



May 6th

2:00pm-5:00pm

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST DAY

Come spend time together with other brothers and sisters in Christ

If you are young or old, rich or poor you are **ALL INVITED!** A time to get together with other brothers and sisters in Christ. We will break off and all the brothers in Christ will go and talk and do activities as same with the sisters in Christ. This is a time to grow together and hear the truth of how God views you.

There is a sign up sheet in the back. Please sign up so that we can know how much stuff to get. A snack will be provided.

Sunday School Kids-May 6th after worship is a pizza party because you have made your goal!!!! Great job!!!!

Please let Kristin know that you are coming by May 4th.

Thank You

The Lakeside Lutheran Home Board and staff would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the prayers and donations as we worked with our banks to ensure that financials are in place to properly operate both the nursing home and assisted living. Thanks to donations, the successful refinancing of an existing loan, and the

improved financial controls, Lakeside is currently in a financial position to pay off the new flooring installation, complete the rest of the necessary roof repair for the nursing home, as well as complete the sidewalk project for the assisted living.

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Rev. F. Peter Morlock Vicar Sarah Schilcher

We welcome you to worship today
April 29, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—HEALING SERVICE

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW SERVICE OF THE WORD LBW pg. 126 (green hymnal)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 77

*Those who are able, please stand

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #546, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

****BLESSING OF THE QUILTS** (See Insert)**

***DIALOG:** LBW pg. 126 Read responsively

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*APOSTLES' CREED

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***SALUTATION:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray together.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

<u>TODAY, April 29</u>	<u>BETHANY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY, May 6</u>
Organist	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild April		Pam & Mike Hermansen
Altar Guild May		Elaine Sidles
Lector: Kim Campbell		Stephanie Larson
Greeters: Joe & Jennifer Boever Family		Tim & Molly Rodemeyer Family
*Mark & Darca Saxton Family		*Wilma Nielsen
Ushers: Burdell Naugle, *Bernie Janssen		Joel Saxton, *Ben Hofstad
Gabrielle & Isaac Janssen		Gretchen Hofstad, Heidi Malm
Communion Asst:		Jacki Ellingrod, Diane Steger
		Kathy Mehan
Acolytes: Tianna Murray, Reagan Schurg		Mica & Bayleigh Theesfeld

LOST ISLAND

Organist:	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for April	Karen Thu, Kari Sorenson, Karyn Leininger
Altar Guild for May	Punky Kropf, Alaire Nielsen
Reader: Charles Henningsen	Troy Leininger
Communion Asst:	Troy Leininger
Acolytes: Kate Sorenson	Owen Lux

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, April 29</u>	Quick mtg after Church Re: Lifefest Pancake/Omelets @ VFW—Youth Packing of Quilts after Church 5:00 pm Outreach for Youth to Okoboji
<u>Wednesday, May 2</u>	12:00 pm Men's Bible Group 1:30 pm SACK (2nd-5th) 5:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6-7 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm COOL Group 7:00 pm SPRING FLING, Ruthven Methodist Ch 8-9:30 pm LIFE Group (9th-12th)
<u>Friday, May 4</u>	1:30 pm 2018 Friendship Day, Methodist Church, Ruthven
<u>Saturday, May 5</u>	5:00 pm Bakken Family Benefit, Ruthven Legion Hall
<u>Sunday, May 6</u>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Holy Communion 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Holy Communion
Rogation Sunday	

***LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing come to the altar and if able kneel.

O God, the giver of health and salvation: As the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, at his command, anointed many that were sick and healed them, send now your Holy Spirit, that anointed with this oil, we may in repentance and faith be made whole; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

During laying on of hands congregation sing:
WOV #734 *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*
WOV #741 *“Thy Holy Wings”*

After all have returned to their places:

The almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS-respond with “have mercy, O God”**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 130

***BENEDICTION:** LBW Pg. 130

***SENDING HYMN:** WOVS #668 *“There In God’s Garden” (vs 1,3,5,6)*

***DISMISSAL:** L: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including: Vicki Potter (sister of Pam Hermansen) Orville Stephas, Dawn Daniels, Woodie Haynes, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Debra Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Kort Freeman, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Evelyn Warmbier, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Jim and Bonnie Anderson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortensen, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea
*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

***FIRST READING ACTS 8:26-40 (Cont’d.)**

³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some

water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

***PSALM 22:25-31 Please read responsively**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

***SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21**

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Alleluia response.

***RESPONSE:** LBW Pg. 83 **Alleluia. Lord, to whom she we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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***GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

***CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

***SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV #671 "*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** WOV #760, "*For The Fruit of All Creation*"

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 87

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**