

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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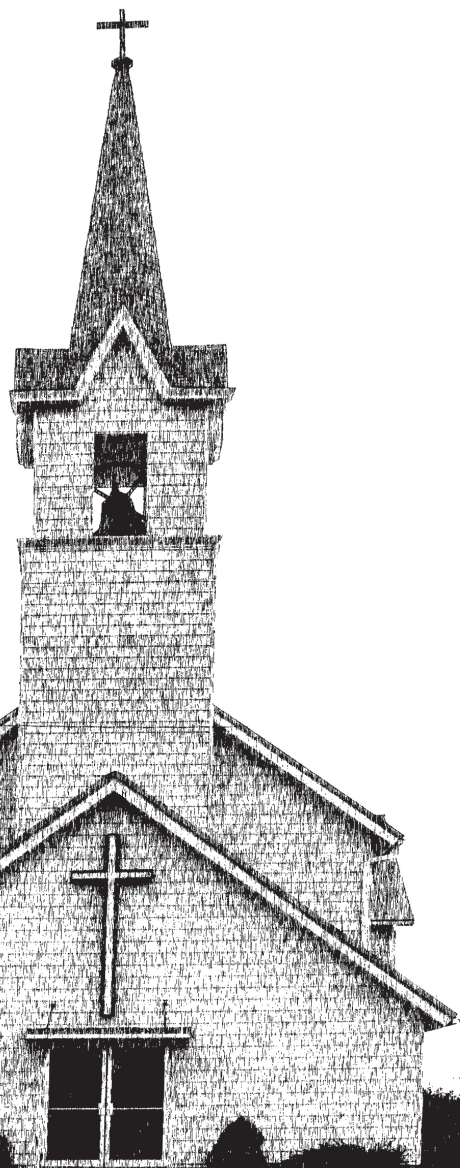
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Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able***

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The Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn, “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, April 28:

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Barb Wagner;

Reader: Jeff Seehusen; **Fellowship Hosts:** Brinkman Family;

Deacons: Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors today. May you know God’s presence as we worship together as the body of Christ. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you with us again!

Children’s Bulletins & Activity Bags: The children’s bulletins are on the stand at the top of the stairs in the narthex. There are also activity bags for the children on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs. Feel free to use them, and return the bags to the shelf following the service.

Mission and Outreach: During the month of April, Vilmar’s Mission and Outreach Team will be collecting financial donations to be put toward the North Butler Scholarships. During May, the mission offering will be given to the North America Lutheran Seminary.

Reminder: If you are the last one to leave the church building on ANY day of the week, please be sure to double check that all the lights are shut off – especially the hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, etc. Please lock the doors when you leave as well. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’

³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM 150

R: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

C: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

R: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

R: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-11

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴ Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world

listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

HOLY GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

¹'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Readings for next week, Sunday, May 5

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Psalm 98

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

Holy Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

*The lectern Bible is NRSV.

Anniversary

Congratulations to Dean and Kay Brinkman on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! There will be an open house reception honoring them from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., today in the basement. A light lunch will be served.

Graduates Recognition

If someone in your family is graduating this year and you'd like their name included in the bulletin, please let Monica know by Thursday, May 9. We will recognize them with a special prayer on Sunday, May 12. If any graduates will be present on May 12, please let us know ASAP so we are able to coordinate flowers and gifts for each grad. Thank You!

May Heralds

May Heralds have been mailed/emailed/put in member mailboxes in the narthex. PLEASE read through your monthly newsletter – there is a lot of information about upcoming events.

Volunteers Needed

- **Scripture Readers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Fellowship Hosts** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Mowing Volunteers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)

Sunday of Hope

Vilmar will hold its annual Sunday of Hope in June. The sanctuary will be decorated with Relay For Life luminaries in honor and memory of our loved ones who have been affected by cancer. If you would like to purchase a luminary please contact Margaret DeBower and Jennifer Seehusen. Cost is \$10 each. The names will be read and a special prayer will be given to commemorate the day.

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 28 — Singspration Sunday

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Brinkman Anniversary Reception

2:30 p.m.: Women of Faith meeting at the parsonage

Monday, April 29

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Tuesday, April 30

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Wednesday, May 1

6-7:30 p.m.: Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation at Diane's home

Thursday, May 2

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

1:30 p.m.: BINGO at the Allison Care Center

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Friday, May 3

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Saturday, May 4

7 a.m.: Men's and Women's Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

Sunday, May 5

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

3 p.m.: Greetings From the Vilmar Gang

Serving in the Lord's House Next Sunday, May 5

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Diane Hummel;

Reader: Terri Hardisty; **Fellowship Hosts:** Host Needed;

Deacons: Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere;

Altar Committee: Ron and Diane Salge

Favorite Christian Songs/Hymns/Music

In an effort to learn your favorite Christian musical pieces, a master list is being compiled. These songs may be traditional, familiar, new, contemporary ... Music is the language of the soul. Having a master list can help make worship even more meaningful.

There is always the goal of music reflecting the scripture and/or theme of the sermon or church season, or a special focus during worship. Learning new ones is good. Singing old ones is good. Praising God is what we are called to do and music is a great way to do that. Your help is appreciated. Please respond with a list of your favorites via this form or the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate, or simply contact Pastor Keen. If some songs or new to this congregation, the musicians will be included in discerning how to proceed. Thanks!

Your Name: _____

Favorite Christian Musical Selections

Please return to Pastor Keen or place in the offering plate. Thanks!

Sound System & Live Streaming Training

I would like to get a few people trained in running our systems. I have a detailed booklet that explains how to operate everything, but I would like to sit down and go through it with some people, and take a few Sundays to have hands-on learning experiences with it. If you would be interested in this, please let me know, and we can coordinate dates for training. Thanks, Monica

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Mari Ann Wearda, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Darwin Dralle, Mary Schipper, Jean Morris, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Kyle Debner, Connie Opperman, Kathy Dann, and Margaret DeBower

Service Men and Women: Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

Pastoral Care and Private Communion

If you need pastoral assistance, contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com.

Interested in Membership?

Please contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, or if you know of someone who might be interested in being a part of the life and ministry of this congregation. Thanks.