Sunday School children are invited to a year-end awards ceremony and picnic luncheon beginning at 11:15am next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship / Confirmation
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:20 am	Bible Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Bible Class (2 John)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Chimes
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	TILM Presentation
	11:15 am	Sunday School Picnic

**MISSION FESTIVAL:** *will be held here next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Guest speaker, Dave Malnes from the Truth In Love Ministry (TILM) located in Idaho will be here. Everyone is encouraged to participate in his presentation / discussion after worship. Mr. Malnes is able to travel here totally funded by TILM. Therefore, we will have a **Door Collection** which will be given to TILM as a token of our appreciation and support for this ministry. Your generous gifts will be a great support for TILM's work in the Lord's kingdom.*

**YOUTH DITCH CLEAN-UP:** *is currently scheduled for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am at church, weather permitting. Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm is the alternate. Please plan accordingly. Pizza and beverages will be provided afterwards for all who come to help out. Adults are welcome to help out with this project.*

**WARM COAT COLLECTION:** *This is the last week to bring in your new or gently used coat that you would like to donate. We'll have a collection box here through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sizes needed are children's, youth and large 3X men's and women's. Your generosity is appreciated.*

**GLENCOE PARADE:** *We are looking to do a float for the parade again this year. But we NEED people to help out with this project. Please contact Pastor Reichow, at church or Gene Roush at 320-310-6096.*

**SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE:** *Just recently, many people in Minnesota flocked to sit at the feet of a man they consider to be a great spiritual leader. Next week, we all will have the opportunity to be in the audience to see the great missionary, the apostle Paul in action as he lifts up the name of the Lord Jesus. In preparation read Acts:26. (select verses listed below)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself."

So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense: <sup>2</sup> "King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, <sup>3</sup> and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently. <sup>4</sup> "The Jews all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem.

<sup>9</sup> "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them.

<sup>12</sup> "On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

<sup>24</sup> At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

<sup>25</sup> "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable."

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

<sup>29</sup> Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."