

*Greater love has no one than this,
Then to lay down one's life
for his friends.
You are My friends.
John 15:13-14*



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

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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 29, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 96 front of hymnal p. 144

The Hymns: 744, 37, 457, 577

Prayer: O God the Holy Spirit, Who art One with the Father and the Son, we thank Thee that Thou hast begun in us Thy work of sanctification. Cause our faith to increase, and make us ever more zealous in good works. Clothed in our Savior's righteousness, exalt us and all believers to eternal life on the Last Day. We ask Thee to hear us for Jesus sake. Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn 744

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: With the voice of singing you shall declare and tell this:
C: Utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
P: The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob:
C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands:
C: Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

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:

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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! Christ, who has redeemed us
with His blood:
C: Is risen and has appeared to us. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
P: I came forth from the Father and am come into the world:
C: Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Hallelujah!

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

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from 1 John chapter 4,
beginning there in the 1st verse.

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

The Second Reading:

1 John 4:1-11 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses

that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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 37

THE SERMON

John 15:9-17 "As the Father loved Me, I also 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 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain

in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 "These things I command you, that you love one another.

Theme: STAY FRIENDS IN JESUS' LOVE
Obediently (10), Happily (11), Sacrificially (2-13),
Knowingly (14-15), Productively (16), Noticeably (17)

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 the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn **457**

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 **577**

**** Silent Prayer ****

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

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

IN OUR PRAYERS Art Pochardt is at St. Joseph's Hospital recovering from a cancer surgery. **"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."** James 5:15

CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

The LORD will confirm the vows He began at Rebecca Naumann's baptism with the Rite of Confirmation in the morning worship service. The youth of the congregation are planning to sing.

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: Potluck next Sunday!

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.

CLC NEWS Jennifer Ohlmann has returned to call to teach the lower grades at Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL. The congregation has now called Paul Tiefel III, Eau Claire WI. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. Wayne Eichstadt, Mankato MN. <> St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has called Mrs. Peggy Kesterson as part time teacher for the school. <> The ordination/installation service for pastor elect David Pfeiffer at Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, is scheduled for June 12.

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

Pacific Coast Youth Retreat July 24-29 Squamish B.C. more info

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

LADIES AID MINUTES May 15, 2011 (10 present) Pastor Naumann opened the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's report given. **Old Business** 1. Cards are done through summer. President added our shut ins to the list - Willa Holzheimer – Pastor would get her birthdate for us. Discussion on possible getting a child's packet together. 2. Easter breakfast was a success. Pastor's omelets were a success. Serving times 10-10:30 were good. Thank you to all who helped with food and table decorations. 3. Reminder of sign up sheets for cleaning and flowers. A reminder that flowers will not be needed to be purchased from June to Sept as we use the roses from out front during those times. However, any one may bring flowers to share at any time. 4. Confirmation will be held June 5th. Since it is potluck Sunday only a cake will need to be provided. Parents of the confirman's will see to that. Ladies Aid will decorate tables. 5. Pastor and his volunteers will be heading up the 100th Anniversary celebration. Anyone interested in helping out please contact him. Pastor was going to ask for a meeting of the committee soon. **New Business** 1. Front flower box has new annuals planted. 2. Pastor convention is June 14th – 16th at Eau Claire, WI 3. A discussion on a possible joint picnic with Peace sometime during the summer. Pastor will talk to Peace for a possible date and place. 4. Special prayers asked for Art Pochardt who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. 5. Ladies Aid is in recess till Sept. 14th. No other business was brought up. Closed meeting with Pastor leading us in the singing of the Doxology. Respectfully submitted, Sue Martin President/Secretary

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

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The First Reading for this 5th Sunday after Easter

Acts 11:19-30

In these verses we hear about the amazing results of the Gospel on people in the NT Church. By faith, Christians love each other and help each other, in other words, they remain good friends in Christ. We read...

The Second Reading:

1 John 4:1-11

God's is love. And His love for us moves us to love Him and His pure Word, the Bible. Keeping God's word enables us to keep on with the genuine care and concern for the other persons' best interest. We read...