

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 5, 2024
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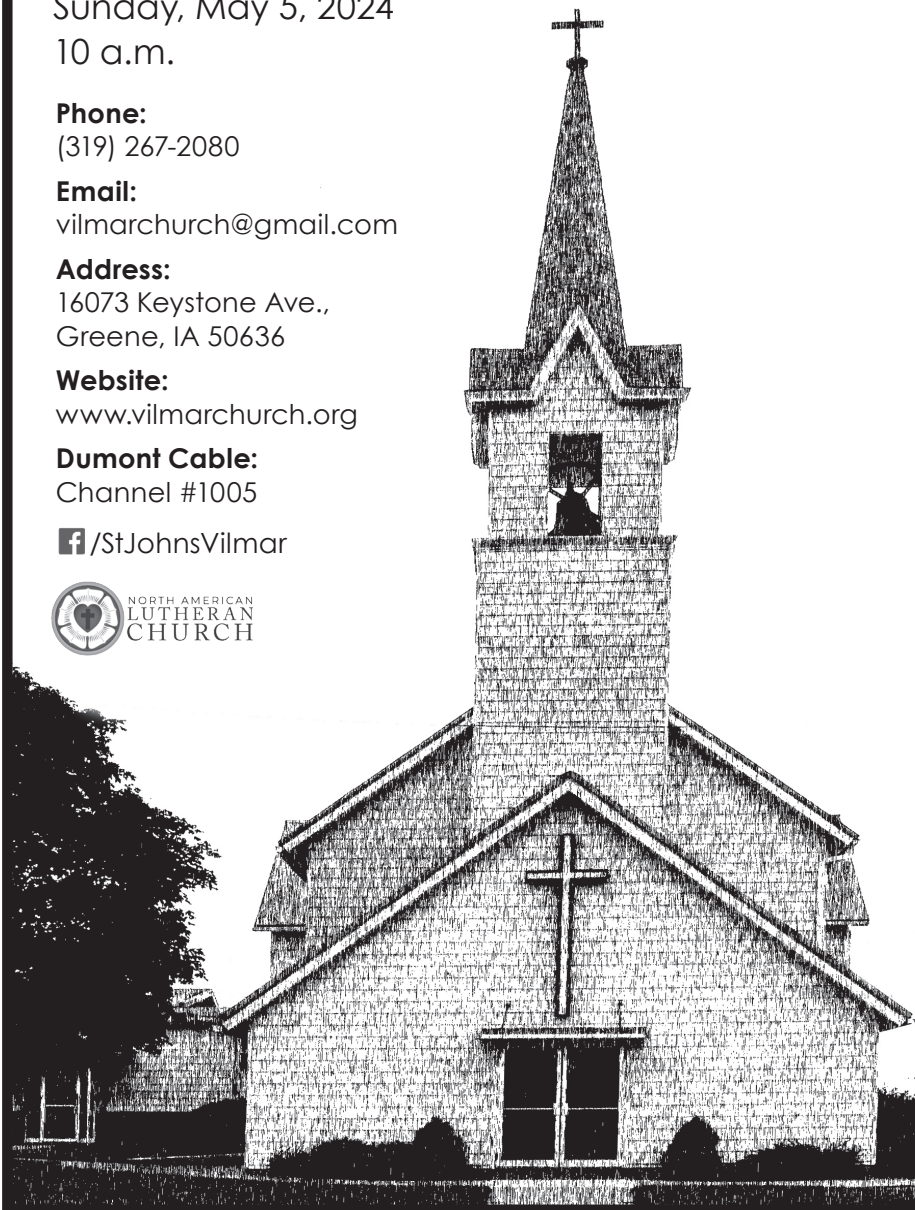
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Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able***

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Announcements

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, May 5:

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

Reader: Terri Hardisty; **Fellowship Hosts:** Edeker Family;

Deacons: Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen;

Altar Committee: Ron and Diane Salge

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!

Statement Regarding Holy Communion: We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think of those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷‘Can anyone

withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM 98

R: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

C: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

R: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

R: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

R: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-8

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we

obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

HOLY GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Readings for next week, Sunday, May 12

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-15

Holy Gospel Reading: John 17:11b-19

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.

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 School Program

Sunday School End of Year Program will be Sunday May 12 during worship. The students will lead us in celebrating and praising God with instruments and singing. A Noisy Offering will be received along with the regular offering. This means, bring your loose change to put into a tin can to make a lot of noise of celebration unto God for all His goodness to us! They will share what they have learned in class about creation, the Old Testament stories, and prayer. We will acknowledge our youth and young adults who are graduates. Following worship the Sunday School will have a gift for all the women in church to celebrate Mother's Day and a 'picnic' like lunch for everyone who has no special plans on this day. May 12 concludes our Sunday School, Junior Lutheran and Confirmation classes for this year. Thanks to all the parents, teachers, Christian Education team – parents, teachers, musicians and those who pray for everyone involved in this Baptismal promise being upheld. This will be a very full and special day. It is our hope that all those who raise our children/youth/young adults will be celebrated, honored, and blessed on this day!

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

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

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

9 a.m.: Vilmar Women's Fellowship Bible Study

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

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

7 p.m.: Church Council Meeting

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

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

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

Serving in the Lord's House Next Sunday, May 12

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

Reader: Sunday School; **Special Music:** Rhonda and Emily Edeker;

Fellowship: Picnic; **Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere

Upcoming Events

- **One For the Lord** will meet at The Building in Parkersburg on Wednesday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee and Conversation.
- **North Butler High School Baccalaureate** is Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary Auditorium, Allison. Our church will hand out the \$500 certificates to the two recipients at the Scholarship Ceremony this evening. Thank you for your support to this annual outreach.
- **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m.
- **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.
- **Women of Faith** will meet on Sunday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the parsonage to continue watching and discussing The Chosen. The date was changed due to Memorial Day weekend. The card sending group will still meet at 3 p.m. in the church basement on June 2 as well.
- **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.

Mission and Outreach

During May, the mission offering will be given to the North America Lutheran Seminary.

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!

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.

