

Evangel (good news!)



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Sunday, March 15, was the last time we worshipped together in the sanctuary seemingly a lifetime ago. Our everyday physical world has changed so very muchand perhaps never to be exactly the same again. The seasons of the church year have come and gone changing.

Since that March Sunday, but apart from each other, we finished our journey through the forty days of Lent, and Jesus completed His earthly ministry, walked through the days of Holy Week, ate the Passover meal one last time with His disciples, and then obediently suffered His crucifixion. Together, but in our homes, we celebrated His glorious Resurrection! Jesus arose victorious over death and Satan! Jesus' journey on earth was soon finished.

His final day came ...what an unbelievable day the disciples had with Jesus! Gathered together, Jesus suddenly stood among them. Understandably startled and afraid, Jesus ate a morsel of broiled fish to show them he was not a ghost. Curious to know, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" Jesus answered, "it is not for you to know the times or the seasons" but until that future time comes Jesus gives them a task.

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Now that was quite an assignment from their teacher! They must have wondered how can we accomplish that all nations? But then comes the reassuring promise the how!

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

And lifting up his hands toward heaven, He blessed them and a cloud took Him from their sight. From the day they dropped their fishing nets on the Galilean shore, left everything behind to follow, they have been with this man, Jesus. Now what? They returned to Jerusalem to the upper room and prayed.

Fifty days after Jesus arose on Easter, during the festival of Pentecost, Jesus kept the promise He had made. The disciples were still together when suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind! Tongues of fire rested on each of them! Can you imagine the awe and wonderment, even fear? And they were speaking in foreign languages!

Remember Jesus' departing promise ... the promise to receive power.... the necessary gift in order to share the good news of salvation and eternal life? Jesus kept His promise!!

Yes, in mere weeks our lives have changed. Jesus' life did, too. He was here. Then He was gone. And yet He is not gone. The Holy Spirit is here empowering us with strengths unknown, leading us along our journey, guiding us when seemingly lost, comforting us in our sorrows and pain, giving us the courage to face the unknown in our lives, and uniting us as one to witness and share God's goodness, grace and forgiveness, His free gift of salvation and eternal life, and His unending love each day in word and deed and so to the world! The message of Good News spreads!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen
In Christ, Jo L.





“Come, grow with us...”

Dear readers,

The purpose of this publication is to provide our church community with news, information, spiritual support and humor. During the Governor’s Stay at Home Order the Evangel is being published bi-weekly. In an effort to reach our members who do not reside in the 55706 zip code area in a timely manner the Evangel will be mailed every other Tuesday beginning on May 19, 2020.

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OPEN!

Wow, how many ways to open: open a window, open a door, open a book, open a bottle, open a can of worms, open a State. The dictionary definition of open is *allowing access, passage or view.* We, as a state, are far from open, but we are getting there. How about opening up our hearts, open to the Love of Jesus. Jesus is not going to barge his way into our hearts, he is waiting for us to open our hearts to him.

Many of us have sang this song in church, Sunday School, bible camps, and bible studies.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You
 To see You high and lifted up
 Shinin' in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy, holy, holy

We can not open our church just yet, but we can open our hearts, to Jesus, and all the wonderful things that come with a relationship with Him. How easy is that, Just say, “Jesus, I am open, come on it!” And he will.

As Always,
 Stay safe stay healthy, stay 6 feet away!!
 Roxanne

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13



Did you know???

The oldest living citizen in Minnesota is 112 years young and is as sharp as a tack. Her secret? She eats oatmeal every day! (Quaker oats, here we come!)

Keeping busy...

- Phone, email and text family and friends, especially those who are homebound.
- Make homemade cards for birthdays, graduations and “thinking of you” messages.
- Get your flip-flops, sandals and summer wardrobe ready!

Online Worship Resources

Elim Lutheran—<https://www.elimlc.com/covid-19-resources> Pastor Jim Hagan preaching Gloria Dei—<http://gloriadeiduluth.org/worship/livestreamingworship.html>
 Zion Lutheran Superior, WI—https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs74h1pTJ_Rh2IqPfj31lig/
 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—lcsduluth.org
 Grace Lutheran, Libertyville, Il—<https://gracelutheranlibertyville.org/online-worship-services/>

Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

Although it is likely that we **will not be** gathering for worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, we will still be taking donations of potted red geraniums to plant out by our sign on Acacia Road as soon as weather permits. You can drop off your geraniums during office hours the week before May 31st and we will care for them until they can be planted.

I called around to some local nurseries to see who was open and would have potted red geraniums. Here is what I found:

Vern's Greenhouse	5471 Hwy 7
218-749-29814	Virginia, MN
Range Landscaping & Garden	905 19th St
218-741-6643	Virginia, MN
WalMart	Mt. Iron
218-305-3314	
Brandt's	Hwy 135
218-753-4241	Tower



Thank You for Giving Generously



2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru May 12)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru May	\$ 40,820
Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 28,381
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 1,031

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another.

Romans 12:15-16

To the Pastors, Deacons, Leaders and Congregations of Minnesota:

Since we learned of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Minnesota on March 6, through the first stay at home order and its extensions to the moment of our writing today, we have lived in a rapidly changing reality. It has been over two months of transition and exploration, of creativity and innovation, of uncertainty and grief. Circumstances continue to evolve.

We are, as of this writing still living under Governor Walz's extended stay at home order. We know even as the current order expires, as is expected on May 18, things will not simply go back to the way they were.

We give thanks for you and all the ways you have remained flexible and faithful, striving to serve your congregations and ministry sites in the midst of this ever-changing reality. We acknowledge that innovation and experimentation will continue and that faithful responses may be as varied as the contexts we serve. We know there are multiple precautions to take as new challenges arise. The logistics of gathering when it is safe and wise to do so, the special concerns around singing and communion distribution, the reality that there will be those who desire to participate that cannot, these are only some of the myriad pieces we consider.

We the six bishops of the ELCA in Minnesota share particular values as we live and lead together - with you in this pandemic reality. We continue to engage with and listen to state and local officials. We look to scientists and epidemiologists to guide our decision making. We keep ever before us a commitment to the wellbeing of our neighbors, those in our congregations, communities and beyond. We remain focused on our shared vocation of proclaiming the gospel.

It is the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, that anchors our hope. As we continue to discern how to enter this next phase of life, we are committed to working together. We know particularities will vary with the specificities of context yet our shared values remain. As more detailed guidance is made available from the CDC and MN Department of Health we will continue to collaborate as we offer best practices in light of our shared values.

As we hold you in prayer, we give God thanks for your faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Jon Anderson, Southwestern MN Synod

Bishop Patricia Lull, Saint Paul Area Synod

Bishop Tom Aitken, Northeastern MN Synod

Bishop Ann Svennungsen, Minneapolis Area Synod

Bishop Regina Hassanally, Southeastern MN Synod

Bishop Bill Tesch, Northwestern MN Synod

Ruby's Pantry will be distributing shares at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, May 23rd.



Per an email from Ruby's Pantry, the format is a "drive thru" distribution. "Guests will stay in their vehicles at all times. You will interact with 1 volunteer who will take the share donation from you and then you will pull ahead and shares will be loaded directly into the trunk of your vehicle. There will be no exposure to the guests. We are recommending that our volunteers wear masks and have gloves but it is not a requirement." Volunteers are always welcome, but whether you volunteer or pick up a share, please take precautions to protect yourself and others.

Dear Babbitt Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the generous donation to the Ely Area Food shelf.
We are increasing our outreach to the Babbitt Community and your donation helps to meet that outreach.
Wishing you many blessings.

Sincerely,
The Ely Area Food Shelf Team

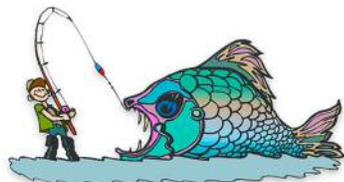


+/- (Positive and Negative)

On the negative side we are missing our Sunday worship and Coffee An', but on the positive side you can have your coffee in your living room "sanctuary" on Sunday.

Fishing Opener

We are looking for pictures from the 2020 Fishing Opener to put in the newsletter. Contact the church office if you have pictures to share!



Prayer List

If you have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office at 218-827-2659

- Lorraine Huset
- Rick & Dorothy Sand
- Mary Ann & family
- Lydia, Drew and family
- Darrel Johnson
- Judy Johnson
- LuAnn Carlson
- Jay Sweet
- Tony Zieska
- Marlene Akkanen
- David Lindgren
- Ben Marks
- Bryan McDonald
- Jim Herberg



If we do not have a contact name or if no indication was made for how long to pray for someone, our practice is to remove names after 3 weeks on the Prayer List.



Day Camp Update

In the interest of public safety we are cancelling our 2020 Day Camp. Although the Stay at Home order may be lifted by the dates of the Day Camp, the potential for the spread of the Covid-19 virus is a risk we are not willing to take. Plans are already underway for the 2021 Day Camp!

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel of Our Lord

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. **Alleluia.** (John 14:18)

John 17:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Apostles' Creed (pg 10)**Prayers of Intercession**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (pg 10)**Blessing**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13



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John 20:19-23

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Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you.

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

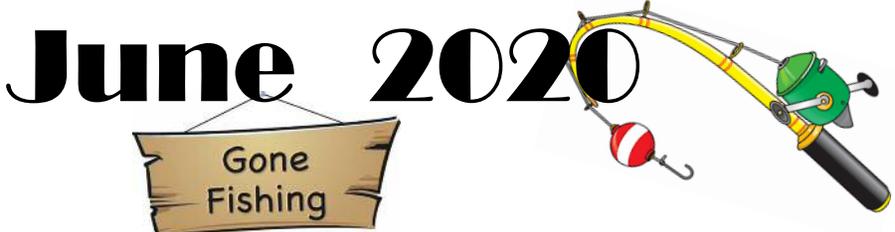


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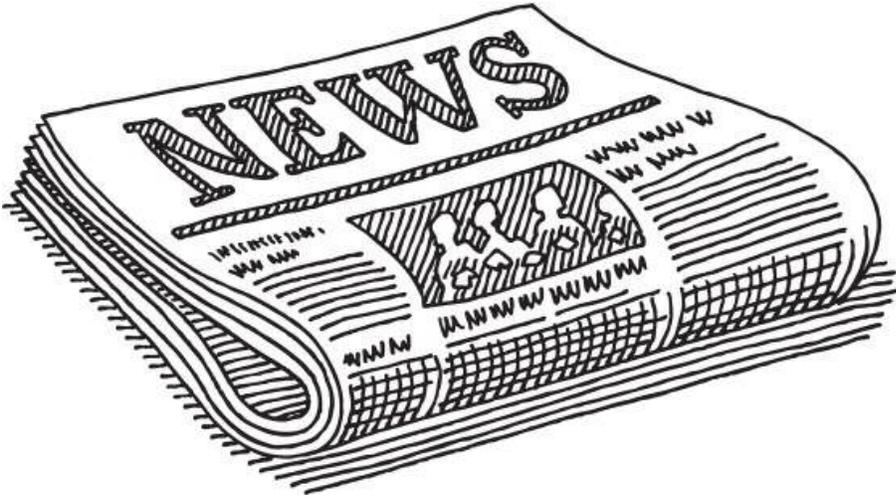
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mail June 6-June 19 Evangel 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	3 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	4 	5 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	6
7 Holy Trinity Sunday No Worship Service Scheduled	8 	9 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	10 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	11	12 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	13
14 Second Sunday after Pentecost No Worship Service Scheduled	15	16 Mail June 20-July 3 Evangel 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	17 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	18	19 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	20 
21 Third Sunday after Pentecost No Worship Service Scheduled FATHER'S DAY 	22	23 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	24 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	25 	26 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	27 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 9:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost No Worship Service Scheduled 	29	30 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours				

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