

THE JOTTINGS

The Newsletter of Jehovah Lutheran Church

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A Community of Joy . . . Celebrating, Learning & Sharing the Love of God in Christ Jesus



May 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church

Traditional liturgy and
hymns of the faith
Gospel-centered preaching
Weekly celebration of
Holy Communion



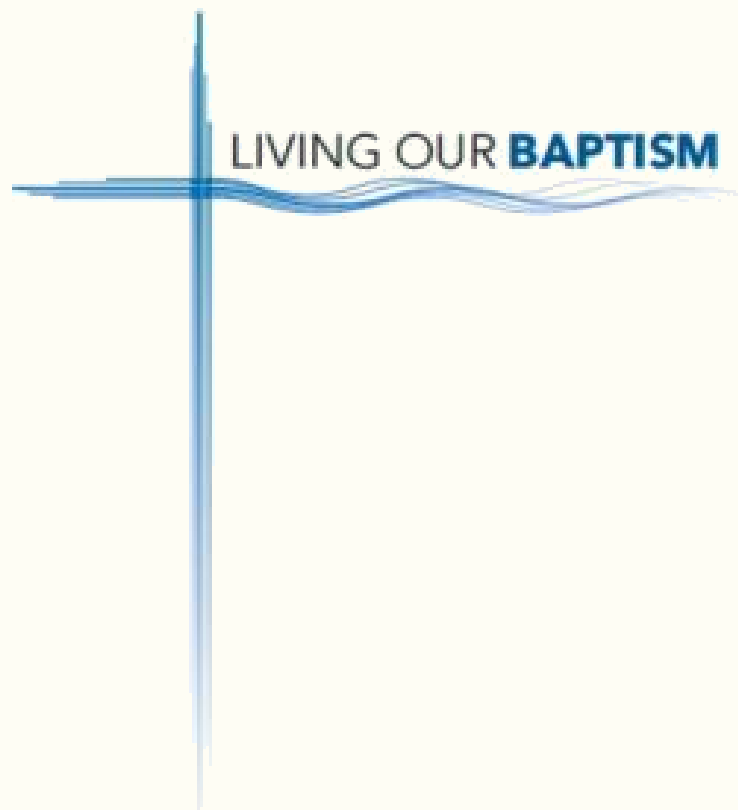
SUNDAYS

Worship 9:30am

Growing in Faith
Sunday School
Following Divine Service

Living in Faith
Bible Study 11:00am

Join us for worship
Stay Connected
and Informed
on our Church Website:
www.jehovahlutheran.org



One Lord, one faith, one baptism
Ephesians 4:5

Walking Together as Disciples for Life:

Built Together

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:3-9 (ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the post-Epiphany season, we began a focus at Jehovah Lutheran called “Walking Together as Disciples for Life.” We continued this focus in Lent, as we walked with Jesus through His passion. We continued walking as disciples of our Lord in Holy Week, following Jesus as He was tried, beaten, mocked, and crucified for us. At Easter Vigil, we walked together through the Old Testament history of God’s acts of salvation for His people. On Easter Sunday, we walked to the empty tomb and be met by the risen Christ.

But of course, we remember that Easter is not just one Sunday; it’s a season!

As we go into the Easter season, we will continue to walk together as Jesus’ disciples for life. In so doing, we walk in the light of His resurrection. We walk as people who have been reborn into a living hope. During the Easter season this year, we will hear from 1 Peter it means for us to live and walk as people who have been given the power and the blessings of Jesus resurrection in our baptism. We’ll also have Bible reading sheets which will break down the reading of 1 Peter and give us questions for reflection on these readings.

Especially appropriate to our life together as a congregation is the above Epistle reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2 for May 7, the Sunday we will meet together as a congregation. Brothers and sisters, our Lord is building us, His people, into a spiritual house, into His own place of worship. Peter says here that in Christ we have been chosen and gathered as precious stones to be laid by God upon the Cornerstone of Jesus Himself.

The Scandinavian hymnwriter, Nikolai Grundtvig, reflects this truth from St. Peter in his hymn, “Built on a Rock, the Church shall Stand”:

*We are God’s house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.*

continued...

In this particular time and place we as God's people at Jehovah Lutheran are considering a variety of things that affect our life and mission together as a congregation, and we are working with others to deepen our outreach efforts in our community. Through all of these things, God is working to build us up together upon the foundation of His Son, Jesus, who was crucified and is risen for us! And so, throughout all of the things going on in our parish, I pray that our Lord will be glorified as we, His chosen and precious people, proclaim to others the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

God's peace in Christ as you walk with Him and His people through this Holy Week and this Easter Season.

Christ is risen!

Walking together with you,
Pastor Joshua Miller

1 PETER READING

This year, our sermons during the Easter season will follow the theme, "Walking Together as People of Living Hope," and will be drawn from the Epistle readings for the season coming from 1 Peter. All members, friends, and visitors of Jehovah Lutheran are invited to participate in reading together as a congregation through 1 Peter. Reading sheets will be provided listing the weekly reading from 1 Peter as well as study questions for your weekly reading. Readings are available weekly in your bulletin, or pick one up in the office.

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:50-51

Ascension Eve Service & Fellowship

The St. Paul Metro Circuit Cordially Invites
All Circuit Congregations and Members to
Worship and Celebrate Our Lord's Ascension
and Blessing. Refreshments to follow.

Divine Service 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 17

Jehovah Lutheran Church
1566 Thomas Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104



ASCENSION EVE

We are excited to invite everyone in your congregation to a circuit-wide worship service in observance of the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**The service will be held at 6:30pm on
Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension Eve)
at Jehovah Lutheran Church
1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul**

Rev. Steven Bielenberg (Pastor of King of Kings, Roseville) will be preaching. Rev. Dr. Joshua C. Miller (Pastor of Jehovah Lutheran) will preside at Holy Communion. Other pastors from the St. Paul Metro Circuit of LCMS congregations will lead other portions of the service. Jehovah Lutheran's Music Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner is inviting those interested to form a choir. (Please see Libby for details.)

We also invite you to stay after the service for coffee and dessert in the fellowship hall! You are welcome to bring a desert to share.

God's peace to you all!

Rev. Steven Bielenberg, Circuit Visitor and
Pastor, King of Kings Lutheran

Rev. Dr. Pastor Joshua Miller, Pastor, Jehovah
Lutheran

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

May 7

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

The story of Stephen's martyrdom marks the church's outward movement from Jerusalem, and serves to introduce Paul, the great missionary to the Gentiles.

1 Peter 2:2-10

We are being built into a spiritual house, a body of priests, set apart as God's own people to present our lives of faith and love to God as a sacrifice.

John 14:1-14

By going to the cross Jesus prepares a place with the Father for those who believe in him. They will have power from God to do the works of Jesus.



May 14

Acts 17:16-31

Paul concludes his speech to the pagan Athenians with God's command that all men repent in view of the coming judgment by a man raised from the dead.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Peter encourages God's people suffering for their faith always to be ready to give an answer to people who ask the reason for the hope they have.

John 14: 15-21

Jesus will soon depart but promises that he will be with the believing community through the Spirit.

May 21

Acts 1:12-26

The apostles must replace Judas to complete Jesus' symbolic claim on all Israel. Through their prayer the Lord chooses Matthias, a witness to the resurrection.

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Peter encourages believers to rejoice in the reproach they suffer as witnesses to Christ until he comes in glory.

John 17:1-11

Jesus prays for his disciples that "in the world" they may give witness to the unity of the Father and the Son by their unity with one another.



May 28 - The Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30

The Lord directs Moses to call seventy elders and sends his spirit on them to help carry the burden of the people.

Acts 2:1-21

God's promise to "pour out my Spirit on all people" (Joel 2:28-32) comes to fruition at Pentecost, ushering in the Messianic Age.

John 7:37-39

Those who seek eternal life are invited to believe in Jesus and to receive what he offers.

JEHOVAH SERVICE AND EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Divine Service

9:30am Sundays in the Sanctuary

Invite a friend and join us
for a year of connecting and *Walking Together*.



Living by Faith

11:00am on Sundays

Ages 14 - 100+

Join us in person in the lounge

Contact Pastor Miller with questions
at 612-600-3514 or
pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com.



Growing in Faith

Ages Birth - 13 years

Gather with us weekly in the nursery after the
Divine Service.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.

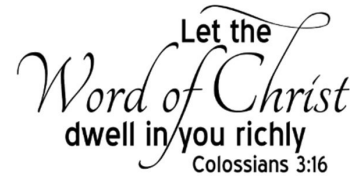
Men's Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings
at 10:30am in the lounge.

Bring your own Bible and coffee mug, if you like,
or use the ones provided.

No RSVP necessary

Contact Pastor Miller with any questions.



Jehovah Lutheran Church Women

Join us for coffee, conversation, prayer,
and Bible Study

on the first Thursday of the month,
May 4, at 1:00pm.

Open to everyone.

Our curriculum comes from
the Lutheran Women's Quarterly
If you have questions or would like
more information, contact Pastor Miller.

MAY 7 VOTERS' MEETING AND POTLUCK

The next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, with a potluck dinner to follow.

Members, please bring a dish to share.

A–J: main dish, K–Q: dessert; and R–Z: salad or side dish. Beverages will be provided.



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 7

Nominees for Church Council

The Jehovah Lutheran Church Nominating Committee submits the names of these members who have agreed to run for Church Council:

Executive director: Sandy Kolar

Assistant executive: David Mennicke

Lay Ministry chair: Charlie Avoles and David Mennicke, co-chairs

Administration and Resources chair: Dan Wynn

Thanks to Nominating Committee members: Kris Deusch, Janet Fishback, Win Grandstrand, Al Puder and Richard Westpfahl.

Marc Hequet, Nominating Committee Chair



LWML/LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION NEWS - WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you always for all the cherished mite donations that go toward various physical and spiritual outreach and care both here in Minnesota and throughout the world. Twenty-five percent of mite money goes to the national projects that have been shared in this space throughout the year. Seventy-five percent remains in Minnesota for local mission and ministry projects. The national mission grant goal of \$2,150,000 for the 2021-2023 biennium has been met and exceeded. Excess will go toward new grants determined at the national convention in Milwaukee this summer. The funding of Minnesota projects for the 2022-2024 biennium is also on target. All of this is made possible by the collecting of loose change called “mites” and blesses countless numbers of people in need who are connected to us as children of God.

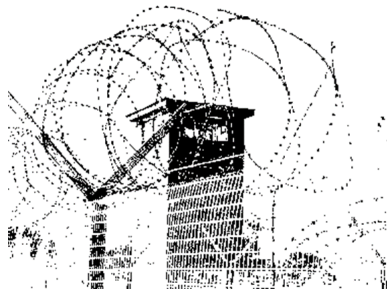
There is much happening with Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML and your participation is appreciated and welcome. Please take a look at information posted on the bulletin board in the hallway and remember to collect your mites to place in, or next to, the large mite box in the narthex. In so doing, we proclaim God's love for others.



THE NEW FREEDOM STORE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

**The Minnesota South District of the
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
and the Concordia University Department
of Criminal Justice offer this course:**

An Introduction to Correctional Ministry



This course is free! No prerequisites are involved. Lay people, pastors, and priests of all denominations are welcome

(Course credit is also possible, but for a fee.)

Jim Seemann, Ph.D. will provide a general overview of strategies to help those who are incarcerated as they find reconciliation and redemption within the context of the Christian Gospel, and to mentor and provide support for those who come to faith. A diverse group of preachers, missionaries, and former prisoners will serve as guest speakers on a number of topics which are sure to challenge and to provide fresh perspectives to this age old problem.

The course text will be supplied for free. Online learning is also available.

This course will be taught this summer. We will set a schedule as soon as five people indicate an interest. Contact seemann@csp.edu.

Upcoming Concert



**Dave Anderson and Roger Walck
Sunday, May 21
6:00pm
Christ Lutheran Church
1930 Diffley Road
Eagan, MN**

Dave Anderson, a Lutheran pastor's son in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, has been singing full-time since 1974. He began singing with his wife, Barb, and they presented 5,250 concerts all over the world. Dave estimates that they flew 1 million miles and drove 2 million miles during those 35 years.

Roger Walck is a skilled vocalist, guitarist, and a worship team leader. For many years, Roger taught Theology at Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, CA. Roger has also led Spanish language worship in various Orange County churches.

Dave's and Roger's music is a blend of contemporary, gospel, hymns, and lots of old-time Sunday School songs. The audience will be invited to sing along, but as Dave says, "So long as it's the same song!"



**JOIN US
FOR OUR TALKATIVE THURSDAY
CALL - IN CHAT**



We chat at **11:10am each Thursday**. All you need is your phone. Dial: 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number. When prompted enter the JELC code:
796345#

After the beep just say hello and your name. We can visit about how our days are going, silver linings, concerns, etc. We also will have a short devotion and prayer.

Join us on Thursdays at 11:10am



**MAIN STREET LIVING
SUNDAYS 9:00–10:00am
WFTC CHANNEL 29/9-2**

Main Street Living is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, channel 29/9-2, viewer area. The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. Program information for May is unavailable at this time. To watch, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

*Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM -1:30PM

FRIDAY

8:30AM -12:30PM

PASTOR'S CELL: 612-600-3514

**Email submissions for
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to office@jehovahlutheran.org**

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