ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Festival of St. Philip and St. James

May 1, 2022

The Season

Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season.

The Series

The time we live in and eternity are a victory march for the risen Christ. We are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever.

April 17: Life Marches Victorious over Death April 23 & 24: Witness Marches Victorious over Restraint **April 30 & May 1: Sight Marches Victorious over Blindness** May 8 & 9: Fulfilled Works March Victorious over Empty Words May 15 & 16: Selfless Love Marches Victorious Over Self-Glorification May 22 & 23: Joy Marches Victorious over Circumstances May 26: Power from Heaven Marches Victorious to the Ends of the Earth May 29 & 30: Unity Marches Victorious in Diversity June 4 & 5 (Day of Pentecost): The Spirit Marches Victorious through the Word

The Sunday

Philip was an apostle, one of the Twelve, called directly by Jesus. Immediately after that he went and told his brother Nathaniel the good news. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the Twelve. Scripture does not tell us anything else about him. Today we celebrate the faith the Lord created in them, the blessing they were to the Christian Church, and their example of faith.

The Rite of Confirmation

Although it is not commanded in Holy Scripture, confirmation is a church custom which has developed over many centuries. In the Confirmation Rite, we hear young people who have been instructed in Christian doctrine according to the Bible, as expressed in Martin Luther's Small Catechism, confess their faith. We pray for them as the pastor lays his on them As a congregation we invite them to participate in the Lord's Supper, since they are able to examine themselves spiritually and recognize Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament.

Confirmation is an important milestone in a young person's spiritual education. Yet it is not the endpoint for anyone, young or old. Learning the Word of God is an ongoing privilege for every believer.

Serving in Worship

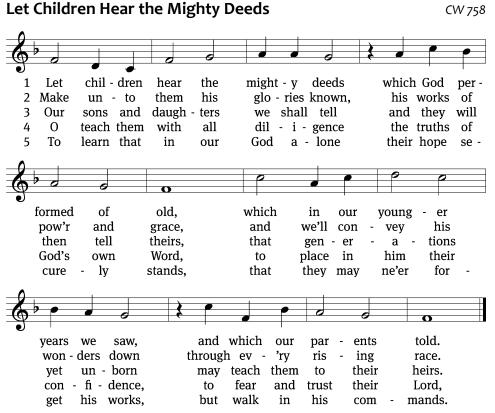
Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Stand as the hymn is introduced



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Opening Dialogue

Words of our Savior following his resurrection

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit." "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

"Peace be with you!"

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." "Feed my lambs."

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." "Take care of my sheep."

"Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." "Feed my sheep." I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed himself to the apostles Philip and James as the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that we also may know that truth and find in him the way that leads to eternal life; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 30:18–21

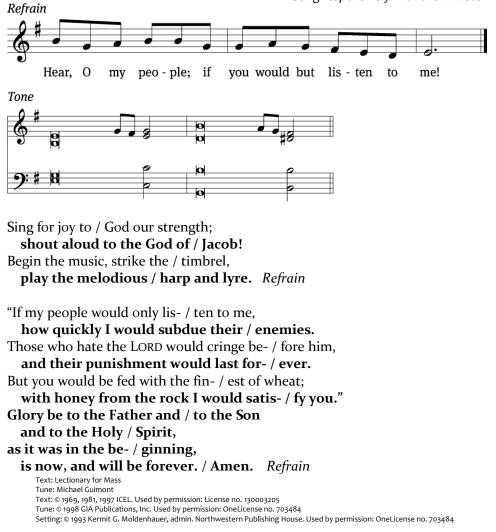
¹⁸Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

¹⁹People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. ²⁰Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. ²¹Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hear, O My People

Psalm 81D Sung responsively with the minister



Second Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is

joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1–14

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Christ Be My Leader



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Sermon

John 14:1-14 You Know God

Confirmation

The rite is used as a remembrance of confirmation in the morning services

My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today? **I am.**

Do you believe in God the Father? Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? **I do reject him.**

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God? I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God? **I do.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go? **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The pastor speaks to those being confirmed:

I now invite each of you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

Those being confirmed approach the altar in turn and kneel. The minister lays his hand on the head of each and speaks a blessing. A passage from the Scriptures is also read.

Devon Charles Berndt – 2 Peter 3:18 Zachery Nicholas Doobeck – John 3:16 Ella Grace Drewitz – Joshua 1:9 Sadie Jane Homuth – Psalm 23:1 Mason John Kempf – Joshua 1:9 Isla Rose Peck – Joshua 1:9 Ava Imogene Rudzitis – John 3:16 Lucas Richard Schultz – Colossians 2:6-7 Jadelyn Nicole Stoltzmann – Romans 1:16 Malachi Myron Yttri – Joshua 1:9

The minister says: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 930

The confirmands sing stanzas 1 & 2, the congregation stanzas 3 & 4 at the 1:00 pm service The congregation sings the entire hymn in the morning services



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Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



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Announcements

St. Lucas Lutheran School Family Night is Friday, May 6. Everyone is invited to enjoy two plays. Kindergarten through third grade will present *Spaced Out*. Fifth through eighth grade will perform *How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party (in Fifteen Simple Steps).* The show begins at 6:00 pm.

KML Spring Play Join us for KML's spring production of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*. You are guaranteed to laugh until your side hurts at all the wonderfully creative ways this show "goes wrong!" Recommended for ages 13+. Performances: Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, 7:00 PM; Sunday, May 8, 2:00 PM. Ticket info coming soon at kmlhs.org/theatre.

Mental Wellness: Ready for Rebound?! How has the mental health of individuals been affected in what has been an unprecedented time of uncertainty? What can we expect to encounter as we "come out" of this time? Join in on a discussion of mental wellness for our times and learn specific ways to intervene for yourself or a loved one when wellness becomes un-wellness or illness at Morning Star Lutheran on Monday, May 2nd from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Morning Star is located at N171W20131 Highland Rd., Jackson. Morning Star will be hosting Karen Fischer from Christian Family Solutions for this presentation - please join us!

Celebrating God's Blessings this Week

Birthdays	
Sandy Shambeau	1
Jennifer Kertscher	1
Rosa Rudzitis	2
Jean Vorpahl	3
Matthew Kempf	4
Megan Dreher	5
Virginia Backhaus	8
Anniversaries	
Steven and Susan Backhaus	3

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list or we have a wrong date, please contact the office.

Calendar

April 30 – May 8, 2022 Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday 6:oo pm	<i>(Exodus 32: 1-14, Luke 6: 20-38)</i> Confirmation Examination Service	Ushers: Butzke
Sunday 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	<i>(Exodus 32: 15-35, Luke 6: 39-49)</i> Worship Family Bible Hour Worship Confirmation Service	Ushers: Kempf Ushers: Koch Ushers: Leadership Team
Monday	(Exodus 33: 1-23, Luke 7: 1-17)	
Tuesday 6:30 pm	<i>(Exodus 34: 1-28, Luke 7: 18-35)</i> Bible Study Kettle Moraine Pastoral Conference	
Wednesday	(Exodus 34: 29 – 35:21, Luke 7: 36-50)	
Thursday 10:00 am	(Exodus 38: 21 – 39: 8,22 23,27-31, Luke 8: 1-21) Bible Study	
Friday 7:45 am	(<i>Exodus 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39)</i> Chapel	
Saturday 6:oo pm	(Exodus 40: 17-38, Luke 8: 40-56) Worship w/ Communion	Ushers: Peters
Sunday 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	<i>(Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9: 1-17)</i> Worship w/ Communion Family Bible Hour Worship w/ Communion	Ushers: Stoltz Ushers: Wolter

St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. www.stlucaswels.org

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