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March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

**No more Gloria or Alleluia until Easter*

Opening Hymn: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Hymn of the Day: 615 "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Distribution Hymn: 763 "When Peace, like a River"

Closing Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,

Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer treatment)

Acolyte this Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Acolyte next Sunday - Noah Thalmann

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Evan Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, & Lance Gerleve

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour March 20th & 27th - Ethan & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

- March 13** 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- March 14** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- March 16** 5:30 p.m. **NO Midweek/Confirmation**
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 2
- March 20** 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- March 23** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 3

Announcements

- * Jim Kolle has invited the St. John's Men's Club to play cards with the Zion club at the Terry Ohlde residence basement on March 14th at 7 p.m. Devotions and supper are included. Mark your calendars!
- * We are looking for someone to be in charge of the quiet bags. Contact Annette Bott for more information.
- * Members and staff of Kansas District congregations are invited to an Older Adult Symposium May 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Mission campus of Trinity Lutheran Church. Featured speakers include Dr. Richard Bimler, who will address the ministry and involvement of older adults in the church today, and Jim Bradshaw of the Kansas District, who will speak about encouraging and enhancing Older Adult Ministry in our Kansas congregations. A panel discussion, lunch, and a service project will follow. The cost, including lunch, is only \$10.00 per person. Register at: tlcms.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/99/responses/new
- * **Linn Lutheran Preschool** is in search of a part-time classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year to assist Mrs. Laura Stunkel during instruction, documenting and nurturing student progress while helping maintain a positive Christian-centered environment. For serious inquiries, please contact Linn Lutheran school.
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU:** Hear Midweek Lenten Recital and Worship Service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis on 3/16 at 11 a.m., study Luke 16-17 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study Matthew 22-23 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life my please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit (*Psalm 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22*)

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of
your goodness, | O Lord!**

**Good and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

**For your name's sake, | O Lord,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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for they have been | from of old.
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Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 32:22-32*

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*

¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Tract (*Psalms 106:1-4*)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the Lord,
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,
who do righteousness | at all times!
Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your | people;
help me when you | save them.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

As We Gather...

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (**Genesis 32:22-32**). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (**Matthew 15:21-28**). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (**Matthew 15:27-28**). This is the sanctifying will of God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1-7**)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (**Romans 5:1-5**).

From Martin Luther's Sermon for Reminiscere - Lent 2 (**Matthew 15:21-28**)

Thirdly, she follows Christ into the house – as **Mark 7:24-25** informs us – she perseveres, falls down at His feet, and says: "Lord, help me!" There she received her last mortal blow, in that Christ said in her face, as the words tell, that she was a dog and not worthy to partake of the children's bread. What will she say to this! Here He presents her in a bad light, she is a condemned and an outcast person, who is not to be reckoned among God's chosen ones.

That is an eternally unanswerable reply, to which no one can give a satisfactory answer. Yet she does not despair, but agrees with His judgment and concedes she is a dog, and desires also no more than a dog is entitled to, namely, that she may eat the crumbs that fall from the Table of the Lord. Is not that a masterly stroke as a reply? She catches Christ with His own words. He compares her to a dog, she concedes it, and ask nothing more than that He let her be a dog, as He Himself judged her to be. Where will Christ now take refuge? He is caught. Truly, people let the dog have the crumbs under the table; it is entitled to that. Therefore Christ now completely opens His heart to her and yields to her will, so that she is now no dog, but even a child of Israel.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

I. The Blessings of Baptism

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." [Mark 16:16]

248. What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

Baptism

A. works forgiveness of sins;

846 **Acts 2:38** - Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

847 **Acts 22:16** - Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.

B. rescues from death and the devil;

848 **Romans 6:3,5** - Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ... If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

849 **Galatians 3:27** - All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

850 **Colossians 1:13-14** - He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Compare **Colossians 2:11-12**.)

C. gives eternal salvation.

851 **Mark 16:16** - Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

852 **1 Peter 3:21** - This water [of Noah's flood] symbolizes baptism that now saves you also. ... It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

853 **Titus 3:5** - He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The Sunday of the Canaanite Woman



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