



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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13946 1st Ave

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8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School

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Welcome!

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 22, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 19 front of hymnal p. 126

The Hymns: 545, 728, 411, 342:1

Prayer: O almighty God, You who made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, use us as instruments of Your holy Word, and let the light of your salvation shine to all the ends of the earth. Accomplish this great work first with our family, friends, and close neighbors, then, as you have commanded, to all the world. Ever keep Christ and Him crucified the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. In Jesus name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn 545

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all

our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
CONGR. (sing) **Amen.** (*congregation is seated*)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C: For He has done marvelous things;

P: The Lord has made known His salvation

C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

P: His right hand and His holy arm

C: Have gained Him the victory.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

THE SALUTATION (*Greeting*)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The First Reading:

Acts 8:26-40 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

PASTOR Here ends the First Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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P: The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

C: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. Hallelujah!

P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) ***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

PASTOR. The New Testament Reading is from 1 John chapter 3,
beginning there in the 18th verse.

CONGR. (sing) ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord!***

The Second Reading:

1 John 3:18-24 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. 24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

PASTOR. Here ends the Second Reading.

CONGR. (sing) ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ!***

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Congregation sings Hymn 728

THE SERMON

John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Theme: I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

I. How I have been cleansed

II. How I may produce results

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and

Congregation sings Hymn **411**

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Closing Hymn **342:1**

**** Silent Prayer ****

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

IN OUR PRAYERS Art Pochart had successful surgery to remove lung cancer. He is recovering at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston. **"Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped."** Psalm 28:6

CONFIRMATION June 5 is Confirmation Sunday at St. John's.

PALOUSE BIBLE STUDY – We continue our midweek Bible Study in Moscow. We meet from 7–8:30 pm at a rented room in Eastside Marketplace Mall on highway 8 (just as you're leaving the east side of town - entrance is through the double glass doors in the back of the strip mall). All are welcome to attend – rides are available. Topical studies are planned. Do you have any suggestions? Join us!

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

Youth Conference 2011 –August 2-6, : www.youthconference.info

Arise and Shine Retreat June 9-12 www.ariseandshineretreat.com

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song." Psalms 28:6-7

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The First Reading for our Spring Mission Festival: Acts 8:26-40

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Philip preaches Jesus to the Ethiopian Eunuch. Through His Holy Word, the Holy Spirit has given you the blessed task of preaching Jesus, and will guide you in all opportunities to do so. We read...

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Mission Work takes love. The love of God toward you fills you with the faith, hope, and love to tell others about your risen Savior Jesus Christ. We read...