

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 2024

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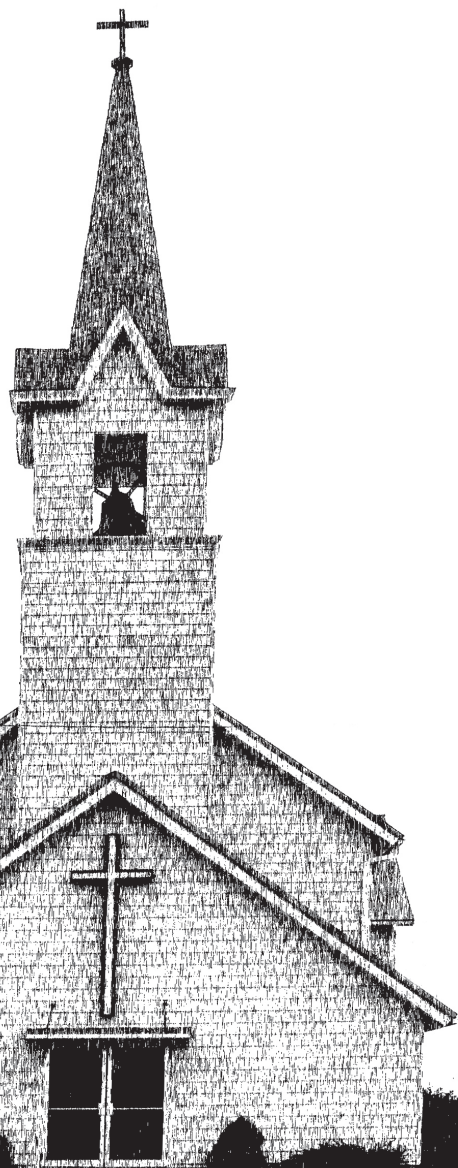
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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Processional Hymn, “*Let the Whole Creation Cry*” LBW #242

Welcome and Prayer Requests

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Litany

Aunya: Praise God, who raised Jesus Christ to reign in power.

Response: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.

Jaylynn: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with flute and harp!

Response: Praise God with timbrel and dance, praise God with strings and pipes!

Kale: Let everything that breathes praise God!

Sunday School Musical Selections

“I Will Praise the Lord with My Tambourine”

(3-years-old — Kindergarten providing instrumental music)

“Butterfly Song”

“Who Can Make a Flower?”

Second Grade Presentation on Creation

Hymn of the Day, “*This Is My Father’s World*” LBW #554

Bible History Presentation on Women of the Old Testament

Special Music by Rhonda and Emily Edeker, *“Thy Word”*

Holy Gospel Reading, John 17:11b-19

¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming

to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Children's Sermon

Prayer Litany

Naomi: "Jesus prayed to His Heavenly Father for his disciples, (Joe) 'And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.'" (*John 17:3*)

Response: You have been made known to us. (*John 17:6*)

Cody: Living in this world where the Evil One exists and hatred, we need your protection from Heaven, to preserve us in our union with you. (*John 17:11, 15*)

Response: Just as you and the Father are one, and we are one with you, we belong together with you and with one another. (*John 17:21*)

Naomi: Make us holy in your Word, that we may know you and our joy be complete. (*John 17:13*)

Response: We believe in you and we have kept your word. Your Word is truth. (*John 17:7, 8, 13, 17*)

Joe: We share in the love you have given Jesus since the foundation of the world. (*John 17:24,26*)

Response: And this is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (*John 17:3*)

ALL: Glory, praise, and honor be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was from the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Hymn, “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”.....LBW #551

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Gathering of the Offering

*(Noisy Offering placed in cans will help fund the Sunday School budget.
Regular ‘silent’ offering in the regular offering plates.)*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn, “In the Garden”Silver #606

Confirmation Presentation on Prayer

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer..... pg. 76

Special Music, “Praise the Lord”

*(Sunday School, verse 1 and first chorus;
Everyone, verses 2-5 and chorus)*

1. Within my heart there is a hope,
A joy that I must share.
I have a God who’s very great,
He’s with me everywhere.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord, clap your hands,
Shout for joy, sing a song for glory,
Raise your voice on high,
Raise it high.
And tell the world of God.

2. A loving God He is to me.
He holds me when I cry.
He feeds and clothes and cares for me,
Each daily need supplies. CHORUS

3. Upon a cross on Calvary
He took away my sin.
He put on me His righteous robe,
To heaven invites me in. CHORUS
4. Within my heart the Spirit dwells,
He calls me back each day.
From worldly worries, snares and cares
He points the heavenly way. CHORUS
5. Oh, join me now to praise my God.
Creator Savior, He.
And Holy Spirit, triune God,
The great Lord, One in Three. CHORUS

Graduation Recognition

(Graduates are welcome to come to altar rail.)

- P: Each year we honor the graduates whose names have been provided to us, and this year, we are recognizing:
- **Emily Edeker**, West Central High School – Maynard, Granddaughter of Kevin and Rhonda Edeker
 - **Lucas Engelhardt**, North Butler High School, Son of Brian and LaVona Engelhardt and Grandson of Robert Vieker
 - **Riley Engelhardt**, Wartburg College, Daughter of Brian and LaVona Engelhardt and Granddaughter of Robert Vieker
 - **Lauren Fleshner**, North Butler High School, Granddaughter of Don and Tammy Fleshner, Great-Granddaughter of Jim Wubbena
 - **Dr. Austin Janssen**, Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Son of Dale and Shelly Janssen and Grandson of Bob and Karen Janssen
 - **Moriah Keen**, Emporia State University, Masters of Science and Educational Specialist – School Psychology – Emporia, Kansas, Daughter of Pastor Tamara Keen

- **Alissa Pratt**, Pleasant Valley High School – Bettendorf, Grandniece of Jane Thompson
- **Ella Schafer**, Osage High School, Granddaughter of Ken and Margaret DeBower
- **Michaela Shear**, NIACC, Nursing Degree, Granddaughter of David and Joan Shear, Great-Granddaughter of Jean Morris, and Grandniece of Julie Eberline
- **Lauren Sieren**, William Penn College – Oskaloosa (Dec. 2023), Granddaughter of Dean and Kay Brinkman
- **Samantha Vogt**, Columbine High School, Granddaughter of Diane Hummel
- **Natalie Wicks**, Belmont University – Nashville, Granddaughter of Ken and Margaret DeBower
- **Ren Marie Winkowitsch**, West Delaware High School, Valedictorian, Daughter of Doug and Kara Winkowitsch, Granddaughter of Dar and Dee Winkowitsch

P: Let us unite our hearts in prayer for these graduates:

All: Good and loving God: Please bless and guide these graduates as they reach this end, and as they chart new beginnings. Surround them with your grace and mercy. Keep your hand of protection on them. Bless them with hope so they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Guide their steps in the days ahead. Help them to use all that they have learned to make the world a better place by serving others, seeking ways to help others, and using their education for the good of all humankind. May the road before them be paved with opportunities that bring honor and glory to your name. Amen.

Mother’s Day Blessing

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Announcements

The Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn, “*Let All Things Now Living*”LBW #557

Postlude (*Children hand out Mother’s Day Gifts*)

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, May 12:

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

Readers: Sunday School; **Fellowship Hosts:** Sunday School;

Special Music: Rhonda and Emily Edeker, accompanied by Barb Wagner; **Deacons:** Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen

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!

Happy Mother’s Day! We honor women on this day knowing that a mother’s heart embraces all children, even beyond ‘blood-lines’ and slips in to pray, support, guide and encourage all women in the various places we find ourselves in the motherhood journey.

Congrats, Grads! We celebrate our graduates this day for all their accomplishments and pray for God’s continued blessings in their lives.

Fellowship Picnic: Following worship the Sunday School is serving a picnic-like lunch for you. Come and enjoy!

Thank You! Thank-you to all the teachers for this past year – teaching Sunday School, Confirmation and Junior Lutheran classes. Thank you to those who helped them to get to classes and with their studies. Thanks, students, for a great year! See you in the fall!

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 12

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

10 a.m.: Worship Service led by the Sunday School with
Graduation recognition and Mother's Day honors

11 a.m.: Congregational Picnic

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

9:30 a.m.: One For the Lord meets at The Building, Parkersburg

6:30 p.m.: North Butler Baccalaureate Service & Scholarship
Ceremony at the NB Elementary Auditorium

Thursday, May 16

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

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

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

10 a.m.: Worship Service with New Members Received (Shane and
Shelby Harken, and baptism of their son, Rhett)

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

Serving in the Lord's House Next Sunday, May 19

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

Reader: Reader Needed; **Special Music:** Jerry Wearda;

Fellowship: Shane and Shelby Harken; **Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen and
Meredith Steere; **Altar Committee:** Ron and Diane Salge

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.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Service will be held at Vilmar's South Cemetery by the Allison AmVets Post, mid-morning on Monday, May 27. The public is welcome to attend.

Parade Volunteers

St. John's – Vilmar Luther League will walk in the Allison Days parade on Saturday, June 1. We are looking for people to join us! If you are interested, meet us at the Butler County Fairgrounds on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. We will be passing out candy and Bible verse cards. Wear your Vilmar T-shirts! If you need one, we have a few select sizes left from last year.

Readings for next week, Sunday, May 19

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 139:1-12

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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)

NALC Disaster Response Collections

We are collecting a special offering for the recent tornado victims in Iowa. **Donations may be placed in the globe in the narthex. Checks should be made to the church with “Tornado Relief” in the memo.** Money will be divided and given to the NALC Disaster Response Team and GoServ Global Response Team (both are working at the Iowa tornado sites).

We will also collect items to help fill the warehouses, as they are being depleted at a quick rate due to the recent natural events. Collection of items will be on-going throughout the summer:

Flood Buckets

- One 5-gallon bucket with lid
- One jug bleach (1/2 gallon or smaller)
- Two large trash bags (contractor 3 mil)
- One roll paper towels
- Two rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Gloves - 1 pair of each (Size L, preferred)
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex/dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kits

(Pack in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

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| • 1 bath towel | • 1 pack of floss |
| • 1 wash cloth | • 1 toothpaste (or 2 travel size) |
| • 1 shampoo (or 2 travel size) | • 1 comb |
| • 1 bar of soap (or 2 travel size) | • 1 deodorant |
| • 1 toothbrush | • 1 nail clippers |

Elementary School Kit

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 rule
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box or crayons, colored pencils, or markers

High School Kit

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 4 pens

Kitchen Kits

(Pack in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- 1 cookbook
- Dish cloths
- Dish towels
- Hot pad
- Spatula
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Kitchen item of choice (mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- Storage container
- Garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)

Miscellaneous items

- Bibles, Prayer books, Children's Bible Stories
- Masks
- Disposable diapers (baby or adult, assorted sizes)
- Feminine hygiene items
- Any school supply item can be donated in bulk
- Mops, brooms and dustpans, leaf and garden rakes
- Flat bottom shovels, spades

Offering

To help support our Sunday School fund, the children are passing a 'noisy' can around for loose change to make noise. Thank you for your contribution. The regular 'silent' offering will be received in the offering plates, as always, with the May loose offering going to our monthly mission, North America Lutheran Seminary.

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.

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce 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, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Kyle Debner, Connie Opperman, Kathy Dann, Margaret DeBower, Rick Henninger, and Dick Ulrich
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.