

Peace
I leave with you

JOHN 14:27

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE WELCOME all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

CHILDCARE: If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

WHEELCHAIR available in the north entranceway or in the church office.

EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.**

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION - EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING THREE

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

MAY 25 & 26, 2019

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE “*The Peace May Be Exchanged*”

(Dan Locklair)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

C: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

A: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

C: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

A: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

C: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

A: God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

C: God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

A: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy. In the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Turn and face the back of the church. As the procession passes, turn and face the front of the church.

579 GATHERING SONG “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*”

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Spoken Responsively with Lector)

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation shall sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Be Bold! Be Strong!"

See Insert

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Prevail upon us with your Spirit. Convince us daily that you have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: The leaves of your tree of life are for the healing of the nations. Bring an end to civil war, genocide, terrorism, and violence. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Our hearts are troubled and afraid. Visit us again with your peace. Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick (*especially - see bulletin page 12*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.

A: We give you thanks for all who have died in service to nation. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for your children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life. Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Congregation shall sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

“Come Down, O Love Divine” Senior Choir (R. Vaughan Williams / arr. P. R. Dietterich)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

692 OFFERING SONG “We Are an Offering”

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,

C: **meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **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.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE CONSECRATION

P: 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.

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.

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.

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Congregation shall sit.

COMMUNION SONG “Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY “Arioso”

(J.S. Bach)

398 COMMUNION HYMN “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

As the cross passes please turn and face the back of the church.

SENDING SONG “*All God’s Critters*”

See Insert

DISMISSAL

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE “*Echo Alleluia*”

(H. Purcell)

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MANY THANKS to the **Camp Tomah Shinga Staff** for helping to lead worship on Sunday.
Especially to our own **Tyler Price** for preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rob & Nancy Peterson with Prayers for First Lutheran Church congregation as we celebrate the Easter season.

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR MAY is given by Ken & Nancy Sherbert in thankfulness for those who care for her mother, Lois Lykins.

PARENTS’ take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week’s word: PEACE.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Jeani Anderson (Stormont Vail Hospital), Charlie Vaughn (Kansas Rehab Hospital), Paul Reed (home), Ann Sanders (Kansas Rehab Hospital), Pat Wild (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Mike Wilson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), Tim Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' brother), Steve Magee (Kim's husband), Rick Watson (Lisa Arndt's father), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Luber's), Betty Fleming (LaDonna Little's aunt), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgast's), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardt's).

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

10:00 am

Assisting Minister, Lector	Camp Tomah Shinga Staff
Candlelighter / Crucifer	Madison Liby / Makenzie Liby
Rail Communion Assistants	Camp Tomah Shinga Staff
Presenting the Gifts	Ruth Denno, Catherine Esquibel
Council Member Team	Shirley Waugh / Joe Montague
Altar Guild	Elna Ensley, Jeanie Schuler
Ushers	Camp Tomah Shinga Staff
North Door / South Door Greeters	Marvin & Penny Boleski / Velma Roblyer, Tracy Roesch
Coffee Hosts	Susan & George Bales
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Randy Debenham, LaVerne Engelhardt
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Ron Bessler / Nancy Sherbert / Ron Bessler
Stephen Minister 5/27-6/2/2019	Jean Abbe

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

June 2nd – SEVENTH EASTER

10:00 am

Assisting Minister / Lector	Connor Montague / Jeff Montague
Candlelighter / Crucifer	Allison Montague / Blake Arndt
Communion Assistants	JoAnn Stanley, Karen Wollin
Presenting the Gifts	Nancy Besta, Pat Booth
Council Member Team	Bill Barker /
Altar Guild	Nancy Besta, Mary Fobes, Maureen Krumins
Ushers	Ted & Elna Ensley
North Door / South Door Greeters	Scott & Melanie Schultz / Ruth Denno, Ann Sanders
Coffee Hosts	Schultz Family
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Dick Nelson / Karen Wollin / Tina Lewis
Stephen Minister 6/3-9/2019	Carren Reed

✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Caring For Kids 1st Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TODAY Sunday, May 26

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

9:40 a.m. – Senior Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Monday, May 27

HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED



Pastor Jenny at Camp Tomah Shinga

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. –Caring for Kids 1st RESUMES

9:00-11:30 a.m. – CDO Summer School

“Community Helpers”

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

9:00-11:30 a.m. – CDO Summer School

“Community Helpers”

6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Worship in the Chapel

Thursday, May 30

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

9:00-11:30 a.m. – CDO Summer School

“Community Helpers”

Friday, May 31 Pastor Jenny’s Day Off

Saturday, June 1

RED BAG OFFERING

BLESSING & SENDING OF

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, June 2 SEVENTH OF EASTER

RED BAG OFFERING

BLESSING & SENDING OF

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

9:40 a.m. – Senior Choir Warmup

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – Magi Moments & Potluck Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – VBS Volunteer Training

12:15 p.m. – Youth & Family Ministry

4-5:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Pack 175 (Outdoor Chapel)

LESSONS JUNE 1 & 2

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

PARISH NOTICES

REMEMBER THE “BLESSING BOX” NEEDS FILLING.

USHERS: To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities have been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY GRACE WORSHIP

ALL ARE INVITED to Come and Worship Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a service unique from our weekend worship and provides a different atmosphere. This worship is a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends as we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.

Again this year we will be receiving a special **RED BAG OFFERING** on the weekend of **June 1st & 2nd**. Our voting delegates will take the offering along to the **CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY** being held this year in **OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS AT THE MARRIOTT from June 6th thru 8th**. Please be generous in your contribution!!

CHURCH COUNCIL WILL BE INSTALLED ON JUNE 1st and 2nd DURING WORSHIP.

On June 2nd, we will begin a new practice during worship... **“NOISY OFFERING”**. Children are invited to bring coins and drop them in a bucket during worship. Bring your change and change the world!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SOME MAGIC?

On **Sunday, June 2**, you will have the opportunity to be dazzled and entertained as you have never been before, as First Lutheran Church hosts the first of three **MAGI MOMENTS**. Under the tutelage of Alan Hageman, Joe Montague and Pastor Bob Dealey, children, youth and others are invited to share and demonstrate their gifts of magic, in conjunction with a Parish Life Committee-sponsored **POTLUCK LUNCH** that will be held in the Parish Hall, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Originally conceived as a means to build self-esteem and self-confidence in children and youth, children and youth are encouraged to perform an illusion of their choice at the potluck. No performer is required to reveal how they performed their illusion and the audience is requested to affirm and encourage those who perform. **All potential performers** are invited to contact Pastor Bob by phone at (785) 272-5302 or by email at Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net to make arrangements for their performance on June 2nd. You are welcome to bring family and friends to the potluck and the performance.

JUNE 9th IS PENTECOST - WEAR RED

**WE HONOR JERRY K. ANDERSON FOR
50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHURCH ORGANIST
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL AT 4:00 P.M. “MEMORIES OF THE LAST 50 YEARS”

PRESENTED BY JERRY

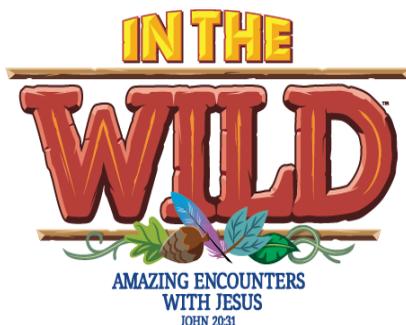
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SUMMER MUSICAL OFFERINGS



We have so many in our congregation with musical gifts to share. Please consider sharing your gifts during worship, especially during the summer **10:00 a.m. worship services**. Please contact **Mark Fuller** (554-3849) or the church office (272-5302) with the **NEEDED INFORMATION**: your name, if playing an instrument or singing, and the date(s) you'd like to share your God given talents. ***“Music is a fair and glorious gift from God” - Martin Luther***



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17–21

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

\$15 per child donation

Dinner Provided

VBS REGISTRATION will be done online this year.

To register your kids or grandkids, go to

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/elcatopeka>

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND INFORMATION MEETINGS ON JUNE 2 & 9 at 11:30 AM

FALL EVENTS

Two fun fall events require advance reservations.

Please see **Dean Johnson** or **Phil & LaVerne Engelhardt** for more information and reservations.

1. **September 28th WOODFEST at Camp Wood** west of Emporia a Kansas City symphony outreach includes dinner and a fun sunset outdoor concert \$50 per person or \$150 for 8 (what a deal!!!)
2. **October 18-19 HYLLINGSFEST in Lindsborg.** Friday-folk dancing, shopping, outdoor eating, evening meal is a Scandinavian smorgasbord followed by a concert by Smoky Hills Men's Chorus at Bethany church. Saturday morning is a fun parade. A group of us is planning to attend the two day event. Folks can attend either day, but the smorgasbord on Friday requires advanced reservations which are limited. The price of the smorgasbord is almost \$30. Please see one of us if you are interested. Each of these events can be researched online. Bring some friends and join us!!!

A TRIP TO THE YMCA OF THE ROCKIES IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE END OF JULY 2020. PLEASE SEE THE POSTER IN THE NAVE LOUNGE AND FEEL FREE TO TAKE AN INFORMATION SHEET. THERE WILL BE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP ON JUNE 1 & 2.

LOOKING FOR NEW EASTER BRUNCH COORDINATOR(S)

The **Arndt** and **Roark** families will be stepping down as **FLC EASTER CREW** in 2021 and would like the opportunity to have the next Crew shadow one event.

Individuals, a family, or families interested in learning more about Brunch responsibilities **please talk with Brooke Roark.** We have truly enjoyed serving with this ministry and thank everyone for their abundant donations year after year.

Just Listen

Pace I leave with you” (John 14:27). If there were no other reason to love Jesus, if there were no other reason to want to be near him, if there were no other reason to think him divine, this would be enough.

Jesus is going away, and his friends and followers are afraid. They feel lost, adrift. They don’t know what they will do without him. They want to keep him near so they can hear his voice and feel the touch of his hand. But soon these opportunities will be lost to them.

Jesus speaks to their troubled hearts and to ours: *Peace*. So listen. Let all other voices be silenced. Turn from everything that distracts you from the voice of Jesus. Listen to one word: *Peace*.

Peace to the troubled places in your heart. Peace to the sadness and sorrow you carry. Peace to the anxieties you have about your life and future. Peace to the guilt or shame or regrets you bear.

Listen to the voice of the one who has gone all the way down into death and brought back nothing but life and grace, love and joy. Listen, for he tells you that the God of all creation—the one who formed you—wants this one thing for you: *Peace*.

You are not condemned. You are not rejected. You are not abandoned. The things you fear can and will hurt you, but they will never snatch you from the love that holds you in eternal hands. Not now. Not ever.

Jesus goes away, but he comes back to us. His Spirit abides in us, with us, among us. Always. He is as real as the person sitting next to you, as physically present as the bread and wine of the holy meal, and as warm as the hearts and hands of those soon to greet you with the word your heart craves: *Peace*.

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BE BOLD! BE STRONG!

Be Bold! (Be Bold!) Be Strong! (Be Strong!) For the Lord your God is with you. (repeat)

Be not afraid! No, no, no, no, no! Be not dismayed! No, no, no, no, no

Walk in faith and victory!

Come on, walk in faith and victory!

For the Lord, your God, is with you!

ALL GOD'S CRITTERS

Refrain:

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
Some just clap their hands, or paws, anything they got now

V1:

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes "moo"
(refrain)

V2:

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle,
while the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs,
And the old coyote ho_____wwwls
(refrain)

V3:

Listen to the top where the little birds sing,
On the melodies with the high note ringing,
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the Jaybird disagrees.
(refrain)

V4:

Singin' in the nighttime, singin' in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The possum ain't got much to say,
And the porcupine talks to himself
(refrain)

V5:

It's a simple song of livin' sung everywhere,
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove
(refrain)