

# St. John's Lutheran Church

Norfolk, Nebraska



Pentecost

May 19, 2024

8:30 A.M.

Pastor Randy Rasmussen

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 8:30 AM**

## **Gathering Together**

Welcome to God's grace – where the world's labels don't apply.

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Step into God's time and presence. Hear God's gentle whisper: "Be still and know that I am God." Let your body and mind rest and open your heart to God in worship and prayer. Welcome each other in the love of Christ. Extend hospitality to those new in our midst. "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!"

### **GATHERING MUSIC & RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **PRAYER TREE**

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME**

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Stand

**GATHERING HYMN: "Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling" ELW #582**

### **GREETING**

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

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**GLORY TO GOD Page 139**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

**SPECIAL MUSIC – John Skogstoe "Trusting Jesus"**

# HEARING THE WORD

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

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## FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans

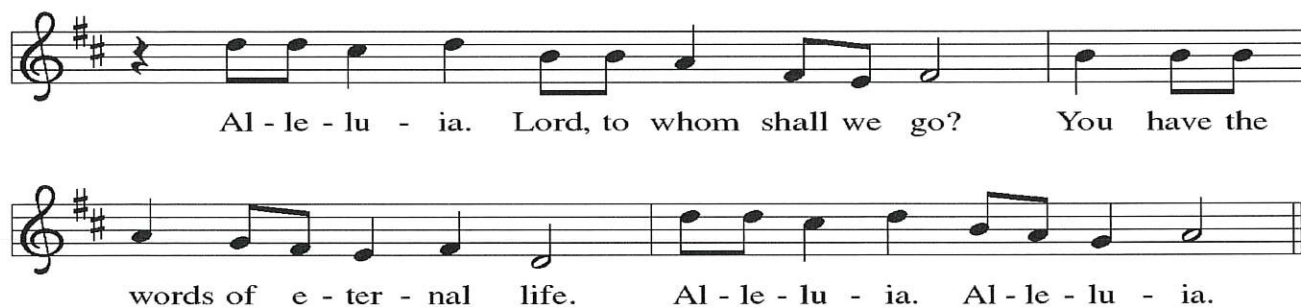
*After the reading:*

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**Thanks be to God.**

## STAND

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## GOSPEL READING John 15:26-17, 16:4b-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Randy Rasmussen

## SERMON Pastor Randy Rasmussen

Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Borning Cry" ELW #732**

Sit

# **CELEBRATING HOLY BAPTISM: Hudson Bryce Sovereign**

We witness the gift of new birth through the sacrament of Holy Baptism and remember that we, too, are the baptized children of God.

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## **INVITATION**

## **PRESENTATION**

## **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL & PROFESSION OF FAITH**

## **THANKSGIVING**

## **BAPTISM**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

## **PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE FAITH CHEST AND MISSION INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE**

## **WELCOME**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.  
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

**Stand**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord and share the gift of Christ's peace.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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**SIT**

## **GATHERING OF THE OFFERING**

**Stand**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

P: Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**ACCLAMATION OF FAITH**

Together we acclaim our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table.

**“LAMB OF GOD”**

**Sit**

**COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to eat & drink at the Lord's Table. Jesus Christ is present in the bread & wine. Come and eat! Holy Communion is at two stations below the altar. Following the usher's direction, please proceed down the center aisle toward the altar.*

*If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the pastor at the altar during communion. Red wine and white grape juice are available in each tray of cups. After communing, you may return to your seat down the side aisle. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper where you are seated, please tell the usher, who will ensure the gifts of God come to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

# **SENT FORTH TO SERVE**

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STAND**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW #400, Verses 1, 2, 4**

**SENDING**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Our Mission: *Disciples Through God's Love, Celebrating In Jesus' name.***

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Kevin Rasmussen

Judy Denkinger

Tami Darville

Susan Skogstoe

Lexi Rivera

Karmon Lienemann

Tyrone Uhlir

Jerry Berney

Tricia Wilcox

Jerry Fiedler

Lee Gaylor, Traci & family

Del Fuelberth

Cody Hoefler

Bill Schroeder

Dan Timperley

Stacie Schutte

Keagan Sullivan

Heidi Henry-Kahny

Lisa Christensen

Zella Dederman

Amy Comstock

Ann Schroeder

Cory Taylor

Carol Timperley

Phillip Sykes

Derek Johnson

Zander Barr

Harold Rosenbaum

Bob Frady

Janet Farr

Beverly Schwede

Becky Orwig

**Altar Flowers for this weekend sponsored by:**

Janet Erickson in memory of Bruce, Dwaine and my dad, Lloyd

and

Scott and Brenda Carhart in honor of Grace's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Please join in this prayer..... Gracious God, thank you for the work of Pastor and Shelli, who have enriched this congregation and shared their gifts with us. Now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Day by day, guide them and give them what is needed; friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of what you are calling them to do. By your Holy Spirit be present in their pilgrimage, that they may travel with the One who is the way, the truth and the life. Amen

Council and Congregational Members

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Hudson Bryce Sovereign, son of Bryce and Allison (Miller) Sovereign, grandson of Joe and Peggy Miller and great grandson of Jim and Betty Keim

**Office Staff**

Pastor, Randy Rasmussen

Office Assistant, Cindy Nelson

Custodian, Ken Schillinger

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, May 20

1:15pm.....Chosen ChristCare  
7:00pm.....Solid Rock

### TUESDAY, May 21

7:00am.....Men's Text Study  
10:00am.....Text Study  
6:30pm.....Benefaction Board

### WEDNESDAY, May 22

1:00pm.....Searchers ChristCare

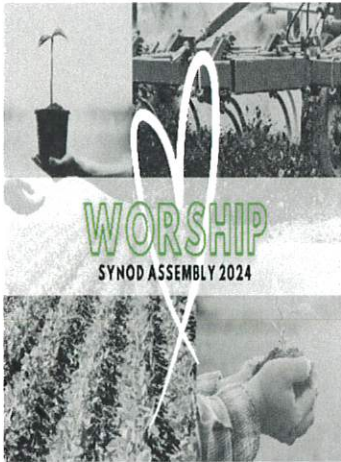
### SATURDAY, May 25

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

### SUNDAY, May 26

8:30am.....Festival Worship  
11:00am.....Celebration Worship

## SYNOD-WIDE Watch Party!



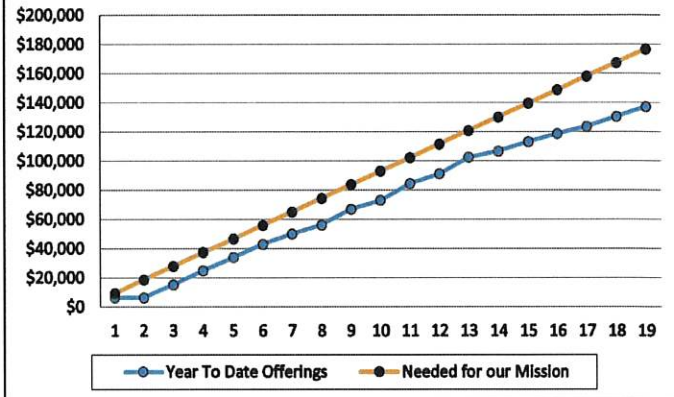
Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> as they close the Synod Assembly 2024 with a state-wide worship at 11:00 AM by live-stream. Join us for a "Watch Party" BREAKFAST at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

This will be the only service that day, and no Saturday evening service that weekend. The invitation from Synod is extended to all congregations to worship together in Nebraska!

## Change for Change

Jar Collections for May will be for the Norfolk Veterans Home. You can place your donation in the jar, or purchase any of these items and drop them off here at church. Playing cards, large colored pencils, watercolor markers, adult coloring books, greeting cards, stationary, large print word search and puzzle books, postage stamps, Holiday Themed plates & napkins, 8-12 oz clear hard plastic cups, small bottles acrylic paint, fingernail polish, large piece (300 piece or less) puzzles, Little Debbie snacks, and small snack size candy bars. (Please do not bring expired or nearly expired food items).

## Progress on Our Mission



Offerings Received 5/12/24.....\$6,771  
Year-To-Date Deficit.....\$-39,462  
Attendance 5/12/24.....23, 49, 58 = 130

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 18, 5:00pm

Reader-Carol Waggoner

Sunday, May 19, 8:30am

Reader, Greeter-Brenda Carhart; Council, Comm Asst-Peggy Miller; Usher-Jim Keim

Coffee Hosts-

Sunday, May 19, 11:00am

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, May 25, 5:00pm

Council-Doug Holmberg

Sunday, May 26, 8:30am

Reader-Brenda Carhart

Coffee Hosts- Carhart Family

Sunday, May 26, 11:00am

## Look What's Coming for VBS! July 22-26<sup>th</sup>

