



MAY, Anno Domini 2020
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Beloved in Christ, blessings to you in this Church season of Easter!

We find ourselves in strange and perplexing times. As part of Christ's church, we are accustomed to gathering together as congregations in the presence of our gracious God. We are used to speaking with joy in each other's company God's Good News of Easter: "*Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*" Yet, as with much of life these days, our routines have changed. We question if or when life will return to normal, or struggle to figure out what a new normal may be. We may ask God, as did His people of past times: "*How long, O Lord!*"

We human beings are, after all, an impatient lot. Witness Israel *even as* God was freeing His people from four hundred years as slaves in Egypt. Before their Red Sea crossing, they accused Moses (and God) of leading them to a place of death. Later, *even as* God's glory rested on Mount Sinai and Moses met with Him on that mount for forty days, Israel grew frustrated with the wait and rejected God who had rescued them in pursuit what they deemed pleasing. Mind you, God was not withholding His goodness or promises from Israel. Rather, God was preparing them to receive more from His hand, still working out their salvation, even as prepared them for His land of promise.

God never changes; He remains faithful to us through every change we face in this topsy-turvy world. He patiently provided for the Israelites even before they left Egypt, sparing them when the angel of death passed over the land. God, rather than destroying them and us for our sinful ways, would supply us salvation by His own Son. Jesus would be the scapegoat upon which the entire world's sin hung. He received what we deserved. He carried our sin to death on a tree of cursing, only to spring forth to new life on the Third Day, to prepare us everlasting life in His truly lasting land of promise: heaven.

When we get impatient and wearied with waiting, God in Jesus invites us to look up. Look up, as did the Apostle John, "*and behold, a door standing open in heaven!*" Revelation 4:1 a. He saw and heard Jesus, his and our Savior from this dark world of sin, death and hell, offering him and us life... forever!

Live in Jesus' love and Resurrection light as we wait! Pastor Kramp



Class of 2020

We congratulate in advance these Seniors graduating from high school in May: Avery Rotvold and Tristan Manthey, graduating from Hillsboro/Central Valley High School, and David Steinke, who will graduate from Hope-Page High School. We join their families in thanking God for these high school seniors and their achievements, and asking our gracious Lord to bless them in their further endeavors.

May Birthdays

4	Zacahary Grothmann	14	Kathryn Hanson	22	Taylor Manthey
4	Joshua Henn	15	Elliot Rotvold	23	Kim McRitchie
6	Doug Johnson	16	Rachel Meyer	25	Robert McLaughlin
7	Janee Brendemuhl	18	Joel Hamre	28	Kathleen Ford
7	Wayne Manthey	18	Breckston Overby	28	Rachel Mulder
9	Jane Hashbarger	19	Jalen Hashbarger	29	Carolyn Hall
9	Allen Kramp	19	Sheila Jager	31	Axton Gietzen
11	Travis Bakken	20	Kim Hashbarger	31	Kim Salander
12	Dale Grothmann	22	Judith Barton		

Please let Pastor know of any corrections or additions.



RECEPTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Christ instituted His holy Supper for the comfort and strengthening of His disciples in Christian faith, and in body and soul. In order that Trinity and St. John members receive the Lord’s Supper and practice social distancing so as not to spread the COVID-19 virus, Pastor will offer the Supper at our parish churches as follows:

at Trinity on Sunday, May 10, 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
at St. John on Sunday, May 10, 11 a.m. to Noon.

To protect the health of us all, we ask you to wait in your vehicle until Pastor invites you to enter the building. We will use sanitary wipes on door handles between communing households. *St. John members, please park in one of the handicapped spaces.*

Please call Pastor at (701)430-7117 to arrange to be communed at other times.

St. John and Trinity on Facebook

Our Weekly Worship Services are being aired on Facebook & Youtube:

Tune in to Services broadcast online from the sanctuary at St. John, Hillsboro, on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/> or on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLPlyYS8NIJFJW2gbMEIa3Q>.

Also on the church Facebook page are: church news updates & announcements. Spread the word and *like* St. John/Trinity Lutheran Church's Facebook Page. Thanks to Stacey Riemer and Ginger Kramp for their posts. **Pastor**

OTHER PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS

Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. Programs feature expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. Programs are hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz. Tune to various programs via their website: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

LCMS media ministry **KFUO Radio** shares Christ for you on via worship services, Bible studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at <https://www.KFUO.org> or @**KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This Easter season, tune in for a new series "*The Righteousness of God for You*," on Sharper Iron, studying Romans (weekdays, 8 a.m. CT). On Thy Strong Word, study Revelation (weekdays, 11 a.m. CT). Or worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m. CT.

Concordia Publishing House is offering online activities for children, including: New Testament coloring pages and a hymnal timeline scavenger hunt. Links below:

<https://www.cph.org/images/topics/images/topicpages/bestill-2020/Coloring%20Pages.pdf>

https://communication.cph.org/hubfs/_music/2020/01/music-one-and-all-rejoice/scavenger-hunt.pdf

See live daily devotions at 9 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/> or go to: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR_hYiKXw for archived video devotions led by LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS First Vice-President Rev. Peter K. Lange and LCMS Director of Worship Rev. Sean Daenzer.

LWML

The St. John LWML will not have a May meeting. The next scheduled meeting is June 13th at 9:30 a.m. Someday we will pack up the quilts. Don't forget both of our Seniors should pick out a quilt of their choice as a gift from the LWML.

The LWML ND District Convention has been cancelled. The next district convention will be held June 24 – 26, 2022 in Fargo. Our zone will be in charge and will use the **same theme, logo, location, and 'red vests'** that we planned to use.

The LWML will be collecting clothing for the Orphan Grain Train.

St. John members drop off your items in the lounge of the church. The west door will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends of May 3-4 and May 9-10.

Needed: Men's, Women's and Children's clothing and shoes. Also clothing accessories such as belts, scarves, gloves, hats; new bath towels, new washcloths, cloth diapers, diaper pins, receiving blankets, infant sleepers and small onesies
NO USED SOCKS OR UNDERWARE NEEDED.

Pastor & Eunice Deitemeyer will pick up collected items and deliver them to Jamestown on May 18th.

Meals on Wheels – St. John delivers the week of **May 18 – 22.**

Volunteers needed. If you are in good health and able, please sign-up at the church on the calendar or call or text me at 701-430-1500. Stacey Riemer

Email: trinitystjohn@outlook.com A Big Thank you to last months Volunteers!

Church Offerings –

Though we are not currently gathering in our church buildings, our churches still have bills to pay. Without our offerings, monies to pay these will be exhausted. *“God loves a cheerful giver,”* and gladly receives our offerings of praise and thanks, including monies to support His church. Not supporting the ministries of Christ's church is an affront to God. Even as we serve our neighbors in love by practicing social distancing, we give the first-fruits of the Lord's giving to us by our offerings.

For now, **offerings for Trinity** can be mailed, addressed as follows: Attention Treasurer, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 128th Ave. SE, Hope ND 58046. Thanks to Treasurer, Clark Lemley, for his faithful service.

Offerings for St. John (besides electronic giving) may be mailed to the attention of our Financial Secretary, Nicole Haffely, at: St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 99, Hillsboro, ND 58045. You may also drop off your offering in an envelope to Nicole's attention at the drive-up window of Goose River Bank on Caledonia Ave. in Hillsboro.

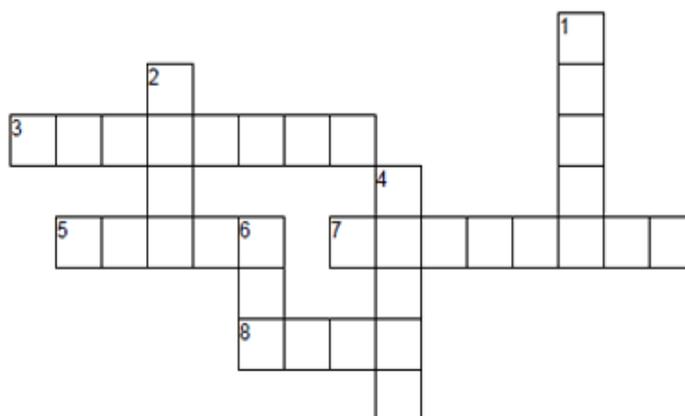
The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally directed our hearts and minds to Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Jesus willingly laid down His life for us, His sheep, dying on the cross the death we deserved for our sins. Death could not hold God's Son, and He rose from the dead to justify us as worthy of God's love, having won us God's full forgiveness of all our sins by the cross. Read John 10:1-10, and hear Jesus' promises for you. Then see if you can complete the crossword puzzle below, using the eight words that are supplied in the box beneath the puzzle.

The Shepherd's Voice

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Someone not known or not familiar
5. A farm animal with thick curly wool
7. A person who takes care of sheep
8. The word or words by which a person or thing is known

DOWN

1. The sound made when people speak or sing
2. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
4. Someone who steals
6. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept

STRANGER	VOICE	SHEEP	NAME
SHEPHERD	THIEF	PEN	GATE

In the Holy Gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus prepares His disciples for His crucifixion, to be followed on the Third Day by His resurrection from the dead. Jesus presented the bigger picture to men troubled by His testimony that He would soon suffer and die. He stressed to them that it was all for their good, that He would go to prepare a place for them in heaven, and one day return to take them to be with Him in God's everlasting household of life. This is Jesus' promise to all who believe on Him as Savior, the only true Way to life with the Father. Read Jesus' witness in John 14:1-14, then see how well you can fill in the words using the coded letters.

"I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



K	P	I	H	Y	G	S	E	X	Q	J	U	C	O	N	F	D	A	Z	B	V	W	L	R	T	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 4-8-18-24-25-7 _____
2. 25-24-14-12-20-23-8-17 _____
3. 20-8-23-3-8-21-8 _____
4. 16-18-25-4-8-24 _____
5. 4-14-12-7-8 _____
6. 2-24-8-2-18-24-8 _____
7. 2-23-18-13-8 _____
8. 22-18-5 _____
9. 25-24-12-25-4 _____
10. 23-3-16-8 _____

HOUSE	WAY	PLACE	PREPARE	HEARTS
LIFE	TRUTH	TROUBLED	FATHER	BELIEVE

The Resurrected Christ appeared to His disciples many times over forty days, restoring their faith and strengthening them for service as witnesses to the world of its Savior. On that fortieth day, Jesus ascended into heaven to take His seat of rule at the right hand of God the Father. The Church has long observed that Thursday (*May 21 this year*) as The Ascension of our Lord in worship. By it we celebrate that Jesus is Lord, and graciously rules our lives with love. Scripture readings include Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53. Read each, then try to fill in the blanks, matching the numbers with the letters below to reveal words from the account in Luke 24.

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.
 Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	W	V	D	J	Q	R	I	B	S	O	A	E	U	C	P	K	N	H	L	G	M	Y	Z	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 25-14-20-25-8-20-20-13-4 _____
2. 11-16-13-18-13-4 _____
3. 22-8-18-4-10 _____
4. 10-15-7-8-16-26-14-7-13 _____
5. 7-8-10-13 _____
6. 7-13-16-13-18-26 _____
7. 9-20-13-10-10-8-18-21 _____
8. 26-12-17-13-18 _____
9. 19-13-12-3-13-18 _____
10. 2-11-7-10-19-8-16-13-4 _____

SCRIPTURE	RISE	REPENT	HEAVEN	BLESSING
MINDS	TAKEN	OPENED	WORSHIPED	FULFILLED

The Holy Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter continues Jesus' words of comfort given His disciples that He would soon suffer and die. Having told them that He would go to prepare a place for them in heaven, He now promised that He would not forsake His disciples but instead give them another Helper, the Holy Spirit. We too are blessed to have God the Holy Spirit living in us and leading us in the way of the God of life. Read Jesus' witness in John 14:15-21, then see how well you can fill in the blanks revealing His Word of truth and life.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
March 2020**

INCOME	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$73,466.00
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(25,713.10)
Other Gifts	1,343.35
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$50,096.25
EXPENSES:	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$17,371.86
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	44,679.17
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(2,620.60)
Current gifts given for these missions	(3,504.09)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	\$0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Net Expenses	\$55,926.34
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR MARCH	(\$5,830.09)
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	\$5,400.00
YTD NET LOSS	(\$22,246.89)

Congregational giving was above average for March—YAY! Giving is hard when worship services are virtual. If your congregation does not already participate in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of March 31, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$250.00
Chile Partnership	\$250.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

God loves a cheerful giver. Please remember your church and our District missions, along with international missions, still need your prayers and monetary support.

St. John Treasurer's Report for March 2020

General Fund	March	Jan - March
Contributions	\$5,000.45	\$18,040.80
Expenses	\$8,552.36	\$26,209.54
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$3,551.91)	(\$8,168.74)

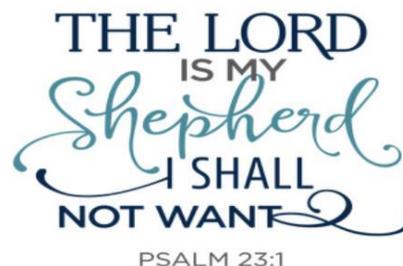
Free Coffee

Help yourself to the coffee packs in the lounge at St. John. There are 3 boxes stacked up along the north wall underneath the mirror. Take as many as you want.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who sent in their offering this last month. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank You to those who purchased an easter lily and chose to donate the \$10 to the flower fund.



Congregations' Status April 2020

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters)
 Peace, Barney and Trinity, Great Bend: vacancy. Will apply for a seminary candidate. (served by Rev. Matthew Tooman).
 Zion, Claire City: vacancy. Zion and Brown Valley, MN, will apply for a seminary candidate. (served by MN North District.)
 Trinity, Tolley: vacancy (served by Rev. Joel Brandvold.)
Pastors and DCE'S
 Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, has returned a call to Tabor Evangelical, Mountain, WI & Emmanuel Evangelical, Breed, WI.
 Rev. Michael Giddings, Crosspointe, Fargo, is considering a call to the South Dakota District as the Missionary-At-Large and Chaplain at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

*Your servant in Christ,
ND District President
Rev. Arie Bertsch*



Main Street Living May 2020

"Coronavirus" and **"COVID-19"** are likely the two most often heard words during the past month or two! My hope is that you and your loved ones have been and will continue to be spared from this pandemic. Perhaps these times have already or will provide special opportunities to minister to others in the name of Christ!

Also during this time of social distancing, we hope that in addition to your own congregation's live-streaming and podcasts of worship services, that you're included the TV and internet ministry of MAIN STREET LIVING TV to hear God's faith-strengthening word! Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view all archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as **"North (Fargo)"**. God's blessings in Christ!

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

Ken Koehler, Volunteer Coordinator, Main Street Living North

May 3: **Rev. Chris Waldvogel**, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Our Suffering Shepherd" based on 1 Peter 2:18-25. *This Is The Life* program is "The Big Little Lie". Curiosity and a little "white lie" results in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

May 10: **Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: "A Life of Worship" based on 1 Peter 2:2-10. *This is the Life* program is: "To the End of Time". A physicist working on nuclear weapon development is confronted with the reality of the weapon, the utility of radiation and the blessing of Christian hope.

May 17: **Rev. Matt Tooman**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message: "You Need the Holy Spirit," based on John 14:15-21. *This Is The Life* program is: "A Face from the Past". A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father.

May 24: **Rev. Jim Meyer** (CRM), St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: "Are You In?" based on John 17:1-11. *This Is The Life* program is: "Love is Not Enough". A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring is what truly is important.

May 31: **Rev. Allen Kramp**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, ND, presents the message: "Rejoice in the Spirit of God's outpouring in Jesus!" based on Acts 2:1-21. *This Is The Life* program is: "A Different Way". In this Fisher Family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor.

Programs are broadcast at 9:00 am on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, AND at 10:00 am on the following WDAY & affiliate Xtra Channels: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead, WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks, as well as cable and satellite systems carrying these stations.

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My peace
I give unto you
Let not your *heart*
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27