



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019**

WELCOME

Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Four) – Lutheran Service Book pp. 203-212

Entrance Hymn: *LSB 469* – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Hymn of the Day: *LSB 826* – “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

Message: “Heaven on Earth” - Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 - Pastor Robert Kriete

Closing Hymn: Printed – “God Bless America”

Heaven’s essence is to be in the presence of God.

There is an old Norwegian catechism that says God our Father called us aside one day in the home palace of heaven and sent us out to this "island colony called the earth." After describing what our life would be like here, our Lord ends by saying, "The greatest danger is that you may fall in love with this island so that you will not care to return to the home kingdom. Love the island because it is My possession, but do not love it because it is your home. It is not your home. Your home is here in the palace with Me."

(From a sermon by Rev. Alan Taylor, Lutheran Pastor, April 28, 2013)

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

Alane Gronfeld

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33 (ESV)

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home

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(Words and Music by Irving Berlin (Originally composed in 1918 and later revised by him in 1938))

No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENTS

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

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

MAY/JUNE EVENTS

~~5.28 — Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.~~

6.4 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

6.5 Heritage Hall Worship, 3 p.m.

6.11 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

6.11 Elder Meeting, 6 p.m.

6.13 Women's Guild, 6:30 p.m.

6.17 Worship Committee, 5 p.m.

6.18 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

6.25 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

No May 28th Adult Bible Study.

June Newsletter Deadline is May 29th.

Temporary Church Office Hours – our oldest daughter Codee is having a scheduled C-Section on Monday, June 3, with child number three. I am on grandma duty until she has recovered enough to chase after her 20 month old daughter. I plan on coming in daily to the office, but most likely it will be later in the day. Please continue to call, email or drop things off on my desk that need attention. Thank you, Starr.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bob Moss; Martha Blevins – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris; Jane St. John; Bill Mahieu; Sandy Harlan; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.

Community: Brian Flatt – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

ARMED FORCES

Mason Crabtree – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker’s granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker’s granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell; Justin Thurston.**

2019 Missouri District National Youth Gathering T-Shirt Order

Adult small/medium/large/extra-large - \$17

2 XL/3 XL - \$19 (Checks payable to GSLC, in the memo Sr. Youth)

If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt there is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board or let Donna Hoek know. *T-shirt color is shown on the signup sheet.*

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